



Midwinters '24 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information

Date: January 20th, 2024 **Location:** Harper Memorial Library
1116 E 59th St, Chicago, IL 60637
Room 130

Time: 09:30 CT - Roll Call **Meeting Type:** MCSA Midwinters Meeting
17:00- Adjournment **Zoom Link:** [link](#)

Voting: [link](#) **Presentation:** [link](#)

Meeting Recording: <to be added post-meeting>

Called By: Libby Reeg **Facilitator:** Libby Reeg

Minutes By: Libby Reeg / Nick Zomer

Expected Attendance:

Representatives from the following teams in person:

STMC, CHI, HOP, OSU, WMU, GVSU, MRQ, ILL, MICH, WUN, PUR, MUO, LFC, IU, NWU, MTU, STT, WIS, ND, MSU, HILL

Representatives from the following teams virtually:

SVSU, IOWA, NMU, UMN, OU, UNL, TOL, CLSU, UCIN, DEN, CWR

MCSA Board Members: Libby Reeg, Nick Zomer (virtually), Sam Bartel (virtually), Nadia Reynolds, Ivan Shilov, Abigail Paul, Rachel Bartel, Jack (LJ) Rutherford, Molly Sheridan, Scott Corder (virtually)

Others: George Griswold, Gail Turluck, Geoff Pedrick, Craig Mueller

Absence:

Agenda

#	Time	Item	Who	Associated Document	Voting
1	09:30	Call to Order	Libby R.	N/A	N/A

2	9:35	Roll Call	Libby R.	N/A	Link
3	9:45	Approval of 2023 Midwinters Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Review process for voting - motion, second, etc. b. Proposal: approve midwinters minutes from 2023 Motion - OSU Seconded - Illinois -Motion passes	Libby R.	Link	Link
4	9:50	Updates from the Board		N/A	N/A
4.0	9:50	Commissioner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. College Sailing 101 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. MCSA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Policies & bylaws 2. Email list <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Shared archive document complaining about lack of survey responses in the 50's as well -Encouraged and took a minute for everyone to sign up to listservs ii. ICOSA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Policies & bylaws 2. Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Libby reviews committees of ICOSA and encourages teams to find ADs/Coaches to apply to ICOSA exec committee -Covers eligibility and where to find answers to questions/case book 3. TIDE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2022 report b. Looking for new undergrad reps! iii. Techscore guidance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Another reminder to keep techscore updated, reviews importance of staying current -Ivan reminded that merging existing techscore accounts is simple and is done through account settings -reminder about unregistered sailors and to match/merge accounts -Reminded host schools to ensure RP forms are in before regatta is done (otherwise penalties occur) b. ICOSA Winter Meeting updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -ICOSA is trying to keep leadership more variable and diverse -Developing sponsorships on national level (Zim) c. SVSH & SafeSport 	Libby R.	-Email list -Techscore -ICOSA Winter Meeting Docs -SVSH Resources -Exec board interest form	Link

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -MCSA was one of the first conferences to put together SV/SH task force, and now it's finally been accepted by ICSA (yay us!) -suggestion to write up serious contract for your individual teams regarding these policies -Made known the ICSA Grievance process as a faster-than-judicial option for expelling student due to misconduct -Reminded all team leaders to take SafeSport training -Conference brought up that because our teams deal with minors, being up to date on US Sailing policy is very useful -Scott Corder mentioned all certified race officials require SafeSport yearly d. MCSA executive board elections reminder <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Reminded petition form process; will start at lunch -Reviewed undergrad positions, expounded slightly about responsibilities associated with each 			
4.1	10:20	<p>Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Annual Report (see link) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Burgee and stickers coming for sale this summer/online b. Interconference Fees Billing Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 2023 Interconference Fees have not been billed yet, ICSA typically sends an invoice in the spring. c. Proposal: approve annual disbursement for graduate officers, two hundred dollars (\$200) to the Conference Commissioner, and one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) to the Treasurer. The interconference coordinator declines this annual disbursement for 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Motion: Illinois ii. Second: OSU -Motion passes d. Proposal to add Libby Reeg to the MCSA Board of Governors to aid in the leadership transition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Motion: OSU ii. Second: Hope -Motion passes 	Nick Z.	- Annual Report	N/A
4.2	10:30	<p>Interconference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How to schedule/rules for inter- conference regattas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Not currently present, Commissioner went over his slides briefly -Sam has expressed frustration previously that regional teams are not taking advantage of -Concern is that if we don't use guaranteed berths, they'll disappear (had this scare with AQ berths earlier with ICSA) -Geoff /Scott Corder encourages to attend interconference regattas due to higher ranking and 	Sam B.	- ICSA Interconference Regatta Schedule -Link to instructional video	N/A

