



**Interscholastic Sailing Association
Annual General Meeting
October 31, 2014
Bellingham, Washington**

Meeting of the Members

The meeting of the Members was called to order by President Tim Hogan at 9:31am.

President's Report: ISSA keeps making forward progress with TechScore online adding more value to members and schools. The database and website have been updated with TechScore the 3rd. Tim would like to focus on Districts and improvements for the future with goals of ISSA in mind.

Treasurer's Report: From a liquidity standpoint, ISSA is in good shape. Looking at the Income Statement, we are projecting a \$22k loss, but this reflects a support of the website, database & scoring program amortized over a 3-year period. An increase to ODM is also reflected but Danielle Richards is available more to assist Districts with the database/District websites & scoring program but also reflects a one-time bonus for Danielle's time, approved by the ISSA Board. M/S/C to approve the financial statements. *Financial statement included as an attachment to these minutes.*

Nominating Committee: Rob Hurd presented the report and NESSA will have their nominee by the weekend. No other names were put forward. M/S/C to close nominations. M/S/C to approve the slate as presented.

District	Director	Second
MASSA	Randy Stokes	Randall Nunn
MISSA	Frank Ustach	Sharon Garber
NESSA	Andrew Nugnes	TBD
NWISA	Burke Thomas	Scott Wilson
PCISA	Mike Segerblom	Forrest Gay
SAISA	Todd Fedyszyn	Ryan Hamm
SEISA	TBD	Joann Willits

At Large:

Name	Role	Term Expires
Tim Hogan	President	Nov 2015
Rob Hurd	Vice President, Clerk of Corp	Nov 2016
Malinda Crain	Secretary	Nov 2016
Andrew Cole	Treasurer; Legal Counsel	Nov 2015
Bill Campbell	Race Operations Chair	Nov 2015
Don Shea	Immediate Past President	Nov 2016
George Linzee	Safety Officer	Nov 2016

M/S/C to adjourn meeting at 9:45am



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Meeting of the Board of Directors

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 9:48am. Those in attendance were: Malinda Crain, Todd Fedyszyn, Sharon Garber, Forrest Gay, Tim Hogan, Rob Hurd, Randall Nunn, Mike Segerblom, Don Shea, Randy Stokes, Burke Thomas, Joann Willits, Scott Wilson, Scott Boye, Jerelyn Biehl, Sherri Campbell (Treasurer's Report) and Danielle Richards.

Rob Hurd asked for nominations for President with Tim Hogan presented. M/S/C to close nominations. M/S/C to elect Tim Hogan as President.

District Reports:

MASSA: Randy Stokes reported the District has expanded due to good racing on a good schedule.

Successful points in our District

- Scheduling with less travel across District (more within leagues)
- Rotating championships throughout the 5 different leagues (registration operating costs shared by rotation of events)
- Regatta Standards Director (Scott Ellis) appointed to oversee all events and works with regatta hosts
- Accepting dues online has streamlined and simplified the Treasurer position within the district
- Delegation of duties within the District helps to share the workload

Changes in progress

- Creating a slate of umpires: asked each league to produce an assistant coach that has passed the umpire test and vetted through league team racing to bring forward to create a stable of umpires with consistent calls.
- TechScore: creating a wish list for future changes. System very much appreciated by parents, coaches & local scoring people.
- Allocation based on active teams and registration for team & fleet racing. Challenge is the timing of reporting of numbers.

Suggestion by group: 2nd tier Fleet racing to help put more sailors on the water (like a Silver fleet championship)

A poll of District dues & event fees was taken:



