

MISSA 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

Sunday, November 10th, 8:00 a.m.

Chicago Yacht Club Monroe Station

Dial In - 724-707-2165 PIN 83706 (Listen only, must be present to speak or vote)

Board Members Present - Ted Anderson, Sharon Garber, Jeff Hudson, Chuck Nevel

On Conference Call – Lynn Frikker, Jamie Jones; **Absent** – Zac Hernandez, Carl Spencer, Matt Thompson

1. Call to Order at 8:00 am -Ted Anderson

The MISSA Annual Membership meeting was called to order. This meeting is held in accordance with our by-laws, Article VI, Section 1, which states “Membership Meetings: The Member Schools of MISSA shall have a regular meeting annually. The MISSA Annual Membership Meeting shall be held during the fall. The time and place for which shall be selected by the President and noticed through the publication in the MISSA calendar.” MISSA District Rule 1.4 states “The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern meetings of the Members,” so I will do my best to follow those guidelines.

The agenda for this meeting was distributed electronically, and we also have some copies here. The next item is roll call. Our rules state “1.5. Voting. The person listed as the Primary Administrator on the hssailing.org website shall cast the Member school’s vote, unless they have authorized a proxy to vote for the school.” So rather than a member school just indicating they are present, we need to make sure that an authorized person is representing the school. To expedite things, we had people sign in as they arrived. Sharon will read the schools that signed in, then see if we missed anyone.

2. Roll Call - Sharon Murphy Garber.

The net result of the proxy rule above is that we have will some people here with more votes than fingers and toes. We will try voting on things by show of hands, but if any of the individuals holding multiple proxies are in the minority, we may be forced to vote by calling the roll.

The following 59 Member Schools were present:

Arrowhead High School	Aurora High School	Avon Lake
Bay High School	Beaumont High School	Benedictine High School
Black River Public School	Bloomington Jefferson	Brother Rice High School - IL
Carmel High School - IL	Culver Academies	Davis A&M
De La Salle Institute / Chicago	Detroit Country Day	Edina High School
Fenwick High School	Firestone High School	Glenbrook South High School
Grosse Ile High School	Grosse Pointe South High School	Highland Park High School - IL
Holland Christian High School	Hopkins High School (MN)	Hyman G. Rickover Naval Academy
Jones College Prep	Lake Forest Academy	Lake Forest High School

Lane Tech College Prep	Lyons Township High School	Minnetonka High School
New Trier HS	Notre Dame Cathedral Latin	Novi High School
Olentangy Liberty High School	Rocky River High School	Saint Joseph Academy (OH)
Saugatuck Public School	Sheboygan North High School (WI)	Southwest High School
Spring Lake High School	St. Edward	St. Francis Desales
St. Ignatius College Prep, IL	St. Ignatius HS, OH	St Joseph High School
St. Paul Academy (MN)	St. Paul Central High School	Stevenson High School
Traverse City Central	University of Chicago Lab Schools	University School (OH)
Walter Payton College Prep	Washburn High School	West Ottawa High School
Westerville North High School	Westerville South High School	Westlake High School (OH)
Whitney Young	Zeeland West High School	

3. Approval of Minutes of 2018 Annual Meeting - Sharon Murphy Garber

Moved and seconded to accept the meeting minutes from 2018 MISSA Annual Meeting. Passed unanimously.

The next item of business is the President’s Report. Article IV Section 2 of our By-Laws states “At the Annual Membership Meeting the President shall make a report to the Member schools on the business of MISSA and plans for the upcoming year.”

4. President’s Report - Ted Anderson

A very brief summary of how we are doing: We continue to grow in number of teams and sailors. We have 131 schools now, 15 more than this time last year. Our growth in events has not kept pace. In fact, in MISSA we had two fewer regattas this fall than a year ago, we need more opportunities to get sailors competing. Overall, I think we’ve had a good successful year. I want to hit on two areas where I think we need improvement: scheduling and sportsmanship.

Scheduling is always difficult. In my President’s report last year, I wrote: *“Most teams end up having to make some tough choices once or twice a year. We work hard to set out a schedule that will allow a lot of participation at all levels, and lead to us sending our best teams to the three national championship events: Cressy, Baker, and Mallory.”*

This year was the worst, and I am not happy with how things ended up. On the positive side, we have Great Lakes and Shepherd running on the same course, which is really cool and something a lot of people have wanted to see for a while, so kudos to Chicago Yacht Club and Columbia on making that happen. The downside is that when Cressy Nationals moved from October to November, we essentially had to choose whether to have Great Lakes conflict with Cressy or with ACCs. In keeping with my remarks from last year, prioritized Cressy, so we ended up with a conflict between ACCs and Great Lakes, forcing four of our top teams into one of those “tough choices” I mentioned: whether to send their top sailors to represent MISSA at ACCs or to compete for our district’s fall championship. This definitely isn’t ideal, and we will work hard to prevent it from happening again, even if it means having to make changes to other events or to the Great Lakes qualifying schedule.

