

MAISA Annual Meeting

Preliminary Meeting Agenda

December 7, 2013

1PM

Call to order

1. Roll call –

Mike Callahan (GTN), Commissioner

Chris Stessing (UVA), Undergrad President

Bill Ward (SMC), Graduate President

Ian Burman (NA), South Director

Max Plarr (CNU), South Director

Brian Clancy (COR), North Director

Dan Thompson (HWS), North Director

Scott Ikle (HWS), Director At Large

Dan Winters, MAISA Scheduler

Charlie Hinkley (WM), South Rep

Others in Attendance, Shelby Locke CNU, Grace Bluefeld CNU, Annie Eckmann CNU, Tracy Venella DRX, Chris Myers DRX, Reed Johnson FRD, Janel Zarkowsky GTN, John Pearce GWU, Alex Ambrosi HU, Nick Caffrey IUP, Vinny Mattiola IUP, Amanda Haran IUP, Karl Richter IUP, Michael Collins KP, Lee DiRubbo MON, Mary Hall NA, Zach Runci NYM, Russ O' Reilly NYM, Cara Vavolotis ODU, Charles Higgins ODU, Andy Cecchi PIT, Finn Hobson PIT, Max Reo RUT, Steven Thomas RUT, Zach Kyritsis SBU, Geoff Loffredo SBU, Jason Rose SBU, Skip Kovacs SJU, Harmen Rockler SYR, Thomas Kibbe UMD, Jackson Dunitz UMD, Conor Waller UMD,

David Bigdon UMD, Jack Swikart UPN, Skip Swikart UPN, Sam Patterson UVA, Matt Newborn VIL, Connor Blouin WAC, Max Kurland WAC

2. Additions to the Agenda

3. Treasurers Report

The treasurers report was handed out to the group. Commissioner Callahan noted that any issues with paying dues were due to teams not updating their contact page on the ICSA website.

4. Report from ICSA Standing Committees – Commissioner Callahan noted that the lack of reports from ICSA Committees has a lot to do with the fact that the MAISA meeting is now before the ICSA Mid-Year meeting.

a. All-American (Adam Werblow)

No Report

b. Appeals

No Report

c. Eligibility (Charles Higgins)

There were a few cases brought to the eligibility committee in the fall season. Both cases were answered by referring to the ICSA Eligibility book that can be found on the website.

d. Hall of Fame (Joe Sullivan)

No Report

e. Rules (Bill Ward)

No Report

f. Communications (Reed Johnson)

No Report

g. Afterguard (Brian Clancy)

No Report

h. Academic All-America (Dan Thompson)

Dan Thompson informed the group that there were a few changes in the Academic All-America process last year. The main improvement was that results were out a lot quicker and there were no limitations on the number of students from a team that could be nominated.

i. Championship and Competition (John Pearce and Scott Ikle)

Scott and John reported that the changes to note are that all spring nationals are together this year and there are no semifinals on an earlier weekend. The committee is discussing what to do about ICSA Banquets at Nationals events and whether we should continue having them now that the number of teams is so large. The Committee is also looking into whether Team Race nationals should be 14 or 16 teams and what the format of the event should be.

Old Business

1. MAISA Policies in case a Championship Event does not take place.

There was considerable discussion about what to do for MAISA Championship Regattas in the event that they cannot be held at their scheduled time or location. The first part of the discussion concerned the Van Duyne and Faye Bennett regattas. The group discussed whether it was preferable to use previous events or to have resumes determine berths. Some coaches discussed the idea of having a backup plan that included a BYOB event. The discussion then moved on to the Spring Championship events. The group discussed whether we should schedule make-up regattas on weekend 14 in case a conference championship isn't completed on time. After some more discussion a committee was formed to look at the policies and make recommendations to the MAISA Executive

Committee. Those on the committee are Scott Ikle (HWS), John Pearce (GWU), Charles Higgins (ODU), Skip Swikart (UPN), Brian Clancy (COR).

2. Should MAISA schools be allowed to enter a second team at MAISA qualifiers? MAISA teams can't have a 2nd team at a MAISA qualifier.

According to MAISA Regulations schools can enter a 2nd team at MAISA Minor Events. The question raised was whether a MAISA Qualifier is a minor event. After considerable discussion a motion was m/s/c stating that "MAISA Qualifiers are not Minor Events". This means schools cannot add a second team at North/South/Central Dinghy Qualifiers.

3. MAISA Regatta Hosting Rotations.

Scott Ikle led a discussion about the Hosting rotation for MAISA events. Scott has gone over the rotation and pointed out some issues that might come up in the future. The rotation for the Club Championships was discussed. Lee DiRubbo from Monmouth mentioned that his school would like to host but can't on the regularly scheduled weekend since their docks are not in. An informal poll of teams showed that a rotation of hosts was most desirable for the Club Championship. Scott Ikle and Dan Winters offered to look at the hosting rotation and regatta weekends to come up with a workable solution.

New Business

1. MAISA Scheduling system. Should the War and America trophy be the only events to count in determining the schedule rank? (Brian Clancy)

Brian Clancy asked the group whether we could do a better job with determining the scheduling rank. Brian asked whether it would be better to use the point total from the War and America as opposed to the finish position. Considerable discussion ensued. No proposal was offered.

