

2014 NEISA Annual Meeting Minutes**December 6, 2014**

1. Call to Order (President – Ian Storck '15 Dartmouth)
 - a. President Storck **called the meeting to order at 9:15 am.**
2. Roll Call (Storck):
 - a. President Storck explained that for all Annual Meeting votes, every Regular Member gets 1 Graduate vote and 1 Undergraduate vote.
 - b. In lieu of doing a standard roll call, **Commissioner O'Connor and President Storck circulated a paper sign-in sheet.**
3. Additions to the Agenda
 - a. Commissioner O'Connor (Harvard) presented two additions to the agenda: a report on a new phone application by Diana Weidenbacker (UNH) and a report on the status of the 2015 Spring Nationals.
 - b. Alden Reed (BC) presented two additions to the agenda: A discussion on moving Match Race New Englands off of Columbus Day weekend and the possibility of having no weekend NEISA meetings out of season.
4. Approval of the 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes
 - a. Commissioner O'Connor proposed a motion to waive the reading of the minutes. **The motion was seconded, moved to a vote and passed unanimously.**
5. Commissioner's Report (Mike O'Connor – Harvard)
 - a. Commissioner O'Connor explained that the updated website is now live and operational.
 - b. Commissioner O'Connor also noted that there are a few remaining additions to the NEISA regulations that were updated by Alex Rudkin and that the manual should be finished soon.
6. President's Report (Storck)
 - a. President Storck congratulated Yale and Dartmouth for their wins at the 2014 Spring Nationals. President Storck also congratulated Erika Reineke on winning the Womens Singlehanded National Championship for the third year in a row.
7. Treasurer's Report (Alden Reid – BC)
 - a. Mr. Reid presented a series of proposals.
 - b. **Proposal 1:** New billing system
 - i. Mr. Reid informed the Meeting that there is an issue with collections and that it is worrisome to him that the Conference is running such a deficit during the season, particularly in light of the fact that NEISA is hosting the Spring Nationals in 2015. Given this problem, Mr. Reid would like to increase the Conference's revenues.
 - ii. Mr. Reid proposed the following billing change
 1. According to Mr. Reid, the current system requires a significant amount of work for the bookkeeper, treasurer, and schedule coordinator.
 2. Mr. Reid explained that he would like to update the way that we bill based on the scheduling ranking, which would entail a flat fee based on where you are ranked. Additionally, at the beginning of each semester pay half of the fee

3. Mr. Reid explained his rationale for such a billing system: according to Mr. Reid, the Conference spends the majority of its money judging/umpiring fees and intersectional fees.
 - a. In Mr. Reid's opinion, these expenditures benefit the top group of teams in the performance ranking.
 - b. Having analyzed the available data, Mr. Reid presented a bucket system in which certain teams pay a fixed amount, i.e., sense for 1st through 7th to pay the most, 8th through 14th pay proportionally less, etc.
 4. Mr. Reid explained several of the benefits of his proposed system. Benefits include: reduced workload, increased cash collection, and the creation of a new system in which you can schedule as many events as you want.
- iii. Commissioner O'Connor agreed with Mr. Reid in his assertion that the conference needs to figure out a way to increase its revenues.
 - iv. Mr. Reed said that in the next year it will be significantly different in that some teams will pay significantly less and some teams will pay significantly more.
 - v. Mr. Assad asked if there is a plan for a gradual increase in the graduated system. Mr. Reid responded in the negative.
 - vi. Mr. Reed addressed a concern about the provisional teams facing prohibitive cost barriers to entry. According to Mr. Reid, the least amount each provisional team will pay is \$150 and reiterated that the point of this system is to have the teams that use the bulk of NEISA's resources to pay for them. Mr. Reed also made it clear that he is more than happy to work with smaller teams who only want to sail one or two minors to work out waiving their fee especially if they pay their annual dues.
 - vii. Jeff Bresnahan (Conn Coll.) believed that teams 8-14 should pay a lot more than is currently budgeted, his bill would go down significantly under the new system and seeing as how many of the teams in this bracket are budgeted, varsity teams, they can afford to pay a higher amount. Mr. Bresnahan also said that changes in prices based on movements in the performance ranking present an issue as their athletic department will not understand the reasoning.
 - viii. Brian Swingly (USCGA) added that the Treasurer should ask teams if they want to pay the maximum every year because some teams can do that and it will be easier for them to opt in to that on an annual basis, to which Mr. Reid replied with enthusiasm.
 - ix. Zach Leonard (Yale) brought up the idea that teams should get a bill for the full amount and then also get a discount, rather than having to opt in. Mr. Reid voiced interest in this idea.
 - x. Mr. Reed said that he would bill teams at the start of the semester and then collect by the end of the semester. Mr. Reid further explained that if a team does not pay by the end of the semester, than you will lose berths in the following semester
 - xi. Vicky Zeamer (Wellesley) asked how far in advance teams could get their bills because club teams have to ask for funding earlier. Mr. Reid responded that this system would allow him to bill for an entire year.

