

**NEISA Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting Notes**  
**January 29, 2019**

Action Items

**1. NEISA Specific Action Items**

- a. Discuss using red flags instead of raising a hand at TR Nationals
- b. Look into new ways to reduce the cost of maintaining Techscore
- c. Research changing the bylaws on when and where the annual meeting is held and if it can be a Zoom call
- d. Research making the Developing Teams Symposium in September on a Zoom call

**2. NEISA Action Items involving the ICSA**

- a. Nominate a NEISA representative for Blake Pedlow's committee in search of an Executive Director for ICSA
- b. Send ideas for how to replace the Berth Allocation formula to ICSA
- c. Nominate NEISA representatives to the four new at-large positions on the ICSA Nominating Committee

**3. ICSA Action Items**

Motions

- 1. None

**Next Call:** February 26th at 11 AM

**Meeting Notes:**

**I. Call to order**

- A. Roll Call: Mike Kalin (Commissioner), Frank Pizzo (Graduate Secretary), Fran Charles (Boats and Safety), Mike O'Connor (Central Region Graduate Representative), John Mollicone (Southern Region Graduate Representative), Greg Wilkinson (Boston College), Jeff Bresnahan (Connecticut College), Ken Legler (Tufts), Taylor Martin (Maine Maritime), Diana Weidenbacker (UNH), Cori Radtke (Bowdoin), Justin Assad (Dartmouth), Brian Nelson (President), Jack Valentino (Secretary), Julia O'Connor (Southern Region Undergraduate Representative), Thomas Jagielski (Central Regional Undergraduate Representative), Preston Anderson (At Large Representative), David Thompson (Dartmouth), Ali Blumenthal (Dartmouth), Amanda Callahan (RWU)

**II. Mike's Notes from Winter Meeting in Utah**

- A. Nationals at Tulane (womens, coed, then TR in that order)
- B. Kalin says we should discuss flying red flags for TR nationals
- C. Rule 16.2 is being adopted for TR

1. Making it safer for port tackers ducking starboard tackers
- D. The build-ons that maintain Techscore is costing \$30-40k per year
  1. We should try to look into a new techscore thoughts to reduce the price
- E. Recruiting rules
  1. Take a look at the updated ones before planning summer meetings
- F. Bresnahan: How do I find these updated rules?
  1. Assad: Go to the [Midwinter Meeting Minutes Recruiting Committee](#) document. Assad says all of the motions passed except for the motion on transfers. This will all take effect for the Fall of 2020, not this Spring.
- G. Kalin: Greg has written up a four page report on his committee work and his Utah notes.

### III. Greg Presents ICSA Winter Meeting Changes

- A. All of the action items brought to the Winter Meeting from the CSA Report in the January 3rd call was approved
- B. Many thanks to Zach and Jeff for their hard work on the committee
- C. Term Limits on ICSA President
  1. Retroactive to 2016
  2. NEISA doesn't have to do anything about this
- D. Gender diversity
  1. Four at-large members created to satisfy gender diversity at the top of ICSA
- E. NEISA Action
  1. We have (by this Spring at the Spring Meeting) to nominate people for these four at-large position to the ICSA Nominating Committee
- F. Professional Management
  1. ICSA Executive Director
    - a) To be hired January 2021
    - b) NEISA should find a rep to go on Blake Pedlow's committee for finding the Executive Director
  2. Funding model
    - a) Fund a cash reserve (recommended by consultant)
      - (1) All Regular and Provisional member teams will get a one-time dues assessment in Fall 2020 of roughly \$275 for regular members and \$100 for associate members
    - b) Dues Increase
      - (1) Dues will go up in 2021
        - (a) \$800 for Cross-Regional members
        - (b) \$400 for Regional members
        - (c) \$100 for Conference members

