



**Pacific Coast Collegiate Sailing Conference
2015 Annual Meeting
Channel Islands Boating Center, California State University Channel Islands
1000 January 31, 2015**

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order & Appointment of Recording Secretary** – Undergraduate President Jeff Tedmori called the meeting to order at 1006 and made opening remarks. He welcomed everyone to CSUCI’s Boating Center. Olivia Godfrey (UCSB) was appointed recording secretary for the meeting. Jeff then turned the meeting over to Danielle.
- II. **Roll Call** – Commissioner Danielle Richards called the roll, the following institutions were represented. A quorum was established.
- | School | Undergraduate | Graduate |
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| Cal Poly San Luis Obispo | Katie Cornella | |
| California Maritime Academy | Elisabeth McKee (on phone) | Charlie Arms |
| CSU Channel Island | Jeffrey Tedmori, Kinsey Cohen | |
| Santa Clara University | William Pollard, Dylan Ale | William Larsen |
| Stanford University | | John Vandemoer |
| UC Irvine | Nick Weis, Brian Maclean, Kylie Sullivan | |
| UC Los Angeles | Kylie Sullivan | |
| UC San Diego | Nicolas Delfino, Brett Farrell | |
| UC Santa Barbara | Olivia Godfrey, Nino Helm | Brad Schaupter |
| UC Santa Cruz | Ian Spillman | |
| University of Hawaii | | Andrew Johnson |
| University of Southern California | John Coakley, Paul Chyz | Payson Infelise |
| Westmont College | Mindy Chow, Kalvyn Ngo | |
| Danielle Richards, Conference Commissioner | | |
- III. **Approval of 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes** – *Jeffrey Tedmori called for the approval of the minutes of the January 2014 PCCSC Annual Meeting. Nicolas Delfino seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
- IV. **Additions to Agenda** – John Vandemoer asked to add a discussion of the Gold/Silver events to the Agenda. USC asked for a discussion of the Fall PCC’s. Danielle noted that these would be added to the New Business.
- V. **Area Meetings** – The members present split at this time to hold the area meetings focusing on school reports, problems, and things that were working well. The areas were also tasked with nominating their representatives to the Executive Committee. At the conclusion of the break a representative from each group provided a summary. The biggest problems were in regards to transportation to events. Many students did not have cars that are capable of towing trailers forcing teams to rent trucks for this purpose. Several schools are in need of new or additional triple boat trailers. Several schools were looking to buy boats. It was noted that the San Diego Yacht Club would be selling 36 boats in late spring of 2016 (24 older and 12 new). UCSB is also fundraising for a new fleet and will be selling some of their current boats

once the new purchase is approved. Finances are a continual problem with less and less money coming from the schools. Teams are trying to build their alumni networks to help with fundraising.

There was concern over the number of California high school sailors going east. The group wanted to work on some outreach at high school events to try and retain some students. Since many of the teams hosted high school regattas they were going to experiment with an increased recruitment push and invite neighboring schools to help.

VI. **Election of Officers** – The North and South areas presented the following slate of officers for election:

- President – William pollard, Santa Clara University
- Vice President – Katie Cornella, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- South Director – John Coakley, University of Southern California
- South Director – Nicolas Delfino, UC San Diego
- North Director – Elisabeth McKee, California Maritime Academy
- North Director – Kip Wanaselja, Santa Clara University
- Conference Commissioner – Danielle Richards
- Graduate Vice President North – Blaine Pedlow
- Graduate Vice President South – Brad Schaupteter
- Graduate Treasurer – Sherri Campbell

There being no further nomination ***Undergraduate President Jeffrey Tedmori moved to accept the slate as presented. John Coakley seconded the motion. The motion carried.*** Danielle requested that all newly elected officers pass their contact information to her before the end of the meeting.

VII. **Officer and Committee Reports**

- a. **Commissioner** – Danielle summarized the actions that occurred during the recent ICSA Meeting in Park City. There were many coaches present from a variety of programs during the week and this allowed for productive discussion on the current state and future of college sailing. She encouraged all teams with coaches to send them out in 2016.

Since the last PCCSC meeting ICSA has expanded the eligibility requirements for the All-Academic team to make it more accessible to students with high GPA's who may not have the ability to travel to the interconference regattas or qualify for the nationals. There is now a minimum participation requirement of 7 weekends and a minimum GPA of 3.3. Students must also be a Junior or Senior.

The ICSA Championship Committee is reviewing the length and format of the nationals. There is some concern that 11 days is too long but there is equal concern about the costs and added time off of school if you have to travel to multiple events. They are looking for input from a variety of school and program types.

An ad-hoc committee was appointed to look at season lengths, specifically shortening the overall seasons. They are tasked with looking at the number of the competition weekends, the number and scheduling of championships and the current restrictions on competition.

There is discussion of developing a long range planning committee to develop a 5 and 10-year plan for ICSA. There is also discussion of reactivating the Board of Governors to serve as a fundraising arm for ICSA.

Incoming freshmen fall under a new eligibility rule. They have five years to sail four years, including no more than 4 of any one seasons. The current rule gives a sailor 10 seasons to complete 8 allowing them to sail 5 spring or fall seasons. The goal was to line up with the ICSA rule and to prohibit a sailor from competing in 5 editions of any particular championship.

The ICSA Board has reconfirmed their decision to eliminate the All American Banquets at Nationals. The events put too much of a burden on Nationals hosts. The All-American Committee is requiring online nominations for Sportsmanship, Crew and Leadership Awards. All eligible sailors should be nominated and self-nominations are welcome.