- xii. Mr. Reed proposed a motion to update the way that the Conference bills such that it bill based upon the scheduling rankings (perf. Rankings) using the cost scheme presented in his report. Mr. Reid also amended his proposal to include a clause allowing teams to pay the maximum that are willing, but not required to.
 - xiii. Commissioner. O'Connor seconded his motion
 - xiv. Moved to a vote. **The motion carried unanimously.**
- c. **Proposal 2:** Mr. Reed proposed a motion to create a \$100 surcharge to help pay for umpires at a select number of events.
- i. Mr. Reid proposed that such a surcharge be put in place in the Spring of 2015 to determine the efficacy of a payment system for the following events:
 1. Marchiando
 2. SNETR
 3. TR NE
 4. Match Race NE
 - ii. Motion seconded by Commissioner O'Connor.
 - iii. Justin Assad (Dartmouth) asked if \$100 was picked arbitrarily. Mr. Reed replied in the affirmative to which Mr. Assad said that he would be willing to pay more.
 - iv. Fran Charles (MIT) said that he would also like to see some of the out of conference teams pay this surcharge. It was established by the Meeting that this would be an ICSA issue.
 - v. Commissioner O'Connor asked the Jury Coordinator if \$150 would be sufficient to attract more judges. Mr. Rabin said that \$100 is a good place to start as a minimum to see how it works. Mr. Rabin said that he believes that this is enough to get people off of the fence and incentivize a larger base of recent alums to get involved in umpiring and he also reiterated that Mr. Reid's proposal is an attempt to target a few events in the spring and see what the effect is.
 - vi. The motion moved to a vote. **The motion carried with 1 opposed.**
- d. **Proposal 3:** Mr. Reed proposed a motion that would make it so that the bills for each semester will be sent out prior to the end of the previous semester and will have to be paid by the end of the semester to which the bill applies or else teams will have to vacate births in the following semester.
- i. Mr. Assad seconded and asked club teams if this is a manageable time frame.
 - ii. Mr. Swingly suggested that the policy be that if a team has not paid by the drop deadline for an event in the semester following the one for which you have not paid, teams would have to drop that event.
 - iii. It was established that you will be given your spring bill at the end of the fall season and will have to pay by the end of the spring season
 - iv. Mr. Bresnahan suggested that there should be a system such that teams that have budgetary issues establish that they will pay by a certain date and will not be forced to drop regattas.
 - v. The motion moved to a vote. **The motion carried unanimously.**

