

MAISA Executive Committee Conference Call Minutes
February 23, 2016

Participant List:

Michael Callahan, MAISA Commissioner
Ian Burman (NA) Graduate President, Scott Ikle (HWS) Director-At-Large; Dan Thompson (HWS) North Director; Max Plarr (CNU) South Director; Charles Higgins (ODU) South Director, Shira Golub (GWU) South Undergrad Rep; Dan Winters, MAISA Scheduler; Adam Werblow (SMC), Bill Ward (SMC), Pat Firth (WM), Brian Clancy (COR), John Pearce (GWU), John Garth (MON), Geoff Loffredo (SBU), MaryEllen Markuske (SJC).

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Treasurer Update – Commissioner Callahan noted that Invoices have been sent out and that teams have until April 22 to pay. Teams cannot sail if they haven't paid their bill by April 22.
- 3) Update from the ICSA Winter Meeting in Park City – Commissioner Callahan updated the group on the items discussed at the ICSA Mid Year Meeting in Park City. The Women's Semifinals will now feature 36 teams, up from 28 last year. This will hopefully mean more opportunity for MAISA Women's teams to compete at the National Championship.
- 4) Discussion about fall dinghy qualifiers and whether out of region teams should be allowed to compete.

There have been questions about whether teams from the Central or North could attend the South Qualifier and vice versa. Commissioner Callahan asked the group whether they thought that was a good idea. After some discussion and a noted objection by Ian Burman (NA) the following motion was M/S/C "Starting in Fall 2016 teams can only compete in the Dinghy qualifier from the region they are in." This means South teams can only compete in the South Qualifier. North teams can only compete in the North Qualifier. Central teams can only compete in the Central Qualifier.

- 5) Discussion of rules for 2nd teams at MAISA Minors. Do we like what we have?
Commissioner Callahan asked the group whether they felt that our current rules for adding a 2nd team to a MAISA minor were sufficient. There was considerable discussion. Dan Winters noted that the majority of 2nd team berths were coming from teams ranked 13 and higher. Ian Burman suggested that perhaps we could give priority to teams that would add a women's team as their second team. The discussion ended with no proposal. Commissioner Callahan said he would bring the question up again at the next meeting for more discussion.

- 6) MAISA performance ranking discussion.
Former MAISA undergraduate president Jack Swikart (UPN) created a performance ranking system based on the one NEISA uses and created a formula and ranking for the fall semester. Commissioner Callahan appointed a Committee to look into whether MAISA should adopt a Performance Ranking System. The Committee will consist of Bill Ward (SMC), Ian Burman (NA), Brian Clancy (COR), Scott Ikle (HWS), John Pearce (GWU) and Mike Callahan (GTN).

- 7) Prosser Trophy Qualification System
Charles Higgins asked the group whether they thought the current Prosser Trophy Qualification system is the best we can do. Charles wondered whether we should either add more teams to the Prosser or Challenge or have less teams qualify for the Prosser for the War. Considerable discussion ensued. Brian Clancy (COR) favored adding more teams to the Prosser. Scott Ikle (HWS) felt that an eight team Prosser was the best format. No motion was made and Commissioner Callahan encouraged the group to talk about this more ahead of our next meeting.

The next MAISA Executive Committee Conference Call is scheduled for Tuesday March 22 @ 12PM