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	<i>ISSA Dues</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>League</i>	<i>Total Dues</i>	<i>District events average/ (Notes)</i>	<i>Notes</i>
MASSA						
NYISA NW	\$85.00	\$40.00	\$25.00	\$150.00	no racing fees	
NYISA SE	\$85.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$10-\$20/sailor/event	
NJISA	\$85.00	\$40.00	\$100.00	\$225.00	no racing fees	
VISA	\$85.00	\$40.00	*	\$125.00+	(league dues varies from \$50-\$500 depending on goals and needs) no racing host fee	
MDISA	\$85.00	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$175.00	no racing fees	
MISSA	\$85.00	\$75.00		\$160.00	\$25/sailor (no higher than \$60pp)	
first year team (or >4 yrs away)	\$80.00			\$80.00	(MISSA covers ISSA portion of first year dues)	
regular	\$80.00	\$80.00		\$160.00		
NESSA	\$85.00	\$25.00		\$110.00	fleet racing \$25/team; team racing \$50/team; singlehanded \$10/boat	NESSA purchases trophies & pays Umpires \$30/day, \$50 for 2 day event)
NWISA					1 day: \$5-10pp; 2day: \$15-20pp; Dist: \$35pp	
3 or less people	\$85.00	\$15.00		\$100.00		
4 or more people	\$85.00	\$75.00		\$160.00		
PCISA					\$120-140/team for district events, \$20-30 for league events	
NorCal	\$85.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$125.00		
SoCal	\$85.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$125.00		
SAISA					\$35-45 team/one day \$65-85/team 2 day	
Coastal	\$85.00	\$25.00		\$110.00		
Inland	\$85.00	\$25.00		\$110.00		
Carribbean	\$85.00	\$25.00		\$110.00		
SEISA	\$85.00	\$25.00		\$110.00	\$20 Cressy; \$70 Baker/Mallory combined (1 day each)	



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PCISA: Mike Segerblom

Successful points in our District

- Moving to paypal/online payment has increased efficiency.
- Interesting growth: growth more in number of sailors on teams rather than number of teams
- Rules have been sorted (just need people to read them); competition is strong. Problems are: too many people, too many regattas
- Dovetail PCISA calendar with Yacht Club youth calendars

Changes in progress

- Hawaii a work in progress
- Knowledgeable unbiased leadership hard to come-by.
- Discussion of use of online registration (\$5-7k cost) that possibly 3 districts are interested in, to ease administrative process of regatta registrations. ISSA & District dues will be processed prior to the event as well (registration program will catch). PCISA offered ~ \$250 per event subsidy. Discussion of how to distribute costs.

MISSA: Sharon Garber

Successful points in our District

- Area communication: District monthly area (and 1 per state). Area VPs also have a call prior. Coaches & team advisors included.
- Transparency. Pre-season & mid-season emails with changes to rules/bylaws and qualification system and everything voted on.
- Point person for each event identified for better communication and to help solve issues at events.
- Tier system for qualifying working well.

Changes in progress

- Bringing new teams up to speed with registration, TechScore, rules, etc.
- Discounted rate for newer teams (or >4 years gone) subsidized by District.
- Online regatta registration system wanted
- Regatta costs too expensive. Kids encouraged to bring own food (too many dietary issues)

NESSA: Rob Hurd

Successful points in our District

- 21 regattas held in the fall with many volunteers to make it work.
- Communication via dropbox & Google docs with NOR & SAs
- Introduced PayPal to our membership. We hope, by the beginning of next year's team registration all NESSA teams will be using pay pal as their main source to pay for Team dues and regatta registrations.

Changes in progress



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- Challenge of repopulating our administration of the District
- Informing our ADs and newly turned over sailing coaches how to register, follow NORs, SIs and using the NESSA website for VIP information. Getting ADs up to speed on how our sport works, how it's District and officers operate, and how to get your team registered for the current season.

SEISA: Joann Willits

Successful points in our District

- Implementing a plan to organize District with calls every other week.
- Scheduling in the works

Changes in progress

- Looking for volunteers

NWISA: Scott Wilson

Successful points in our District

- Spring regatta schedule with 2 regions (N & S) with 9 regattas in 10 weeks with lots of participation.
- 2 events with meetings & a coaches clinic with communication with parents & coaches
- Sailing Foundation hired a youth director; will help HS sailing

Changes in progress

- Better/expanded fall racing schedule
- Need 6 race FJs on two trailers that can go to all regattas for new/ start up teams to use as they get going
- More regattas in Oregon for South OR teams/growth

SAISA: Todd Fedyszyn

Successful points in our District

- Increase in numbers of teams & participation
- Substantial changes to supplemental rules so North & South mirror each other.
- Second major changes was the elimination of 8th graders/composite/split teams from being permitted to sail as a varsity team in any point series event. The sup rules were re-written to read that in order to be considered a varsity team, you must be a team of 4-8 sailors in the 9-12th grade from the same school. If you do not meet this criteria, you are automatically considered a JV team for that particular event. This has made things much easier on our regatta hosts and scorers, by easily differentiating between varsity/jv prior to the event though registration, and not have to "figure out" who was varsity after the fact by sifting through the results.