Lastly the Hall of Fame Committee is soliciting nominations for all awards, particularly Student Leadership. All teams should consider nominating their Team Captains, Leaders.

- b. **Graduate Treasurer** – Danielle presented the 2014 Financial Report and 2015 Budget on behalf of Sherri Campbell our Treasurer. The conference is doing quite well financially. The loss in 2014 was a result of the budgeted expenditure on the new website. This should allow us to realize savings in that category going forward. Everything else is stable. At this time, she sees no need to increase any dues or fees. ***Olivia Godfrey moved to accept the 2015 budget as presented. Kinsey Cohen seconded the motion. The motion carried.***

At this time the Board adjourned for lunch. The meeting was reconvened with all previously accounted for members present.

VIII. Old Business

- a. **PCCSC Sails** – Danielle reminded the group that the only sails allowed at PCCSC regattas were the new North Sails, unless it was a provided boat event (i.e. Stanford, some UCSB and USC events). Our contact at North is Alex Camet and they have agreed to keep 2 sets of sails in stock during the school year. If there was any confusion, there is a flyer on the conference website with the specifics.
- b. **ICSA Ad hoc Concussion Committee** – ICSA is encouraging teams to take the online concussion course offered by the CDC, at the beginning of every season. Later this year a survey/form will be going out asking teams to report when/where/how concussions are happening. At this time there is no recommendation to change equipment or mandate helmets.
- c. **5 Year Championship Host Rotation** – John Vandemoer asked that we look further out for championships hosts. 2016 & 2017 should be decided before the fall season. Right now we have:
 - 2016 Coed & Team Racing – San Diego Yacht Club
 - 2016 Women's – TBD
 - 2016-2017 Singlehanded – North
 - 2016-2017 Match Race – San Diego Yacht Club
 - 2017 Coed & Team Racing – North
 - 2017 Women's – South
 - 2017-2018 Singlehanded – South
 - 2017-2018 Match Race – North
- d. **Gold/Silver Regattas** – Stanford and CSULB will host Gold/Silver events. Sailors must sign up by the Tuesday night before the regatta so they can be seeded before Thursday. If your region is hosting than each school in that region is guaranteed 1 boat in Gold. Other sailors will be seeded based on fall results. Fleet size is maxed at 18 Gold/18 silver unless there are less teams. This is a scrimmage so teams are encouraged to help each other and coaches are asked to help all teams.

IX. New Business

- a. **Fall PCC's** – There was considerable discussion about the format of the Fall PCC's. Teams felt that 3 divisions made it too much of a stretch for personal, especially if the conditions were extreme. It also hinders smaller teams by favoring large teams with more depth. There was also discussion about rotating the venue however it was felt that very few venues could host an event of this size and Santa Barbara is central. ***John Coakley motioned to change the Fall PCC's, starting in Fall 2016 from 3 divisions to 2 divisions. Nicolas Delfino seconded the motion. The motion carries with a vote of 7 in favor, 2 against and 2 abstaining. John Coakley then motioned to make the Fall PCC's a rotation event. There was no second and the motion failed.***

- b. **Qualification for the Coed Conference Championship.** Currently, in order to sail in the Coed Conference Champs all teams must sail both of the designates (St. Francis and the South Designate). The top X teams from these events move on to the Championship based on the available fleet size at the finals. Hawaii asked for a hardship waiver to miss the South Designate when airline flight costs make it cost prohibitive to attend. They will always attend the St. Francis Invite. Concern was raised over years when Hawaii might not be as strong of a team. To be able to address this early it was suggested that as long as they finish in the top 10 at the Fall PCC's we would still consider them a competitive team and they could request the hardship waiver. **Katie Cornella moved that Hawaii may apply for a hardship waiver to be exempt from participation in the South Designate provided they place in the top ten teams at the most recent Fall PCC's. They are still required to sail the north designate and must place in the top ten at the Conference Championship. Jeffrey Tedmori seconded the motion. The motion carries.**
- c. **PCCSC All-Academic Team** – Following up on the earlier discussion about the All Academic teams it was recommended that each conference nominate individuals to a Conference All-Academic team. We as a conference need to decide if we want to be more or less inclusive than ICSA. ***John Vandemoer proposed that we open ours up to all sailors who compete in a minimum of 6 regattas. The first team members must have a GPA of 3.7 and greater and the second team members shall have a GPA of 3.3 and greater. Kylie Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion carries.***
- d. **Individual Award Certificates** – Danielle has sourced certificate blanks for Conference Awards. Teams can order prints for \$1.50/certificate plus shipping. Teams just need to email Danielle with what prints they need. They can also be customized for graduating seniors to acknowledge their years of participation.
- e. **Executive Committee Roles** – Danielle reported that the Technical Committee Chair has been a dormant position and we would be better served with 2 Graduate Vice Presidents, one for each region instead. They would share duties with the Commissioner, specifically development/sponsorship and regattas/awards. ***She moved that the Executive Committee be restructured to have a Graduate Commissioner, 2 Regional Graduate Vice Presidents, a Graduate Treasurer and the undergraduate roles. Nino Helm seconded the motion. The motion carried.***
- X. **Adjournment** – Jeffrey Tedmori called for a motion to adjourn at 2:47. ***Nino Helm seconded. The motion carried.*** The 2016 AGM will be held at Santa Clara University at a date/time to be decided.