

MCSA Spring Board Meeting
Thursday May 26, 2022
7pm EST

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
 - a. Expected attendance: Libby Reeg, Nick Zomer, Nadia Reynolds, Asha Baddi, Rachel Bartel, Carly Fraker, George Lockwood
 - b. Actual attendance: Libby, Nick, Geoff Pedrick, George Lockwood, Nadia Reynolds, Scott Corder, Asha Baddi, Carly Fraker, Gail Turluck, Craig Mueller
 - c. Location: Remotely via Zoom
2. Board updates
 - a. Libby
 - i. Vice Commodore
 1. Ivan
 - a. My name is Ivan Shilov and I'm a freshman (graduating 2025) at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. I've been sailing recreationally all my life but only began competing this past fall with the Illinois Sailing Club, and I've already begun investing myself in the future of the club and team.
 - b. I just began serving as Vice Commodore for our club in 2022, where my duty consists of organizing and running the recreational sailing side of things, along with boat maintenance and filling in for the Commodore when needed. I also work with the rest of the executive board to organize outreach and try to recruit as many people to our club as possible. I recently started racing Thistles with the Clinton Lake Sailing Association (the sailing organization at our home lake), in the hopes of acting as a liaison between the University's club and the lake's own club. Ever since we moved to the lake there has been a lack of communication between the two groups, and I am working on my own volition to bridge them together.
 - c. I am very interested in joining the MCSA board for similar reasons; to help keep the multiple university teams active and organized so that our racing can run smoothly and be inclusive of everyone. I know not every school has representation on the board and that can sometimes lead them to being forgotten when decisions are made, so I hope to prevent that from happening in the future by acting as a liaison for underrepresented schools. I hope you will consider me in the election for this position.
 2. John

- a. My name is John Sullivan, and I am a student at OSU (class of 2025). I am the Fundraising and apparel chair for Ohio State. I would like to join the board to better enhance everyone's sailing experience. I think I would be a good add on to the board since I have a large background in leadership including being an Eagle Scout, high school class president for two years and running my own business in Columbus. I've also known Nadia Reynolds for many years, and I know we can work really well together.
- ii. Illinois eligibility issue
 1. Eligibility email to be sent out at the beginning of the fall season
- iii. ICSA teams database - was able to update finally, does Nadia have access?
- iv. ICSA ED - June start date
- v. ICSA Spring Meeting
 1. [Split seasons thoughts?](#)
 2. Don't want to move too fast, wait on Reed to get into the ED role first
 3. Small midwest sailing teams, not much money to travel - this would be really beneficial in getting teams more involved/more successful
- vi. Trophies from Nicole
 1. Nick is going through Monday afternoon the 31st
 2. Gail - fundraising, find a permanent location that could have a display case, Maritime Museum of Chicago?
 3. Update website
- vii. Pre-fall season
 1. Send out email with info on techscore, add/drops, etc.
 2. Anything else that would be helpful for teams in the fall?
 3. Geoff - when you get bids for championships, MUST have race officials: chief judge, PRO, etc.
 4. Scott - hosting nationals soon? Singlehanded slot 2025, next time we could host spring 2025 (bid process), match racing all bids
 5. Gail - Fall first email should have links to ICSA PRs, MCSA ByLaws, etc., how to sign up for ICSA and MCSA list.
 6. <https://collegesailing.org/resources/rotations>
 7. Asha - We should also remind every team to update their primary contacts at the beginning of the season
 8. Nick - Add how fines and late drops work / triple check we send this as part of asha's welcome to the season email
- viii. Meeting to approve dues in August

- b. Nick
 - i. Proposed Policy changes
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gb-2m7M6KDrRW00gGXJE6igOsNBQOMQvMMI1hLMxEgk/edit?usp=sharing>
 - ii. Removal of the 25\$ late fine per month
 - 1. Reason: this is minimal income to the association, has been hard to enforce, late fees typically do not increase your rate of on time payments, nothing else is changing (teams will not be able to register at midwinters if they don't clean their slate, aka pay up... prior to the meeting)
 - iii. Updated payment methods
 - 1. We allow for payment via our "official online platform" now (via credit card); it's working very well and just wanted to make sure the wording was right here
 - iv. Removal of "3. Insurance"
 - 1. Reason: we do not participate in regatta liability insurance; it is actually no longer available to most organizations (US sailing no longer participates in regatta liability either)
 - v. Addition of expectations / documentation to include in the treasurer's report
 - 1. Reason: to increase the level of professionalism of the treasury and allow for transparency with regard to transactions on the book (and ideally catch issues at least annually when this report is provided)
 - vi. Additional of liability clause in the policies regarding events sanctioned by the association
 - 1. Reason: this is standard RRS 3 language that is typically included in NORs, with the removal of the "3. Insurance" policy it is important to make it clear once again that sailing is an inherently dangerous sport, etc.
 - 2. Please note: this clause is likely not enforceable; liability insurance is expected to be held by the school hosting the event or the location at which the event is occurring... this is very standard and how US sailing is approaching this from a national level as well.
 - vii. In accordance with the amendment policy we could vote on these at our first summer meeting, we can inform the conference etc. as well.
 - viii.
 - ix. This is the policy on how to amend:
 - x. **15. Amendments**
 - xi. Amendments to the MCSA policy must be approved by a majority vote of the MCSA executive board. Prior to any changes being voted on, the board must first hold a meeting, open to the conference, where conference members may ask questions and discuss the changes. The

conference must be notified of the meeting at least 14 days prior to the meeting. Any changes that are approved by the board will be effective 30 days after approval.

- c. Nadia
 - i. Weekly emails, communication, socializing when at events
 - ii. Meeting with new VC
- d. Asha
 - i. Working on getting fall schedule up to date
 - ii. Geoff - reflect on spring, try to have the MISSA schedule handy for future MCSA scheduling, limited number of race officials
 - iii. Plan for gathering feedback on regattas to determine regatta of the year
 - iv. Scott - resource for finding race officials
 - v. Match race regatta this fall - need to find a host
 - 1. Single mark set, committee boat, 4 marks, 4 keelboats, umpire boat for every 2 keelboats
 - 2. Columbia in the Colgates
 - vi. Bids for fall champs, singlehandeds (Nationals at ODU, provided boats), qualifiers will be BYO
 - 1. Nadia to talk to OSU @ Hoover
- e. Carly
 - i. Trying to keep up with website
 - ii. Update - LEIOR was awesome!
 - iii. Nick - we should meet with offshore reps to talk about the future of keelboat sailing in the midwest
 - iv. Articles - feature teams on the website/Listserv - recap on nationals, LEIOR
- f. George
 - i. Fall clinic - small keelboat clinic
 - ii. Reached out to Columbia and Chicago to see if we have access to their fleets
 - iii. Second choice, team racing clinic
- g. ICSA Committee Updates
 - i. Geoff - competition committee + others
 - 1. Emily - take place on committee since Geoff is term limited
 - ii. Gail - chair of ICSA Hall of Fall committee
 - 1. Hall of Fame report was submitted
 - iii. Scott - no updates, lots of regattas on the calendar this year!
 - iv. Craig - competition committee