- e. **Proposal 4:** Mr. Reed proposed a motion to accept the 2015 budget as documented in his treasurers report.
 - i. The motion was seconded and moved to a vote. **The motion carried unanimously.**
- 8. All New England Committee Report (Frank Pizzo – Bowdoin)
 - a. Mr. Pizzo explained that anyone is able to nominate sailors of the week. In spring often solicit race managers and umpires for nominations. Mr. Pizzo also reiterated the functions of the All New England Committee.
 - b. Mr. Pizzo outlined several changes in the Committee membership: Amanda Callahan took John Storck's place and Mr. Bresnahan is in the process of rotating off.
 - c. Commissioner O'Connor said that one related proposal that is going to ICSEA is to add a second member to the All-America Selection Committee, but said that there will be a discussion of this later in the Meeting.
 - d. Commissioner O'Connor also asked teams to keep track and notify Frank of any individual performances that are noteworthy.
- 9. Performance Ranking Committee Report (Brian Swingly – USCGA)
 - a. Mr. Swingly explained that the Performance Ranking Committee is putting forth no motions to the floor at this meeting. According to Mr. Swingly there are several items that the Committee will put forward at the NEISA meeting in the spring.
 - b. Mr. Swingly made note of two additions to the Committee: Stan Schreyer (BU) and John Ingalls (Salve Regina).
 - c. Additionally, Mr. Swingly reported that the Committee spent \$300 to develop a simple performance ranking program that will take a lot less time. Mr. Swingly informed the Meeting that the program is not complete, but should be ready by next fall.
- 10. Competition Committee Report (Greg Wilkinson – BC)
 - a. Mr. Swingly informed the Meeting that he will present the Competition Committee Report in the absence of Mr. Wilkinson.
 - b. Mr. Swingly proposed a motion on behalf of Mr. Wilkinson that would make it such that a transfer student that has competed in college sailing is ineligible to compete for a single semester (either the semester before transferring or the semester in which the transfer occurs). Mr. Swingly emphasized that this is a motion to bring to the ICSEA.
 - i. Commissioner O'Connor seconded the motion.
 - ii. To support the motion, Mr. Swingly presented the following argument: A school that is using some equity on a student should be able to maintain some of that equity for a brief period of time. When a school has invested a lot in a sailor, must be able to maintain a bit of equity from that investment, not allowing the school to which they matriculated to benefit unfairly.
 - iii. Several individuals in attendance at the Meeting brought up the issue that some students at lower schools that are transferring for other reasons will be paying a price.
 - iv. Many explained that the reason why other sports do this is because these are scholarship athletes putting their team in the national spotlight, which not the case in NEISA or college sailing in general.

- v. Ms. Weidenbacker explained that this is a system where you are punishing students based on their preferences.
- vi. The motion moved to a vote. **The motion failed with 7 for and 23 against.**
- c. Mr. Swingly on behalf of Mr. Wilkinson presented the issue of the distribution of NEISA berths and opened up the floor to a discussion of whether or not there should be a redistribution of berths in the conference.
 - i. Mr. Swingly explained on behalf of Mr. Wilkinson that there is a significant drop in the level of involvement in inter-conference regattas in both team racing and fleet racing amongst the teams in NEISA. Mr. Swingly explained that the Competition Committee is looking to establish a more even distribution at inter-conference regattas amongst NEISA teams.
 - ii. According to Mr. Swingly, the Competition Committee has overseen the process of a mock draft, which many of the teams involved felt as though created a distribution of regattas that would be more ideal compared to the current system.
 - iii. Commissioner O'Connor presented a motion to investigate the efficacy of a draft and to determine whether or not NEISA should switch to such a system. If a draft is found to be a better system, the Conference will move forward with this in the following year.
 - iv. Commissioner O'Connor presented the need to create an ad hoc committee to investigate this question and then present it to the competition committee. The following individuals volunteered: Skip Whyte (URI), Commissioner O'Connor, Mr. Pizzo, Mr. Bresnahan, and David Thompson (Dartmouth). This ad hoc committee was charged with a recommendation prior to the Spring meeting
 - v. The motion to investigate a draft system as previously stated moved to a vote. **The motion carried unanimously.**
- d. Mr. Swingly on behalf of Mr. Wilkinson explained that NEISA proposed a motion to ICSA to shorten the length of the season, length of spring nationals, and restrict nationals prior to spring 13
 - i. A proposed motion was put forth to move this discussion to the ICSA level to create a national ad hoc committee.
 - ii. The proposed motion was seconded and moved to a vote. **The motion carried with 2 opposed.**
- e. On behalf of Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Swingly proposed a motion that would establish a rule requiring a host of a Conference Championship that cannot host the event to notify the Conference with sufficient time to hold a vote via email.
 - i. Example: 2014 singlehanded champs at BC
 - ii. The motion was seconded and moved to a vote. **The motion passed unanimously**
- f. Mr. Swingly, on behalf of Mr. Wilkinson, led a discussion regarding Pac Coast berths at inter-conference events due to the fact that only a single team is playing at a level consistent with the rest of the competition at these events, thereby unjustly benefiting from their situation.