G. Realignment

1. Effective Spring 2021 for the Spring 2022 Nationals and Beyond
    - a) No more Championship berth formula
    - b) The new system guarantees representation from five conferences, not seven
      - (1) MAISA, MCSA, Pacific Coast, NEISA, and SAISA
    - c) We should start sending berth allocation ideas to ICSCA
  2. This will shake up who belongs to what conference since two conferences won't be guaranteed representation at Nationals and because the number of teams now no longer count towards Nationals berths
  3. The Cross-Regional, Regional, and Conference system will replace the Regular, Provisional, and Associate system
    - a) NEISA needs to start designating their teams in one of these categories starting in the Fall 2020
  4. See Greg's report for what each type can do what and who has what power based on what level they are
  5. Greg's report has more specific action items not listed in these minutes because they were not discussed on the call
  6. SEISA and NWEISA are not guaranteed spots at interconference regattas if they choose to remain conferences
- H. Bresnahan: Do you think that the issue that is going to occur with teams applying to other districts, do you think there should be rules and regulations on that? I'm afraid MAISA teams will try to get a better schedule if they apply to NEISA and overload NEISA.
1. Wilkinson: I've been thinking about that. The application process is a two-way street between the team and the conference. The conference can reject them. The only move I foresee is if Tulane moves out of SEISA or maybe if Stanford moves out of Pacific Coast or maybe if Charleston moves. But I think we need to see it play out.
- I. Assad: We need to be careful about this new berth system. I agree that we need to see this play out, but we need to make sure we don't dilute the NEISA representation at cross-regional regattas now that we need to guarantee a berth to the other conferences at our NEISA cross-regional regattas.
- J. Legler: Could regional regattas include regattas with two conferences like the SHU Invitational?
1. Wilkinson: This change would not affect regattas with two conferences. This work needs to be done by our schedule on the Interconference Committee. They need to sort out a Fall 2020 schedule by this spring.

- K. Assad: In the proposed dues section, do you have any idea if that \$400 to \$800 dues increase for Cross-Regional teams is stagnant or gradually increasing?
1. Wilkinson: That increased revenue goes to ICSA in an on-going dues formula. ICSA will increase their dues slowly over time in order to make an inflation correction for not changing dues for the last 50 years and that made us poor.
- L. Kalin: Thank you Greg!
- M. Wilkinson: I'm nervous that the attendance on the call is still low (similar to January 3rd call) and that we need more teams to pay attention that their dues are going to go up. We should talk about this more in-season.
1. Kalin agrees.
- N. Bresnahan: Thanks Greg, but is upset at how this played out at the ICSA meeting. We need to make sure that lower level teams don't dictate what happens at the Varsity dues level. We can't be everything for everybody.

#### **IV. Kalin introduces Taylor Martin's new role**

- A. Taylor Martin (MMA) will take over Frank Pizzo's (Bowdoin) role as Scheduling Coordinator.
- B. Justin Assad has agreed to act as a scheduling consultant/scheduling guru for helping Taylor at the ICSA level

#### **V. Scheduling Coordinators Report (Frank Pizzo's last one)**

- A. Taylor is taking over the email account for Scheduling Coordinator
- B. Frank encourages the NEISA teams to follow the rules of scheduling with a new Scheduling Coordinator
- C. Wilkinson: Frank, do you or Justin have any update on Danielle? What is a good way to reach Danielle?
  1. Pizzo: CC the NEISA coordinator email on all emails to the ICSA Scheduling Coordinator. If you can't get in touch with Danielle, talk to Mitch
- D. Assad: NEISA teams should never have to email the ICSA Scheduling Coordinator directly, always go to the NEISA Scheduling Coordinator first and they will talk to Danielle
- E. Wilkinson: So if we want to ask about Berth Allotments, interconference regattas etc. who do we talk to?
  1. Assad: Email Taylor at the scheduling coordinators email and we'll delegate between the two of us

#### **VI. Kalin discusses new business**

- A. The NEISA annual meeting in December was one of the lowest attended meetings in history

