

NEISA Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting Notes
February 26, 2020

Action Items

1. NEISA Specific Action Items

- a. Talk to Amanda Callahan if you have potential umpires in mind that she can reach out to for umpiring Spring TR regattas

2. NEISA Action Items involving the ICSA

- a. Talk to Taylor Martin if you'd like the open NEISA berths at the Owen or Navy Spring or other interconference events

3. ICSA Action Items

- a. None

Motions

- 1. Motion to approve January meeting notes (introduced by Kalin)
 - a. Not conducted due to a lack of a quorum

Next Call: April 8th at 11 AM

Meeting Notes:

I. Call to order

- A. [Roll Call](#): Mike Kalin (Commissioner), Frank Pizzo (Graduate Secretary), 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), Finn Bascio (North Regional Undergraduate Representative), Thomas Jagielski (Central Regional Undergraduate Representative), Preston Anderson (At Large Representative), Amanda Callahan (RWU), Zach Leonard (Yale), Dave White (FF/SHU), Matt Lindblad (MIT), Doug Clark (Coast Guard), and Chris Lash (BU) (one or two phone numbers called in, but did not identify themselves)

II. Approval of January Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- A. Not enough of a quorum yet, return back to

III. Commissioner's Report - Mike Kalin

- A. Talked to Ryan Mullins (Treasurer) to make sure we're in compliance
- B. Blaine Pedlow has formed a committee to assemble the criteria and qualifications for an ICSA Executive Director
 - 1. Fran Charles and Jeff Bresnahan appointed by Kalin to sit on the committee on behalf of NEISA
- C. MIT undergraduate (Raymond) plans to automate the add/drop experience

IV. Graduate Secretary's Report - Frank Pizzo

- A. Pizzo present, but no report necessary

V. Scheduling Coordinator's Report - Taylor Martin

- A. Berths at intersectionals that we need to fill or turn back to ICSCA
 - 1. 2 berths at Navy Spring (4/11-4/12)
 - 2. Many births at Owen (4/11-4/12)
 - 3. Talk to Taylor if you want them
- B. Clark: Southern New England Team Race has an error on the schedule and Martin says he'll take a look at it
- C. Assad: Forecast for this weekend is looking dicey. Have you talked to the other venues?
 - 1. Clark: Plans on sending a note to the teams about there is no water at the facility (bathrooms, drinking, etc.). Says there will definitely be racing, but attempting to only sail during the warm hours.
 - 2. Lash: BU will also be planning on sailing in the warmer hours of the weekend, but will keep their regatta happening.
- D. Kalin: We had a bad incident where the MIT crews got really cold a few years back and I think it's important for coaches to check in their teams for coldness among the crews this weekend.

VI. Spring Update of Umpire Coordinator - Amanda Callahan

- A. Callahan shares screen and says that there are plenty of umpires for the Spring TR season
- B. Email or text Callahan if you have any potential umpires that might fit the bill for an event
- C. Bresnahan: Competition/Championship Committee should make sure that umpires know that their role is only to umpire that day, not interpret the racing rules of sailing their own way
 - 1. Assad: We should talk to Wilkinson about that and Swing.
 - 2. Kalin: If you have interest serving on Championship Committee, email me.

VII. Spring Championship Host Updates

- A. Kalin: O'Connor asked me to update on TR New Englands. They're in the process of putting together some umpires and they need some umpire boats. MIT FJs will be used if O'Connor doesn't get their new Zim ones in time.
- B. Kalin: Mollicone asked me to update on Women's New Englands. Coaches are allowed on the water for Women's New Englands.
- C. Kalin: Update on Coed New England's hosted by MIT. We'll be using Harvard Z420s with Gold Standard North Sails and the MIT FJs with Blue Ribbon North Sails. PRO for the event decided and announced.

- D. Leonard: We're hosting the Friis trophy. We would love people to donate the use of motorboats, but no one has been willing to do so. We need motorboats in order to get judges on the water.
- E. Pizzo: Will Dave run any events this spring or is he going live at the New England Championship?
 - 1. Kalin: He's doing some umpiring and that's TBD. He'll have good mark setting support, but he has really good judgement.

VIII. Old Business

- A. Developing Team Symposium
 - 1. Kalin: To save people from trekking to Boston, we're making the NEISA annual meeting a Zoom call on a Thursday 4-7pm (ish). Developing team symposium will be one of the first weekends (in person, not Zoom call).
- B. Weidenbacher: I think this is counterproductive. Club teams need those early weekends to increase their attendance at events, it's better to do the call after the season.
- C. Pizzo: I have attended these symposium these past few years, and I think it's important. I think it's important to do it in the season, not at the end. There's too much turnover in leadership on Club teams in December. Can we hear some input from the club teams on the call?
- D. Bascio: I think the information on fundraising is important but it's at an awkward time for club teams especially in the north.
- E. Valentino: I think we should do a clinic on Saturday, then the symposium at night, and then a C-level regatta on Sunday. Bates would love to host it if needed.
- F. Bascio: I agree that that would work well for the northern teams.
- G. Assad: It would probably be better for southern teams if it was in Boston.
- H. Valentino: Boston sounds great to us.
- I. Assad: We should have Eric Marshall spearhead that as the Undergraduate VP.