- i. It was established that NEISA must talk to Pac Coast and tell them that if they cannot get enough teams involved to participate in these births, the Conference will removing them and redistributing them to other conferences.
- ii. It was also established that this would have to be pushed up to the ICSA level.
- g. Mr. Swingly explained that the Committee is going to implement term limits.
 - i. According to Mr. Swingly, the Committee also intends to recommend to the ICSA that they impose term limits on the All-America Committee.
 - ii. Mr. Whyte suggested that for the competition committee should try to include as many smaller teams as possible.
 - iii. On the subject of the All-America Committee, Mr. Assad said that he believes that there should be a large term limit (like 5-6 years) which would allow for institutional memory, but also keep fresh faces on the committee. Alternatively, it was suggested that there be a 7 year limit because there are 7 conferences.
 - iv. Fran Charles also suggested also focusing this discussion of term limits on the ICSA executive committee as he believes that there is a lot of room for more turnover at the high executive ICSA level. This suggestion was seconded by Mr. Leonard.
 - v. Mr. Leonard proposed that the Conference identify the additional member that NEISA will bring to this committee at this Meeting.
 - vi. Mr. Mollicone proposed a motion that the chair of the All-New England committee become one of the NEISA representative at the All-America committee. This motion was seconded and moved to a vote. **The motion passed unanimously. Resolved that Frank Pizzo, current all-neisa chair is not one of our representatives.**
 - vii. Alden proposed a motion to vote on the proposal to ICSA to instate term limits on standing committee membership at the ICSA level
 - 1. The motion was seconded and moved to a vote. **The motion carried unanimously.**

11. Old Business

- a. Special Projects Report
 - i. TechScore update (Matt Lindblad – MIT)
 - 1. No report.
 - ii. NEISA Website update (Wilkinson)
 - 1. Mr. Swingly on behalf of Mr. Wilkinson explained that they are working with who will need log-ins to help update the website and maintain it
- b. Jury Coordinator Report (Dan Rabin – Brown)
 - i. Mr. Rabin clarified to the Conference the role of the Jury Coordinator, which is to help coordinate and acquire judges for inter-conference events and conference championships. According to Mr. Rabin, the role of the Jury Coordinator is primarily one of assistance; teams should not be approaching him expecting him to provide judges/umpires for their event.
 - ii. Mr. Rabin reported that every New England championship event and inter-conference regatta over the past year had an on the water judge or umpire. Mr. Rabin explained that he has tried to be amenable to the schedule of the potential umpires.