1. Kalin proposes to change the bylaws to make the annual meeting on Thursday, December 3rd from 3-6pm on a Zoom Conference Call
2. Pizzo: Likes this idea of a zoom call for the presentation abilities
3. Assad: Originally didn't like it, but now likes that plan
4. Kalin: We should discuss this at a later time how to change the bylaws
- B. Kalin: Assad proposed using laser pointers at NEISA regattas
  1. Assad: I bought one on Amazon for \$70 and it's great. It lets us figure out our gates and sights are square
- C. Kalin: We should change the Developing Teams Symposium to a date in September in a more central location instead of December in MIT
  1. Brian Nelson: Issue with doing it in September is that club teams might be sailing on a Saturday in September.
    - a) Kalin: Yes, good point.
  2. Preston Anderson: Could it be done as a Zoom call?
    - a) Kalin: We should investigate that.
- D. Kalin: We should talk about term limits on the All-American Committee Chair (currently Ian Burman from MAISA)
  1. Wilkinson: Thinks there is term limits
  2. Bresnahan: I think it's appointed by the ICSA president which is why I wanted term limits on the ICSA president
  3. Wilkinson: Five year term limit, but the ICSA president can grant an exemption for one year if no conference can nominate someone else

**VII. Kalin asks for a vote on the Schell and Urn and Staaake**

- A. Kalin asks Pizzo and Mollicone to explain their bids
- B. Pizzo: Bowdoin would like to host the Schell because there is a large improvement to the Coastal Studies Center at Bowdoin for all 36 boats and better facilities with easier parking. I don't have a set PRO yet, but we will. Bowdoin has hosted the NE Champs and others recently to demonstrate our conditions.
- C. Mollicone not responsive on the call and many ask for a vote now because it has been pushed off, so Mollicone does not explain his bid
- D. Members vote, but Assad and Kalin suspect there is not enough of a quorum
- E. Bresnahan: What is the number for a quorum?
  1. Assad: 20 is the quorum because it's 50% of our number of member schools, which is 40
- F. Kalin says the voting will be posted online and teams will be asked to vote electronically

**VIII. Kalin says the calls will return to the original time of 11AM on February 26th**

**IX. Kalin adjourns the meeting at 3:09 PM**

Commissioner	Mike Kalin	1
Graduate Secretary	Frank Pizzo	1
President	Brian Nelson	1
Vice President	Eric Marshall	
Secretary	Jack Valentino	1
Treasurer	Ryan Mullins	
Schedule Coordinator	Taylor Martin	1
Boats and Safety	Fran Charles	1
Competition Comm	Greg Wilkinson	1
N. Region Rep	Diana Weidenbacker	1
C. Region Rep	Mike O'Connor	1
S. Region Rep	John Mollicone	1
N. U. Rep	Finn Bascio	
C. U. Rep	Thomas Jagielski	1 (late
S. U. Rep	Julia O'Connor	1
At Large	Lizzie Russell	
At Large	Preston Anderson	1 (late
<b>Other Attendees</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	
David Thompson	Dartmouth	
Ken Legler	Tufts	
Jeffrey Bresnahan	Connecticut College	
Cori Radtke	Bowdoin	
Justin Assad	Dartmouth	
Ali Blumenthal	Dartmouth	
Amanda Callahan	Roger Williams University	

## Attendance of this call

	Schell 2020
Bates College	Bowdoin
Boston College	Bowdoin
Bowdoin College	Bowdoin
Dartmouth College	Bowdoin
Tufts University	Bowdoin
University of New Hampshire	Bowdoin
Maine Maritime Academy	Bowdoin
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Bowdoin
Brown University	Brown
Connecticut College	Brown
Harvard University	Brown
Roger Williams University	Brown
U. S. Coast Guard Academy	Brown
Wellesley College	Brown

## Voting results as of 3:09PM when the Meeting was Adjourned

Kalin asks for more schools to vote online to complete the quorum of 20, but with 14 schools present on the call the vote was 8-6 in favor of Bowdoin for the Schell but more schools need to vote before a decision can be made