Changes in progress

- With the size of the district increasing and more and more teams showing up at regattas, there seems to be a little issue at times the equality of boats that are being brought to regattas as no



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host has enough to support all the teams. We are working on appointing a regatta boat nazi who will monitor this as boats arrive for events to help keep things as equal as possible.

- The north part of the district is still struggling with the idea of having more teams at their events and, grasping the fact that in order to sail, you will have to bring boats to many of the venues. Some teams claim that their sailing center or club won't allow them to travel with boats, so these venues are having to work through this to make traveling to all events possible.
- The scoring program has received great reviews from all who have used it thus far, however, I am finding that some of our regatta hosts are still reluctant to try it out, and are trying to use their old school excel spreadsheet

Future Championship Dates:

Mallory @ USNA – Annapolis: 420Z and CFJ. USNA will host 100%.

Baker @ Chicago YC/Belmont Station: C420

Cressy 2015 @ ODU

Laser Performance relationship:

Collaborated press release with LP; Scuttlebutt edited out LP information but we regrouped with Craig and published.

ACC – open berths – contact Rob Hurd

Old Business

TechScore: Danielle will check in with each District over the winter to discuss any questions or issues.

Website: More communication needed. District Reps, please post more information.

Trophy Updating: Randall Nunn updating in Annapolis. Cressy may be out of room on front.

Safety Report: Suggested a semester report distributed to each District.

Procedural Rule Changes: Suggested more discussion and defer to a subsequent meeting. Suggested that one rep per District asked to discuss over email to speed up the process.

Proposal #1:

Changes to the content of ISSA PR 1.2 are *in italics*. ISSA PR is also renumbered for readability.

M/S/C as amended below

1.2 COMPETITORS

1.2.1 All competitors must be full time students, in the 9th grade or higher, of the school they represent, and subject to the academic and disciplinary requirements of that school. A student is considered to



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be in his or her grade for the school year, including past graduation or advancement to the next level, until the new school year starts.

1.2.2 Home schooled students may participate upon approval of their District Director by declaring the student's association with a team within the student's school district. Home schooled students shall, if possible, be associated with a team from the school in their district that they would normally attend. *Home schooled students requesting approval from District Directors must do so **at least 2 weeks prior to competing** by September 1st to compete in the fall season and by January 1st to compete in the spring season.*

1.2.3 Virtual schools students are considered home schooled students.

1.2.4 Teams (students) may not combine with teams (students) from another school to form a team.

Proposal #2:

Changes to ISSA PR 2.2 to reflect the new USCG PFD labeling that goes into effect 10/22/14

M/S/C as amended

2.2 PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES

Inherently buoyant personal floatation devices meeting U.S. Coast Guard regulations for Personal Flotation Devices, (PFDs) Type III or V *or those using the USCG terminology "wearable"* shall be worn, properly secured, by all competitors while on the water, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing. PFD shall be worn outside of all clothing and foul weather gear, except for a thin T-Shirt or team pinnie, which may be worn over the lifejacket to prevent snagging or lines or equipment. Inflatable type PFDs are not permitted. (Changes the preamble to RRS Part 4 and RRS 40)

Proposal #3: deferred to the next Board meeting.

Change Procedural Rule 12 and 12.1 to read:

12. TEAM RACING RULES AND SCORING

RRS Appendix D shall be used for team racing regattas, except as modified in this PR section 12. RRS D2.5 Two-flag procedure, and D2.6 Limited umpiring, shall apply.

12.1 TIES

(a) When conditions and time permit, as determined by the regatta chairperson, the chief umpire, and the ISSA representative, ties may be broken by a sail-off between tied teams.

(b) If time and conditions do not permit, or it is determined that sail-offs will not be used to break ties, then ties shall be broken in accordance with RRS D4.

Change Appendix 7 paragraph two to read:

Umpires on the water act as a "portable protest committee." They serve in a passive role, as they would be sitting ashore waiting for protests to come to them. Except in certain specific situations umpires do not initiate penalties. If you concentrate on the procedures for a normal protest, the whole process



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should fall into place much more easily.

Delete Appendix 7 paragraph six: "In the single flag.....reported to the protest committee."

This allows ties to be broken by a sail-off, if desired, and limits the umpiring to the two-flag procedure, and limited umpiring.

New Business

e-mail distribution lists: Mike Segerblom and Danielle Richards working on a ICSA and asked if there was a desire to set them up for each District. Suggest to gather more information & costs before going forward.

Meeting adjourned at 12:51pm