1. That being said, Mr. Rabin reported that there was only 1 supplied umpire at the New England Match Race Championships this fall.
- iii. Mr. Rabin reported that the Conference is already in really good shape for Team Race New Englands in spring 2015.
- iv. Mr. Rabin reported that he asked seniors at the spring Conference Championships to give him their email addresses so that he could get in touch with them to solicit their help as umpires. After reaching out this fall, Mr. Rabin did not receive any response.
 1. Mr. Whyte mentioned that part of this might be that many individuals do not have a sufficient command of the rules, to which Mr. Rabin responded by saying that the recent grads need to express this to him.
 2. Mr. Assad concurred with Mr. Rabin's point and reiterated that coaches should approach their recent sailors to help recruit them as umpires/judges. Mr. Assad said that it is about building and maintaining lasting relationships with their schools and Conference.
- v. Mr. Rabin put forth four items to discuss and vote on:
 1. Motion 1: Mr. Rabin put forth a motion to establish a 3-year term for the role of judge coordinator.
 - a. Motion was seconded, moved to a vote. **The motion carried unanimously.**
 2. Motion 2: Mr. Rabin put forward a motion to establish that if a team is putting in a bid for a conference championship, that bid must include at least one named umpire. If the event for which a school is submitting a bid is the New England Team Race Championships, that school must have at least three named umpires.
 - a. The motion was seconded.
 - b. Amanda Callahan (RWU) voiced concern given that we have had difficulty having schools step up to host events already and that this would be even more prohibitive.
 - c. Mr. Rabin explained that this would force schools to get in contact with people earlier in the process, ensuring that NEISA events are prepared and ready well in advance.
 - d. The motion moved to a vote. **The motion carried unanimously.**
 3. Motion 3: Mr. Rabin put forward a bid that would give full authority over the jury compensation model to the commissioner, treasurer, and jury coordinator.
 - a. The motion was seconded and moved to a vote. **The motion carried unanimously.**
 4. Motion 4: Mr. Rabin proposed a motion that would ask that the competition committee document specific guidelines about how a host school should go about attaining umpires.
 - a. **There was no vote**, as it was established that none was necessary.
- c. Schedule Coordinator Report (Justin Assad – Dartmouth)
 - i. Mr. Assad reported only two specific changes to the schedule: the Owen Trophy is moving to Yale and the Navy Spring Regatta is now just a 2 division regatta rather than

- a 4 division regatta (the Truxtun Umstead Regatta has moved to the weekend of Navy Fall).
- ii. Mr. Assad explained that they put in a communications tab on the online schedule, which will be an easy way to find out who the most recent contact for each team should be.
 - iii. Mr. Assad also reported that there were a lot of no shows this season. Mr. Assad reiterated the no show rule in NEISA, explaining that it is based on a penalty point system (Mr. Assad proceeded to explain the system).
 - iv. Mr. Assad also explained that with the new payment schedule, the role Scheduling Coordinator will turn into more work, thinks there should be a new positions of Scheduling Coordinator Assistant to help out with new workload. Peter Bailey (Brown, '17) volunteered for the position.
- d. NEISA Regulations and Procedures Manual (O'Connor)
- i. Commissioner O'Connor reminded the Meeting of the hard work that Alex Rudkin (RWU '15) put into drafting the Regulations and Procedures Manual.
 - ii. Commissioner O'Connor has been working on connecting with coaches to help him review the draft.
- e. Removal of the 5-year Hosting Limitation on Conference Championships (O'Connor)
- i. Commissioner O'Connor presented a motion put forth via email by Mr. Wilkinson to remove the 5-year hosting limitation for NEISA conference championships.
 - ii. In his email, Mr. Wilkinson also made note of the consideration of major capital improvements as a factor in the removal of this rule.
 - iii. President Storck established that the Conference already removed the 5-year Hosting Limitation in 2012.
- f. NEISA Championship Host Sites
- i. Fowle Trophy for Team Race Championship: Harvard
 - ii. Reed Trophy for the Women's Championship: Brown, Boston College
 1. John Mollicone (Brown) explained that they already have some judges lined up. Mr. Mollicone explained that the event could not be in Newport so would have to be at Edgewood YC in one fleet of Z420s.
 2. Mr. Reid explained that the event would be held in two fleets of boats, both of which have a semester and a half of use in the, most likely out of Marina Bay.
 3. The question of the host for the Reed Trophy moved to a vote. **Boston College won the vote with 6 voting in favor of Brown and 11 voting in favor of BC.**
 - iii. Coast Guard Alumni Bowl for the NE Championship: Salve Regina
 1. John Ingalls informed the Meeting that there will be a lot of construction in the area for the VOR.
 - iv. NE Dinghy Tournament: UNH
 1. In the event that they cannot host due to ice, Boston University volunteered their venue.
 2. UNH will run it and will run it out of BU if they cannot host it due to ice.
 - v. Larry White Trophy for the Match Race Championship: Salve Regina

