

**NEISA Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting Notes**  
**April 8, 2020**

Action Items

**1. NEISA Specific Action Items**

- a. Reach out to Greg Wilkinson and Frank Pizzo if you're the host of a Fall 2020 regatta to discuss what tier your event will fall into under the new structure (cross-regional, regional, conference)
- b. Reach out to Greg Wilkinson and his new committee (O'Connor, Kalin, Mollicone, Legler) if you have NEISA nominations for the four new spots (at large club team coach, at large club level administrator, at large varsity administrator, and at large director) opening up on the seven ICSA committees

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

- a. None

**3. ICSA Action Items**

- a. None

Motions

1. None.

**Next Call:** *May 6th at 2 PM*

**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), Preston Anderson (At Large Representative), Dave White (FF/SHU), Matt Lindblad (MIT), Doug Clark (Coast Guard), Greg Wilkinson (BC), Chris Lash (BU), David Thompson (Dartmouth), Emilie Blinderman (Conn College), Franny Charles (MIT), John Mollicone (Brown), Lizzie Russell (At Large Representative), Mike O'Connor (Harvard), Matt Wordell (Mass Maritime), Moose McClintock (URI), Stan Schreyer (BU), Zach Leonard (Yale), Julia O'Connor (Southern Undergraduate Representative), and Caroline Patten (UVM)

**II. Approval of February Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

- A. Not voted on during this call.

**III. Commissioner's Report - Mike Kalin**

- A. Update on Singlehanded Nationals - Fall 2020
1. LP is on board for singlehanded nationals boats

2. Jacksonville is prepared to host
- B. Danielle sent out the membership reports
  1. NEISA berths
    - a) Coed Nationals would have had nine berths
    - b) Coed Team Race Nationals would have had four berths
    - c) Women's Nationals would have had nine berths
  2. Not important since season is suspended and there's no Nationals to attend, but this is an update on the status of other conferences and our own participation
  3. Assad: Women's participation is down and we lost two berths, so we need to increase our lost participation.
- C. New Orleans will host Nationals 2021 (May 18-28) instead of Nationals 2020
  1. USF will host in 2022
  2. Navy will therefore host in 2023, but we'll see
- D. Assad: Those Tulane dates are earlier than usual, so check your academic calendars and date of graduation before we confirm that date.
- E. Pizzo: Why are they doing it so early, Mike?
- F. Assad: The conflicts were because Southern Yacht Club needed it to be early.
- G. Kalin: Charles Higgins didn't say why.
- H. Thompson: Are those the same dates that USF was going to host on?
- I. Schreyer: It was due to a TR venue scheduling conflict.

**IV. Graduate Secretary's Report - Frank Pizzo**

- A. Present, but no updates.

**V. Scheduling Coordinator's Report - Taylor Martin**

- A. Present, but no updates.
- B. Assad: Remind people that the deadline to change intersectional berths is in April, so keep aware of those.

**VI. Awards Committee Report - David Thompson**

- A. Kalin: MAISA sent out an Adobe production for sending out their awards. David will now talk about how NEISA will do it.
- B. Thompson: How do we want to, as NEISA, publish our season end awards? There are a few different options: individual websites, certain platforms, etc. The NEISA website is not ideal for this type of publication.
- C. Weidenbacher: We should try similar to what MAISA sent out. But maybe we try a Zoom call where we can announce it with all the nominees on the call. Just a thought.
- D. Pizzo: I think the Zoom call would be really hard and it was difficult to announce the All-Americans that way previously. I think using Adobe Spark could be ideal.

- E. Kalin: These students have busy schedules with their Zoom call, I don't want to do an interactive thing requiring them to be on another Zoom call.
- F. O'Connor: I think maybe a Facebook live would be good.
- G. Assad: The MAISA thing was a bit flashy, but it went quickly. I'm not positive that Facebook live or Zoom is the best option.
- H. Clark: The Adobe Spark route is really attractive to me and my athletic department is using them and it looks great. Timeliness is also a factor.
- I. Thompson: We're hoping to have a fully finished list and publication done by next week or at least the end of April.
- J. Wilkinson: We should also take into account Rob Mc into this conversation. We don't want to upset him, so we should consult how he wants his pictures displayed.
- K. Thompson: We might also need to reach out to individual teams to get photos. Do we agree that headshots are preferred and sailing photos being the alternative?
- L. O'Connor and Assad: Yes.