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> improving next year's draft order b. CR and R teams draft these separately -Teams shared experiences traveling for regattas 			
4.3	10:40	<p>Commodore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Conference summary -Overviewed process she took to recommend teams to move up status in MCSA -Encouraged more singlehanded sailors to compete this following year, conference wants to improve our national standings -Brief overview of TIDE taskforce, advertised for new reps from MCSA -Reviews team survey results 	Nadia R.	N/A	N/A
4.4	10:50	<p>Vice Commodore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Regattas Recap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Text-Em-All b. Midyear Survey c. Funding Overview 	Ivan S.	Funding Doc Text-Em-All	N/A
4.5	10:55	<p>Regatta Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Race documents for 2024 regattas -Scott Corder volunteered to review race docs for any team before they submit them to regatta coordinator b. Add/drop process 	Abigail P.	N/A	N/A
4.6	11:05	<p>Publicity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Active on the Instagram and Facebook B. Flickr used to post all MCSA photos C. New linktree in the instagram bio to important links D. Follow and send any/all content! -Reminded to tag all posts with MCSA and College Sailing 	Rachel B.	-Flickr -Instagram -Facebook -Social media request form (ICSA)	N/A
4.7	11:10	<p>Interteam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Website updates -MCSA currently occasionally hires out website design b. Newsletter 	LJ R.	-ICSA GearBox	N/A
4.8	11:15	<p>Clinic Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Clinic updates -Currently not present, no updates -Floor discussed possibilities of clinics, reviewed past clinics and the better parts -Friday (before regatta) clinics, easier to schedule? -Question about funding for clinics (MCSA Foundation and existing organization fund reserve can be used for clinics) -Geoff proposed idea of a one day regatta and one day clinic 	Molly S.	N/A	N/A

		-Many conferences are doing two 1-day clinics nowadays anyway, so there is precedent			
4.9		<p>Board of Governors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Update on match race <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -working on getting guarantee for match racing scheduling, in effort to get 3-5 years out calendar to yacht clubs -Motions to guarantee match race champs in 1st or 2nd weekend of October for the next 3-5 years -Conference in agreement -Geoff put emphasis on communicating between host and colleges to smooth out the regatta and make the experience better 	Scott C.		
5	11:20	<p>Foundation Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Overview & Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -George clarifies that the true purpose of the foundation is to ensure that the funds necessary to keep the MCSA going exist and are available (i.e. the foundation aims to support all MCSA related activity) 	George G.	N/A	N/A
6.0	11:25	Proposals from the Executive Boardf	Libby R.	N/A	N/A
6.1	11:25	Termination of members	Libby R.	N/A	Link
6.2	11:30	<p>Confirmation of ICSA Representatives</p> <p>Motion by - OSU</p> <p>Seconded by - Illinois</p> <p>-Motion passes</p>	Libby R.	Link	Link
7	11:35	<p>Proposals from the Floor & Open Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. MCSA representatives to ICSA committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Geoff Pedrick <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All-American Selection 2. Procedural Rules ii. Libby Reeg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All-Academic Selection iii. Scott Corder <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Competition/Championships iv. Craig Mueller <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Competition/Championships v. Carrie Ritter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communications vi. George Griswold <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eligibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Appendix needs to be changed to include Rose Bowl as championship vii. Gail Turluck <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hall of Fame Selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ensure there is a nomination 	Libby R. / Others	N/A	N/A