- vi. Men's Singlehanded Championship: Yale hosting either at YCYC or Niantic.
 - vii. Women's Singlehanded Championship: Boston College
 - viii. Atlantic Coast Tournament: Conn College
 - ix. Commissioner O'Connor put forward a motion to vote on the slate of championship regattas. The motion was seconded move to a vote. **The slate of championship regattas carried as written.**
 - g. Proposal to require Signal Flags be used in Starting Sequence (Skip Whyte – URI)
 - i. Mr. Whyte explained that visuals are pretty important in the sport and no one knows when the races are starting visually if you are watching.
 - ii. Mr Whyte proposed the use of the following system: I flag, P flag, etc. goes up at 3 minutes then goes down at one minute.
 - iii. Mr. Whyte put forth a motion to adopt this procedure as a test procedure for the Spring of 2015.
 - iv. It was established that no vote was necessary and that this would be tested out at championship events in the spring and would only become mandatory if the Conference decides that it is effective.
 - h. Proposal to eliminate the use of undergraduates in sighting the starting line at all Inter-conference Regattas and Conference Championships (O'Connor)
 - i. Commissioner O'Connor opted to table this discussion to another time.
12. New Business
- a. Membership Update
 - i. Wentworth Institute of Technology (formerly Colleges of the Fenway) to transition from Provisional Member Status to Regular Member Status.
 - ii. Plymouth State and Emmanuel College (formerly C.O.F) transition from Associate Membership Status to Provisional Membership Status.
 - iii. Approval for Associate Membership Status for: University of Maine Orono, UMass Amherst, College of New England.
 - iv. Mr. O'Connor put forward a motion to approve all of the above membership changes. The motion was seconded and moved to a vote. **The motion carried unanimously.**
 - b. Change in format of the ACT
 - i. It was proposed that the Atlantic Coast Tournament become a combined division regatta (9 teams) with 5 NEISA and 4 MAISA teams.
 - ii. Mr. Bresnahan said that he believes this to not be in NEISA's best interest. Rather, Mr. Bresnahan suggested that it remain an 18 team regatta and that NEISA receive 12 births and host it NEISA every year.
 - iii. Swingly agreed with Mr. Bresnahan and explained that there are always teams on the margin that we should try to get involved.
 - iv. Commissioner O'Connor established that the Conference is not ready to change it to a 9 team regatta, but should approach MAISA and discuss them giving up a certain number of berths.
 - v. Mr. Reid proposed a motion to centralize the location of the ACT to southern New England.

- vi. The proposal to centralize ACT was seconded and moved to a vote. **The motion carried unanimously.**
- c. Proposal to change the weight limit for match race nationals
 - i. Commissioner O'Connor reported on a proposal with which MAISA is moving forward that seeks to raise the weight limit for Match Race Nationals.
 - ii. It was established that the Conference does not feel strongly that NEISA's approval of this proposal is necessary.
- d. Discussion of how to increase participation of women in NEISA
 - i. Mr. Swingly explained that he views this as a priority. Mr. Swingly also stated that he believes that we should encourage teams to start 4 women at any regatta throughout the entire year, which would allow the Conference to count that team as a womens team. Mr. Swingly challenged other NEISA teams to do a better job of incentivizing this by creating more smaller level all-women events.
 - ii. Mr. Assad explained that one reason to support this is to give NEISA more berths, but the Conference should also be doing this to ensure that NEISA is encouraging women to enjoy sailing and help build a womens program. As Mr. Swingly suggested, Mr. Assad explained that top teams should want to host events that can encourage this type of growth. Mr. Assad pointed to specific examples such as the Crews Regatta, the No Ringer Regatta, etc. Mr. Assad also suggested a membership fee discount for those teams that can field a 4 women team at any event throughout the season.
 - iii. Ms. Zeamer said that she would support more minor level all womens events as she believes that this will help incentivize the growth of more womens programs.
- e. New Special Projects
 - i. Certificates for all New England awards
 - 1. Mr. Swingly proposed that the Conference set aside \$1000 a year to create and circulate All-NE awards.
 - 2. The proposal was seconded and moved to a vote. **The proposal carried unanimously.**
 - ii. Logo for NEISA
 - 1. It was established that the Conference would like to create a new NEISA logo.
- f. NEISA Annual Awards
 - i. NEISA Honor Roll
 - 1. Commissioner O'Connor nominated Jason Carroll. Commissioner O'Connor withdrew his nomination.
 - 2. Mr. Assad nominated Charlie Enright and Mark Towell. Mr. Assad withdrew his nomination after it was concluded that it would be best to nominate them in 2015.
 - 3. Mr. Charles nominated Stu Nelson, posthumously.
 - 4. **Stu Nelson voted to honor roll by a unanimous vote.**
 - ii. MacArthur Service Award
 - 1. **Commissioner Mike O'Connor was nominated and awarded the MacArthur Service Award by a unanimous vote.**