## VII. Old Business - Wilkinson

- A. There are three key things the conference needs to act on:
  - 1. Schedule changes are due to the interconference group by April 15th
    - a) All of our formerly interconference regattas need to be redesignated as regional or cross-regional regattas
    - b) NEISA needs to do this in the next seven days
  - 2. By next November, we need to designate every one of our teams under the new structure (conference, regional, or cross-regional members)
    - a) Our bylaws allow for a change in membership through election, but we need to create a process to designate all 40+ of our teams under the new structure
    - b) A team's performance is determined by their Fall 2020 performance, so we need to wait to do this until late in the Fall

Benefits by Membership Category

Team Level Classification	BENEFITS BY MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY					Dues
	In-Conference Regular Season Regattas	Regional Interconference Regattas	Cross-Regional Interconference Regattas	National Championship	ICSA Voting	
Conference	✓	✓ In-Conference Hosted Events				Low
Regional I	✓	✓		✓	✓	Medium
Cross-Regional	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	High

c)

(1) Screenshot from Wilkinson's presentation about the new structure

- d) My personal hunch is that sixteen NEISA cross-regional, fourteen MAISA in cross-regional
- e) Kalin: Is there any ability to look for an extension on this from April 15? We're behind because the season is cancelled and we can't see each other every week.
- f) Wilkinson: I'll ask Danielle and Mitch, but the extension can't go past the end of April.
- g) O'Connor: Just to clarify the date of the meeting doesn't change, but I agree that we should try and get this April 30th extension.
- h) Wilkinson: I need input from all the hosts about this draft schedule.
- i) Pizzo: I'm happy to help with this, but we need the hosts to buy into determining whether Cross-Regional or not. But I think the conference needs to determine the berth allocations.
- j) Assad: We don't know what the other conferences will have in terms of demand for these events. I think we should go with the minimum berths to other conferences and adjust after this test year.
- k) Martin: It's easier to start at the minimum and then fill from NEISA if we have extra spots.
- l) Pizzo: Are there boat requirements for regional v. cross-regional requirements?
  - (1) Wilkinson: No.
- m) Kalin: How about a committee of Wilkinson, Martin, Pizzo, and Bresnahan?
  - (1) Wilkinson: That works.

### 3. Leadership Profile

- a) Needs to be done by April 30th
- b) Four new positions being created in ICSA
  - (1) At large club team coach
  - (2) At large club level administrator
  - (3) At large varsity administrator
  - (4) At large director (not affiliated with a school)
- c) There are seven standing committees that now need to fulfil the new leadership positions.
  - (1) This would add three to four of the above positions to each committee
- d) These new positions will need to satisfy gender diversity
- e) NEISA needs to submit names to the nominating committee by April 30th

- f) Assad and O'Connor: We need to create a conference nominating committee.
  - (1) Kalin: Sounds good. Anyone want to be on that committee?
    - (a) O'Connor: Yes.
    - (b) Kalin: Yes.
    - (c) Mollicone: Yes.
    - (d) Kalin: I appoint Ken Legler to the committee.
- g) Kalin: Reach out to the committee with names and thoughts
- h) Wilkinson: We can't execute on the new structure (regional, cross-regional, conference) until November, but we should start thinking about that process in early Fall 2020
- i) Kalin: Any questions?

#### **VIII. Updates on Women's TR Committee - Assad**

- A. We've been directed by ICSA leadership to focus on getting the Women's TR National Championship in during the regular season.
  - 1. Likely Weekend 11 or 12 during the Spring
- B. Pizzo: How would we qualify for this?
  - 1. Assad: Unknown as of now.
- C. Assad: NEISA might do a selection based on the Women's TR circuit during the Spring. NEISA might also just schedule a qualifier.
- D. Bresnahan: Is there a discussion of overlay? Can't the Coed Championship and the Women's TR be the same weekend?
  - 1. Assad: We've discussed that and have consulted many alumni, but we concluded it would dilute women's and coed sailing if we did them on the same weekend.
- E. Bresnahan: I argue you're diluting women's sailing if you don't overlay them.
- F. Kalin: Mollicone texted me and asked about NEISA and ICSA dues. To answer: I don't know the answer.
- G. Pizzo: I think the ICSA is intending to bill for the spring.
- H. Wilkinson: They'll bill dues, but not fees unless you competed at an interconference event this Spring.
- I. Pizzo: We should also ask about what to do if a University has us on a spending freeze.
- J. Assad: One other thing about Women's TR Nationals. How many teams do you think we should berth to this event? We don't have enough data about whether to move to a 10/12 team regatta as opposed to a 16 team regatta.
- K. Bresnahan: I think it should be eight with the top four moving on from each of the two events. I think that's one of the problems with our current coed team racing

M. Radtke: I like the 10-12 range because it would increase the number of teams from other conferences. We agreed that as a group 10-12 would be small, but that 16 would be too big.

**X. Next meeting: May 6th at 2PM**

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