As an “organizing authority” with no facility or physical assets, MISSA is completely dependent on our regatta hosts. When I talk to potential hosts about adding high school sailing events, the biggest issues I hear about are a shortage of race officials and a shortage of part-time coaches to allow teams to host a Tier 3 while they are sending sailors to a Tier 2. Everyone needs to think about what they can do in their clubs to start developing a pipeline of people who can help run events. If there are things we can be doing as MISSA to support your efforts, please let me and the other board members know.

One thing I know we can do is be respectful and courteous to the regatta hosts and race officials. We’ve had too many instances this year of sailors, coaches, and parents being rude, argumentative, and disrespectful. I worry that good race officers and judges will start avoiding the high school events because of the unpleasantness. We live in the age of instant replay, star athletes arguing with referees, and making disagreements personal. As adults, we need to pull together and model good sportsmanship and respect for our athletes - even when officiating errors are made. And we need to insist on courteous behavior from sailors, coaches, and parents.

Improving in this area is going to be my top priority for the upcoming year.

5. Updates from Annual ISSA Meeting - Ted Anderson

The board of ISSA meets each month during the season by phone and once a year in person at the Cressy championships. It is technically two different meetings - a meeting of the members schools to elect officers, and then a board meeting. MISSA is represented by me as district director and Sharon as our district board member. Lynn is also an at-large ISSA Board member as the Safety Officer. This year the meeting was at Santa Barbara Yacht Club.

Each of the districts in ISSA has unique challenges. The Southeast (SEISA) area has had some organizational challenges. I am not sure what that means for the future of the Great Oaks regatta, we will know more after this year’s Great Oaks.

The main business of the meeting this year was the overall corporate restructuring of ISSA. PCISA was the “test case” and is in the new structure, some lessons learned from that process are being applied to the other 6 districts. Three of them MISSA, NWISA, and NESSA have a January 1 target date for the new corporate structure, with the other 3 to follow in 2020. MASSA will most likely go last due to the complexity of its existing structure.

The Rules Committee has a draft of the next quadrennial (2021-2024) edition, including all the changes it has reviewed and recommended so far. This will be published at the end of 2020, and we are way ahead of where we were on that four years ago. A new committee was set up to look at implementing a Code of Conduct, separate from the Procedural Rules.

We have a joint working group with ICSA (collegiate sailing) to look for options for maintenance support and enhancements to the Tech Score website. There were several responses to the Request for Proposal, but none offered exactly what we need, so the committee is going to keep looking at options.

The Sponsorship Committee reported some progress on an overall corporate sponsorship, but nothing definite.

Mallory this spring will be hosted by MISSA in Cleveland. Baker will be in Miami. Next fall is New England’s year to host Cressy, but they are going to host it in Florida. There is a push to keep it in Florida permanently, we basically need to follow ICSA’s lead on this, but at least for Fall 2020 the event will be in Miami area.

I would also like to call everyone’s attention to the Rose Bowl Regatta in California in January. It is a great opportunity to sail against some good West Coast teams. The NOR is posted. Please remember that MISSA rules require teams to get my prior approval to applying for any out-of-district regatta.

6. Treasurer's Report – Jeff Hudson

This year, ISSA increased annual dues assessed to the member schools by \$15, from \$85 to \$100 per school. For your awareness, the MISSA Board chose not to pass on this increase to the MISSA schools in 2019/2020 based on the strength of its financial position. The Board may consider an increase in future years.

The 2019 MISSA Treasurer's Report for your review and consideration. Our cash balance is \$29,933. As was the case last year, revenues have exceeded expenses. We will have a few minor expenses to pay before the end of the calendar year. These are upcoming and thus, not reflected in the following cash basis statement.

	2019	2018	
	MISSA 1/1 to 10/31	MISSA 1/1 to 10/31	
Income:			
Team Dues	\$16,380.00	\$16,135.00	131 & 116 Active Schools in 2019 and 2018, respectively
Regatta Registration Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Tickets	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Sponsorship	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Interest Income	\$0.38	\$0.27	
Other Income **	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$16,380.38	\$16,135.27	
Expenses:			
Accounting/Bookkeeping	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Bank/Credit Card/PayPal Fees	\$820.77	\$635.21	
ISSA Team Dues	\$13,780.00	\$11,135.00	\$100 and \$85 per School in 2019 and 2018, respectively
Office Supplies/Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Regatta Host Fees/Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Travel:			
Lodging	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Meals	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Transportation	\$0.00	\$1,350.00	18-Baker Qual Umpire Travel Exp
Trophies & Awards	\$502.11	\$1,513.00	
Other Expense **	\$0.00	\$80.24	18-Portable Rest Rooms
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$15,102.88	\$14,713.45	
NET INCOME/LOSS	\$1,277.50	\$1,421.82	
** Any entry here must be accompanied by a note of explanation			
Other Expense			
Cash Rollforward:			
Beginning of Year	\$ 28,655.79	\$ 27,255.62	
Net Income/(loss)	\$1,277.50	\$1,421.82	
	\$29,933.29	\$28,677.44	
	10/31/2019	10/31/2018	

Note - The ISSA Fiscal Year runs from July 1 to June 30.