- g. NEISA Executive Board Elections
 - i. Commissioner: Justin Assad – Dartmouth
 - ii. President (Undergraduate nominees sought) – Jacob Bradt, '16 (Harvard)
 - iii. Vice President (undergraduate) – Hannah Lynn, '17 (BC)
 - iv. Secretary (undergraduate), Bennett Cappozzi, '17 (Harvard)
 - v. Treasurer: Alden Reid – BC
 - vi. Schedule Coordinator: Frank Pizzo – Bowdoin
 - vii. Northern Regional Director: Diana Weidenbacker – UNH
 - viii. Central Regional Director: Mike O'Connor – Harvard
 - ix. Southern Regional Director: John Mollicone
 - x. Director of Boats and Safety: Fran Charles – MIT
 - xi. Director of Special Projects: Brian Swingly – USCGA
 - xii. Northern Regional Representative: (undergraduate) – Ryan Gershuny, '18 (UNH)
 - xiii. Central Regional Representative: (undergraduate) – Jules Mann, '17 (Welsley)
 - xiv. Southern Regional Representative: (undergraduate) – Lucy Jones, '18 (URI)
 - 1. The following undergraduates were nominated: Lucy Jones, '18 (URI), Walter Florio, '18 (Conn), Brian Riley (Sacred Heart), Stuart Freyhme, '17 (RW)
 - 2. **Lucy Jones, '18 (URI) was elected Southern Regional Rep. by vote, Brian Riley, '17 (Sacred Heart) was elected an At Large Representative by vote.**
 - xv. At Large Representative: (undergraduate) – Brian Riley, '17 (Sacred Heart)
 - xvi. At Large Representative: (undergraduate) – Walter Florio, '18 (Conn College)
 - 1. Tyler Paige, '18 (Tufts), Henry Dumke, '17 (BC), Walter Florio
 - 2. **Walter Florio, '18 (Conn College) was elected an At Large Representative by vote.**
- h. Additions to the agenda
 - i. Boats and Safety Report – Fran Charles (MIT)
 - 1. Mr. Charles explained that at the 2014 ICSA Winter Meeting, an online concussion training course for coaches was established.
 - 2. Mr. Charles asked the teams in attendance at the Meeting to comment on the lengths that they have taken to protect their athletes. Tyler Paige reported that Tufts has increased participation in their concussion education program. Mr. Pizzo reported that Bowdoin is likely require helmets for their entire team.
 - 3. Mr. Charles also discussed the mitigation option of raising the boom on boats. Mr. Charles explained that to retrofit a fleet would cost around \$30 per boat and he said that LaserPerformance, Zim and WhiteCap Composites all said that purchasing a new fleet with raised booms would not cost any extra.
 - ii. No Weekend Meetings after the Fall season or before the Spring season
 - 1. Many individuals voiced concern over the efficacy of such a plan.
 - 2. The motion was seconded and moved to a vote. **The motion failed with 5 in favor and the remainder in opposition.**
 - iii. Spring Nationals Report

1. Mr. Mollicone reported that everything is in place for the spring nationals to be hosted by Brown and Salve Regina out of the NYYC/Sail Newport. Mr. Mollicone said that they are month away from having the NOR done and that the website is almost complete.
 2. Mr. Mollicone explained that they still have some minor details to plan out, such as the acquisition of power boats.
- i. Date of Next Annual Meeting: **12/5/15**
 - j. Adjournment. – **Meeting adjourned by President Storck at 1:30pm**