2. MAISA Executive Committee Meetings – can we do another time other than 8:30PM? (Brian Clancy)

Brian Clancy asked the group whether the 8:30PM start time was the best time for the meetings. Since the vast majority of those on the calls are coaches Brian felt that a call during normal business hours would be preferable. Commissioner Callahan noted that the undergrad president Chris Stessing and South Rep Charlie Hinkley have done a great job being on every call and he wanted to make sure that undergrads were considered when we come up with call times. Chris Stessing noted that undergrads should have at least 45 minutes available during the day to be on a call. Commissioner Callahan promised to try to schedule calls during business hours provided that it fits with everyone's schedules.

3. Membership:

a. **Reminder: Any school in Regular or Regular-Provisional status which has not participated in a scheduled regatta within the prior 4 seasons will be dropped to Associate Status and not included in the count of members to determine allocation of upcoming National Championships.**

b. **Request by Stony Brook to be upgraded to Provisional Membership –**

Jason Rose the faculty advisor for Stony Brook spoke on behalf of his team. He reported that the team had 60 team members and competed in 6 events last semester. He said the team has grown each year and are ready to take the next step. Commissioner Callahan noted that if Joe Sullivan were in attendance he would say the key to a team's success is having good adult supervision and he applauded Jason for his commitment to SBU. A motion was m/s/c to upgrade Stony Brook to Provisional Member.

c. **Request by Indiana University of Pennsylvania to be admitted as Associate Member –**

Karl Richter spoke on behalf of IUP. The school is one hour south of Pittsburgh and has 25 active members. They practice in a fleet of 6 JY15's. Karl noted that the team has gone through 300 hours of classroom education and has three USSailing certified instructors on the team. Commissioner Callahan noted that the faculty advisor for IUP Kenneth Sherwood is very involved in the program and that bodes well for their future. A motion was m/s/c to approve IUP for Associate membership in MAISA.

d. Request by Catholic University to be admitted as Associate Member.

Commissioner Callahan spoke on behalf of the CU team. He mentioned that Catholic has an active team led by Sarah Seski. The team recently purchased four 420's and practices regularly at the Washington Sailing Marina. The team is part of the club sports department and is supported by the school. A motion was m/s/c to accept Catholic University as an Associate Member.

3. Awards

Commissioner Callahan noted that MAISA will be nominating people for the following awards and he asked that members think about nominating deserving people from the Conference.

Purrington Award (Senior Outstanding Contribution) Please start thinking about potential nominees from your team. This award is to be given to the graduating senior from MAISA each year who has made outstanding contributions to college sailing through his/her efforts, not only by competing, but in the promotion of the sport, by fostering sportsmanship among teams, maintaining quality of competition, and contributing to the overall performance of our conference. The recipient is not necessarily the best sailor in MAISA but embodies the selfless spirit of true competition and commitment to excellence in support of college sailing in our conference.

LIFETIME SERVICE.

Recognizing a career of extraordinary service to college sailing, whether as volunteer or professional; one honoree per year; nominees must have passed their 60th birthday.

Commissioner Callahan presented Dan Winters with his Lifetime Service Award from the 2012-2013 Season.

GRAHAM HALL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE BY A COLLEGE SAILING PROFESSIONAL.

Recognizing organizers, administrators, advisors, or coaches who have served the best interests of college sailing at the club/team, conference, or national level; one or two honorees per year; nominees must have passed their 45th birthday.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE - VOLUNTEER.

Recognizing those who have volunteered their time, talent, or resources to advance the interests of college sailing at the club/team, conference, or national level; one or two honorees per year; nominees must have passed their 45th birthday.

5. MAISA All-Conference Team –

Commissioner Callahan appointed a committee to select the All-Conference Team. The committee will be chaired by Ian Burman (NA). The Committee includes Dan Thompson (HWS), Brian Clancy (FRD), Russ O'Reilly (NYM), Charles Higgins (ODU), Reed Johnson (FRD) and Janel Zarkowsky (GTN).

6. ICSA Issues – What issues do we want to bring up at the ICSA Midwinter meeting in Park City on January 11, 2014. The following are items MAISA would like added to the Mid Winter Meeting Agenda.

i) Sloop Nationals – We will bring an update for the 2014 Match Racing Nationals.

ii) Proposal to remove the requirement to have a signature on RP Forms (Charles Higgins)

iii) Propose to adjust eligibility rules from no more than 5 years and 8 seasons to no more than 5 years and no more than 4 fall or spring semesters. This is to eliminate the possibility of someone competing in 5 National Championships. (Charles Higgins)

iv) Propose dropping the requirement of having a maximum of 2 races per boat for a Dinghy Rotation. (Brian Clancy)

7. Appointing ICSA Committee Reps.

The following individuals were appointed to be MAISA

reps to ICSA Committees.

A. Afterguard – Brian Clancy

B. All Academic – Dan Thompson

C. All American – Adam Werblow

D. Championships and Competition – John Pearce and Scott Ikle

E. Communication – Reed Johnson

F. Eligibility – Charles Higgins

G. Hall of Fame – Joe Sullivan

H. Intersectional Schedule – Dan Winters

I. Membership and Development – Max Plarr

J. Rules – Bill Ward

9. Election of MAISA Officers for 2014.

a. North Director – Dan Thompson (HWS)

b. South Director – Max Plarr (CNU)

c. MAISA Undergrad President – Jack Swikart (UPN)

d. North Rep – Greg Reppucci (COR)

e. South Rep – Mary Hall (NA)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10PM.