IX. New Business

- A. Kalin: Rangefinder for making starting lines equal is important. Maybe we'll test it at BDC and Dellenbaugh and use it at NE championships.
- B. Kalin: Justin has spearheaded adding women's TR and we should talk about reconfiguring the seasons to advance College Sailing. There've been three committees working on that and Justin has been overseeing all of them. Asks Justin to elaborate.
- C. Assad: We've been focused on three areas with Women's TR: Regular season, championship season, season limits. This is Assad discussing the findings and opinions of the committee:
 - 1. We're debating between split season (fleet racing in the fall and TR in the spring) v. continuous season (fleet/TR in both seasons)

2. We have things to consider now that ICSA has two less divisions and that qualification berths to nationals are not on a participation-basis
 3. Currently we have a continuous season model
 - a) Spring championships would be fleet racing and TR around the same time
 4. NEISA is advocating the Spring TR season be longer
 - a) Weather shortens our season and training in New England, so we should try to maximize sailing for our student-athletes in the Spring
 5. Regional-level teams will still have an opportunity in Spring to sail fleet races (mostly if they're a team below around 14th on PR) at the end of April
 6. We're considering a hard start date in the Fall so that teams with larger resources cannot bring teams back and start preseason extremely early over teams with less resources
 7. I need to talk to Amanda Callahan (RWU) and Mike Callahan (Georgetown) about switching 2022 spring fleet racing into team racing
- D. Clark: Where is this at? Is there ICSA support for these?
1. Assad: My understanding is that ICSA is philosophically very committed to getting a women's TR in 2022 and Navy is slated to host the Spring Championship that year and include Women's TR, Coed TR, Women's fleet racing, and coed fleet racing
- E. Clark: What about schools that start actual school at the end of August? The hard start would restrict our practice possibility.
1. Assad: Yeah it looks like the committee is favoring a hard start date at the end of August which would limit your possibilities, but it comes with tradeoffs. If teams take time in December/January to practice, they can't practice in March and we're trying to make sure that all teams are getting equal opportunities.
- F. Bresnahan: I think that there's a way for us to handle that that we already do that. Middlebury starts late and we restrict their ability to practice to a certain number of days before the first day of classes.
- G. Bresnahan: The Navy proposal of expanding in 2022 for Women's TR is possibly something that many of our institutions cannot afford. There are already many women's events and adding more by expanding the season will cost colleges a lot to house these sailors.
1. Assad: I think that's a fair concern and we'll need to work through that. I don't want to run into June with our seasons, and no one else does.

- H. Assad: Navy plan advocates Women's TR nationals at the end of May and then Women's Fleet Race Nationals after that (season runs into early June).
 - I. Wilkinson: I know people don't want to expand the season into June (Navy 2022 plan), but Women's TR Nationals needs to happen and we should be open minded and we should build on the progress that we've made.
 - J. Assad: I think we need to find a better solution, but NEISA is the problem here. NEISA is keeping the ICSA schedule extended into the Spring because the weather prohibits an early start.
 - K. Wilkinson: Is your group talking about logistics for Women's TR Nationals 2022?
 - 1. Assad: We're definitely talking about that, but we're being slowed by figuring out how to qualify for it first.
 - L. Assad: What do you all think? I'll take input on what you want for qualifications.
 - 1. Wilkinson: We should do it based on the other national championships and work backwards based on what has been done for others. Women's TR might not have enough demand to match it, but we could just scale down.
 - M. Bresnahan: I'm not saying to prevent expanding the women's sailing field, I'm just saying that we should not expand the season to do it. We can overlap the new women's sailing events with existing events.
- X. Kalin adjourns at 12:05 PM**
- XI. Next Call: April 8th, 2020 at 11AM**

	A	B	C
1	NEISA Meeting Management Spreadsheet		
2	Voting Sheet		ROLL
3	Position	Name	CALL
4	Commissioner	Mike Kalin	1
5	Graduate Secretary	Frank Pizzo	1
6	President	Brian Nelson	1
7	Vice President	Eric Marshall	
8	Secretary	Jack Valentino	1
9	Treasurer	Ryan Mullins	
10	Schedule Coordinator	Taylor Martin	1
11	Boats and Safety	Fran Charles	
12	Competition Comm	Greg Wilkinson	1
13	N. Region Rep	Diana Weidenbacker	1
14	C. Region Rep	Mike O'Connor	
15	S. Region Rep	John Mollicone	
16	N. U. Rep	Finn Bascio	1
17	C. U. Rep	Thomas Jagielski	1
18	S. U. Rep	Julia O'Connor	
19	At Large	Lizzie Russell	
20	At Large	Preston Anderson	1 (late)
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22	Other Attendees		
23	Name	Organization	
24	Justin Assad	Dartmouth	
25	Dave White	FF/SHU	
26	Matt Lindblad	MIT	
27	Doug Clark	Coast Guard	
28	Chris Lash	BU	
29	Amanda Callahan	RWU	
30	Cori Radtke	Bowdoin	
31	Ken Legler	Tufts	
32	Zach Leonard	Yale	
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