		to the ICSA awards for the MCSA Student Leadership Award 2. Grant Opportunities - LMSRF			
8	11:45	Election of Officers: Quick Overview of Positions & Process a. Must have 1/3 of member school signatures on petition, no duplicates for a given role b. Commitment to the role for at least one year, Commissioner - 3 year term	Libby R.	Link (see article VII for descriptions of each role) Nomination Form	N/A
9	11:50	ICSA Teams Database Updates	Libby R.	Link	
10	12:15	Break for Lunch			
11	13:15	Goal Setting & Fundraising a. Abby Reeg - Fundraising -overview of how to create fundraising plan and petition donors successfully (full info on slides) -More fundraising ideas, see US Sailing YouTube video about ICSA fundraising https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EFLP0GQCxzA -If you're raising funds over a few years, make sure you have a special account that will not go away at the end of the year, you may have to reach out to your Finance or Business Office for help with this! b. Lisette Boer - Social Media c. Bob Adam (Zim) - Boat Buying Guide i. Bob Adam - 401-338-8330 bob.adam@zimsailing.com ii. Adam Werblow - 301-904-1787 werblow@zimsailing.com	Libby R.	N/A	N/A
12.0	14:00	Election of Officers	Libby R.	N/A	Nomination Form
12.1	14:10	a. Commodore - Ivan Shilov		N/A	Link
12.2	14:20	b. Vice Commodore - Jack (LJ) Rutherford		N/A	Link
12.3	14:30	c. Regatta Coordinator - Alden Gort		N/A	Link
12.4	14:40	d. Publicity Chair - Guiliana (GG) Giacomini		N/A	Link
12.5	14:50	e. Interteam Coordinator - Fiona Naughton		N/A	Link
12.6	15:00	f. Clinic Coordinator - Marissa Tegeuder		N/A	Link
12.7	15:10	g. MCSA Commissioner - Caroline Bielski		N/A	Link

13	15:10	Adjournment - 3:15pm ET Motion By - Marquette Seconded By - Michigan		N/A	
14	15:10	Overview of Regatta Scheduling	Ivan S.	-Link to Regatta Scheduling Guide	N/A
15	15:15	Overview of CSR	Geoff P.	-Link to CSR -Link to Nationals Selection Guide	
16	15:20	Overview of Offshore Regattas & Match Race Opportunities	Nick Z. / Craig M.	N/A	N/A
17	15:30	2024 Regatta Scheduling a. Review of policy & process b. Online draft	Libby R.	N/A	N/A
18	17:00	Tentative End Time for Regatta Scheduling			N/A
19	19:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. All-Conference Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Open Skipper <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Charlie Herrick, University of Wisconsin 2026 2. Greg Bittle, University of St. Thomas 2025 3. Joe Serpa, University of Michigan 2024 4. Max Zhalilo, University of Chicago 2026 5. Abe Weston, University of Wisconsin 2025 6. Justin Skene, Purdue University 2024 7. Odey Hariri, Purdue University 2024 8. Gavin Dempsey, University of Wisconsin 2026 9. Nicholas Chesemore, Northwestern University 2027* 10. Brody Schwartz, University of Michigan 2024* 11. Joseph Thuente, University of Notre Dame 2024* 12. Billy Vogel, University of Michigan 2025* 13. Keegan Aerts, Western Michigan University 2025* ii. Woman Skipper <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marissa Tegeder, University of Wisconsin 2025 2. Mary Castellini, University of Wisconsin 2025 3. Luciana Solorzano, University of 	Link to award recipients	Location: Ida Noyes Hall, 1212 E 59th St, Chicago, IL 60637, 3rd Floor Theatre Dress Code: Yacht Club Formal Food: Buffet-style dinner will be provided.	N/A

		<p>Michigan 2024</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Nok In Chan, Purdue University 2024 5. Katherine Simcoe, University of Michigan 2026 6. Jacqueline Ruggieri, University of Wisconsin 2027 7. Claire Considine, University of Wisconsin 2023* 8. Nithya Balachander, Indiana University 2025* 9. Rachel Bartel, University of St. Thomas 2024* 10. Delaney Smith, Northwestern University 2026* 11. Grace Bray, Northwestern university 2027* <p>iii. Crew</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Asha Baddi, University of Michigan 2024 2. Abigail Paul, University of Michigan 2025 3. Maddie Fitzgerald, Northwestern University 2026 4. Cora Star, Northwestern University 2026 5. Hadley Zeller, Purdue University 2026 6. Carmen Lineer, University of Wisconsin 2026 7. Zachary Gold, Purdue University 2024 8. Alden Gort, University of Michigan 2026 9. Kerstin Hyer, University of Wisconsin 2025* 10. Carmela D'Antuono, University of Notre Dame 2024* 11. Lauren Bemis, University of Wisconsin 2026* 12. Emma Komis, University of Wisconsin 2026* 13. Claire Zhang, University of Chicago 2024* <p style="text-align: right;">*Denotes honorable mention</p> <p>b. Commodore's Plaque</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Nadia Reynolds, the Ohio State University 2024 <p>c. Woodward Plaque Regatta of the Year</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Hope College, Emma Biagioni Regatta <p>d. Benefactors' Trophy for the Men's Open Singlehanded Championship</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Billy Vogel, University of Michigan 2025 <p>e. Katherine A. Fellows Trophy for the Women's Singlehanded Championship</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Claire Considine, University of Wisconsin 2023 		
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