7. Area Reports – Ted Anderson

All Area VPs are requested to nail down dates and venues for your pre-qualifiers, update the planning grid google sheet, and then start filling in your Tier 3s. I would like to get NORs for all Tier one and two regattas by March 1st.

East - Lynn Frikker – The East had multiple Tier 3 events this year. Area has monthly conference calls. Area is working to establish a rotation schedule for MISSA Pre-Qualifiers. Area is geographically large.

West - Matt Thompson – Spring regatta schedule - tentatively, Mallory Pre-Qualifier is scheduled for Okoboji (Iowa). Baker is scheduled to be hosted by St Croix/Wayzata. MISSA Baker Qualifier will be hosted by the West. Bids for hosting are open until November 30, 2019. Please submit your bids to Ted Anderson and Matt Thompson.

Central – Chuck Nevel (for Zac Hernandez) - Regattas – Culver hosted two regattas on the same weekend. We need more JV events in order to get more athletes on the water. Chuck Nevel coached @ Great Oaks Invitational in New Orleans – he noted that all MISSA teams sailed very well with tight fleets in many races. Good experience for new and developing teams.

8. ISSA/MISSA Corporate Restructuring – Ted Anderson

Handouts were distributed to members present describing the recent ISSA reorganization and a proposed corporate resolution for the corporate restructuring of MISSA. The proposed resolution as listed in the Agenda, was read by Sharon Garber as follows:

Resolution replacing current organization in favor of new entity and structure

Resolved, that effective January 1, 2020:

- 1. All assets, liabilities, rights, and responsibilities of the Midwest Interscholastic Sailing Association and its board are transferred to The Midwest Interscholastic Sailing Association, a Delaware Non-profit Nonstock Corporation; and,*
- 2. The current Bylaws of the Midwest Interscholastic Sailing Association shall be superseded in their entirety by the MISSA District Committee Bylaws; and,*
- 3. The five individuals currently serving as elected members of the MISSA Board (the President, the Secretary/Treasurer, and Three Area Vice Presidents) shall, effective January 1, 2020, become members of the "MISSA District Committee" with terms to end at the 2020 Annual District Meeting.*

Ted explained to the membership that by this resolution, a new legal entity, MISSA, Inc., will be established as a subsidiary of ISSA. The objective is to establish a consistent corporate structure to assist in insurance coverage, consolidated tax reporting, etc. While this will result in changes to the MISSA Board of Directors, MISSA will continue to be represented on the ISSA Board of Directors. A description of the new corporate relationships is attached.

There being no questions from the membership, a motion was made to vote on the resolution, seconded.

The resolution was unanimously approved by the member schools in attendance.

9. Spring 2020 Schedule – Ted Anderson

The MISSA Mallory Qualifier and ISSA Mallory Nationals will both be hosted this Spring at The Foundry (East) in Cleveland, Ohio. It was noted that the Foundry would like to borrow some boats for use during Mallory. These boats have been confirmed. Hosts are advised to use damage deposits to address costs to repair damages which may be incurred during the events.

Members were advised MISSA is still open to bids for hosting the MISSA Baker Qualifier (which will be hosted in the West) – Deadline is November 30, 2019. As of today, only Minnetonka has submitted a bid.

Draft Spring 2020 schedules have been posted to the MISSA website. These are visible by all as “Draft”. Events will become final when approved NOR’s have been posted to the MISSA website. Area VPs are requested to nail down Tier 2 events first, then fill in the other regattas on the schedule. Tier 1 & Tier 2 dates are known, but Tier 3 events are not yet locked down.

10. 2020-21 Schedule – Ted Anderson

- Bids are needed for the MISSA Girls Qualifiers & MISSA Keelboat Qualifiers. Bids are also due by March 31, 2020 for Cressey and the Great Oaks Invitational.
- Great Lakes Championship may be used as the qualifier for Atlantic Coast Championships

11. Procedural Rules Update – ISSA/MISSA – Ted Anderson

A question was recently raised at ISSA regarding the use of drones at ISSA sanctioned events. ISSA has drafted language that could be used by local hosts in NORs and Sis regarding usage of drones. Some venues are also considering establishing rules. Question of fairness was raised regarding drone use as a coaching tool during an event for limited teams. Stay tuned for further information as it becomes available.

12. Code of Conduct – Ted Anderson

Expect to see more regarding codes of conduct for competitors, coaches, and other folks supporting respective teams. Please remind everyone to be courteous around judges, race officials, and other regatta support organizations. These folks are volunteers.

13. Other New Business – Ted Anderson

- Chicago Yacht Club is bidding to host both the MISSA Girls and MISSA Keelboat Qualifiers on the same weekend next Fall. Ted requests that member schools and their reps provide him with input. One identified issue is several teams have girl team members who want to compete in both events.
- Question was raised regarding creating a scholastic year “All MISSA” selection/recognition. MISSA is open to discussion – recognition to include both skippers and crews. Interested parties are requested to formalize their thoughts for consideration by the Board.
- Sharon noted that Tech Score results have not been finalized by several regatta hosts. Hosts are reminded that finalization includes complete Record of Participations.

14. Adjournment

Motion made and seconded for meeting adjournment at 8:56 am.