

**NESSA Special Meeting**  
Sunday June 7, 2015  
Tabor Academy  
235 Front St. Marion, MA 02738  
**AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – 1210**

**Attendance:**

NESSA President – Andrew Nugnes  
Martha’s Vineyard – Andrew Burr  
Moses Brown – Chris Crane  
Portland HS – Dick Levesque  
Portsmouth Abbey – Jonathan Harley  
Sharon HS – Gary Werden  
St George’s - Roy Williams  
Tabor Academy – Rob Hurd

**2. New Business – a rewrite of article D of the By-laws**

Those assembled, debated and re-wrote a draft proposal to arrive at the following proposed by-law change. This proposal will be placed before the membership at the NESSA Annual Meeting Sunday December 6, 2015 at the [Wequaquet Lake YC](#) (Centerville, MA). The proposed changes allow for more involvement at the leadership level and spread the responsibilities out among the leagues in NESSA. League should start debating ExComm representatives and those interested in running for the “at-large” berths should keep an eye out for the nomination process information in anticipation of the proposal being passed.

**Proposal: That Article D: Officers shall be deleted from the by-laws and replaced with the following:**

**Article D: Executive Committee**

Section 1. The organization shall be governed by an Executive Committee (ExComm).

- a. The ExComm shall be comprised of a representative from each of the seven sailing leagues within NESSA (Cape & Islands, Coastal Sailing Alliance, Fairfield County, Maine, Mass Bay, Connecticut, Rhode Island) as well as two (2) At-Large members.
- b. The League representatives shall be appointed by their respective league and shall have a term of two years.
- c. The At-large members are elected by a vote of the membership, and shall have a term of two years.

Section 2. The ExComm shall appoint a President, Vice-President(s), Secretary/Treasurer, and NESSA Event Chairs from its membership.

- a. The President of NESSA has overall responsibility for the organization. They are a NESSA representative to the ISSA Board, run the NESSA annual meeting, and assist the other officers in the carrying out their duties.
- b. The Vice-President(s) of NESSA is/are in charge of Race Operations. They work with the various Event Chairs to make sure all NESSA Regattas are run properly. When the President is absent, a Vice-President fills that role.
- c. The Secretary/Treasurer is in charge of maintaining accurate and up-to-date membership records as well as maintaining and updating the website and other forms of communication with the membership. The person is also in charge of collecting dues and paying all organization bills.
- d. The Event Chairs are in charge of running the NESSA regattas within the guidelines of the ISSA PR and in coordination with the NESSA Vice-President(s).

**3. Other Business**

- A. Quick discussion on Conglomerate teams was had and the majority reaffirmed NESSA's and ISSA's long term belief in the school sponsored team for high school sailing
- B. The idea of a graduated dues system whereby dues were discounted if paid by the deadline (annual meeting) was discussed. Goal was to get all NESSA/ISSA dues paid by the annual meeting so that the executive committee could focus their attention on the Spring season. Proposal coming for Annual Meeting
- C. A penalty for using a sailing that is not in your school's database was discussed. Proposed penalty would be 5 pts/sailor for fleet racing and a 0.25 win deducted from the team total for each sailor used in a team race. Goal is to get all sailors in the database and make it easier for hosts to score regattas. The long term goal is for all coaches to have their own Tech Score account and be able to update their RP info via their smart phone, tabulate, or computer.
- D. There was a reminder that starting with the Healy trophy this fall, all competitors must wear team pinnies or a life jacket with the school's designation on the back, per a new ISSA Procedural Rules approved by the ISSA board this winter. If you need advice as to where to purchase pinnies, please ask.

### **New ISSA Procedural Rule**

For Fall 2015, ISSA will require Team Uniforms - All student-athletes competing in district regattas that qualify to a National Championship, and competing in ISSA National Championship regattas (Cressy, Baker, Mallory), shall wear a uniform designating their high school. The uniform shall be a pinnie (similar to a thin T-shirt) worn over the lifejacket, or a lifejacket with the school's designation on the back. To designate the high school, any combination of the high school's name, nickname, mascot, or other identifying image shall be present on the back of the uniform and, except for an individual's name or number, shall be the same for all competing team members. The image used to designate the high school shall be at least 8" X 8" in size.