

GENERAL BOARD MEETING
 Pendleton Coast Lifesaving Association
 April 18 & 19, 2002
MINUTES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

- I. Meeting called to order by Mr. McGowan at 9:27 AM.
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance - Mr. Rohrer
 - B. Welcome and Introductions - Mr. McGowan
 - C. Roll Call of Delegates - Mr. Beuerlein

CHAPTER	Members	Delegates	Delegates Present	Proxies	TOTAL VOTES
California State	93	4	4	-	4
Camp Pendleton	15	2	2	-	2
Capitola	0	0	0	-	0
Coronado	0	0	0	-	0
Del Mar	48	3	3	-	3
Encinitas	7	2	1	-	1
Hawaii	0	0	0	-	0
Huntington Beach	127	5	3	2	5
Imperial Beach	19	3	0	-	0
LA City	31	3	1	-	1
LA County Lakes	34	3	2	1	3
LACOLA	214	7	4	3	7
Laguna Beach	78	4	2	-	2
Long Beach	40	3	3	-	3
Mission Viejo	8	2	2	-	2
Newport Beach	75	4	4	-	4
Oceanside	20	3	0	-	0
Port Hueneme	2	2	1	-	1
San Clemente	31	3	2	1	3
San Luis Obispo Co.	30	3	1	-	1
San Diego	50	3	2	1	3
Santa Barbara	0	0	0	-	0
Santa Cruz	41	3	0	-	0
Seal Beach	44	3	2	1	3
Solana Beach	17	3	0	-	0
Tucson	1	2	0	-	0
US Ocean Safety	33	3	3	-	3
Ventura County	25	3	0	-	0
Members-at-large	0	0	0	-	0
TOTAL	1083	76	42	9	51

II. Approval of Minutes – Los Angeles City Lifesaving Association Meeting
(October 18 & 19, 2001)

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Diederich to approve the minutes as submitted.
SECOND: Mr. Godino
DISCUSSION: None
ACTION: MPU

III. Officer's Reports

A.	President	Mr. McGowan	ATTACHMENT	A
B.	Vice President	Mr. Rohrer	ATTACHMENT	B
C.	Secretary	Mr. Beuerlein	ATTACHMENT	C
D.	Treasurer	Mr. Moore	ATTACHMENT	D
E.	Recurrent Rep	Mr. Lombardi	ATTACHMENT	E
F.	Advisor	Mr. Richardson	ATTACHMENT	F

IV. Committee Reports

A.	Certification	Mr. Brewster	ATTACHMENT	G
B.	Competition	Mr. Parks	ATTACHMENT	H
C.	Exchanges	Mr. Graham	ATTACHMENT	I
D.	Heroic Acts	Mr. Richardson	ATTACHMENT	F
E.	Int'l Lifesaving	Mr. Brewster	ATTACHMENT	G
F.	Junior Lifeguards	Mrs. Boyer	ATTACHMENT	J
G.	Legislation	Mr. Brewster	ATTACHMENT	G
H.	Membership	Mr. Rohrer	ATTACHMENT	B
I.	Newsletter	Mr. Sandy	ATTACHMENT	K

- J. Public Education Mr. McGowan ATTACHMENT L
- K. Training Mr. Diederich ATTACHMENT M
- V. Committee Workshops (as directed)

Meeting adjourned for the day at 4:51 P.M.

Meeting reconvened on Friday, April 19th at 9:16 AM.

VI. Committee Reports from Workshops

- A. Competition Mr. Parks ATTACHMENT N
- MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Brewster to approve the report as submitted.
SECOND: Mr. Diederich
DISCUSSION: None
ACTION: MPU

- B. Exchanges Mr. Graham ATTACHMENT O
- MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Bartlett to approve the report as submitted.
SECOND: Mr. Mickley
DISCUSSION: Discussion regarding the practice of providing CSLSA funding prior to receiving a report from exchange delegates.
ACTION: MPU

- C. Heroic Acts Mr. Richardson VERBAL REPORT
1. Did not have a formal meeting, but did poll several chapters regarding an application submitted on April 18, 2002.
 2. Consensus was that the multiple rescue of some Mexican fisherman by two father and son teams at K38 in Mexico (51 degree water, 5-7 foot surf, patients were released to ambulance) did qualify as a heroic act.
 3. Committee recommends regional approval.
 4. Application will be forwarded to national committee.
- MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Gray to approve the report as submitted.
SECOND: Mr. Diederich
DISCUSSION: None
ACTION: MPU

D. Junior Lifeguards Mrs. Boyer ATTACHMENT P

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Long to approve the report as submitted.
SECOND: Mr. Graham
DISCUSSION: None
ACTION: MPU

E. Newsletter Mr. Lombardi ATTACHMENT Q

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Moore to approve the report under the condition that a written report be submitted to the Secretary for inclusion in the minutes.
SECOND: Mr. Richardson
DISCUSSION: None
ACTION: MPU

F. Public Education Mr. Williams ATTACHMENT R

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Bauer to approve the report as submitted.
SECOND: Mr. Lombardi
DISCUSSION: Mr. Moore clarified that the \$600 reallocation for the easy-up would have come out of Junior Lifeguard Committee funds and asked if the proposed Public Education marketing fees were going to be funded from the JG fund. Mr. Williams stated that the \$600 for marketing would be a retainer from the general fund that would only be used if needed. Mr. McGowan asked that the solicitation of Public Education materials from each chapter be listed as an agenda item for the 2002 Fall CSLSA meeting.
ACTION: MPU

G. Training Mr. Diederich VERBAL REPORT

1. Committee members discussed Mr. Diederich's list of possible courses for lifeguard careers.
2. Each agency is encouraged to send a representative to the next Training Officer's meeting on September 24th at 10:00 A.M. at Laguna Beach Lifeguard Headquarters.

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Long to approve the report as submitted.
SECOND: Mr. Bartlett
DISCUSSION: Mr. Peden asked if regional lifeguard academies were gaining support. Mr. Diederich said he thought the concept was a good idea that can be further discussed at the next Training Officer's meeting.
ACTION: MPU

VII. Old Business

A. Approval of Treasurer's report from Thursday, April 18, 2002.

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Mickley to approve the report as submitted.
SECOND: Mr. Richardson
DISCUSSION: None
ACTION: MPU

B. Reallocation of USLA Dues

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Bauer to not increase USLA dues.
SECOND: Mr. Gray
DISCUSSION: Mr. Moore stated that he did not support an increase in membership dues. He recommended that the USLA consider other options to raise funds and suggested that CSLSA offer to help by offering solutions or financial assistance. Mr. McGowan suggested scaling back the annual membership mailing. Mr. Moore noted that the cost of postage would soon increase. Mr. Brewster stated that the CSLSA Executive Board should have the discretion to "horse trade" on the dues issue. Mr. McGowan and Mr. Moore said that the CSLSA Executive Board needed to follow our members mandate according to our vote on this motion.
ACTION: MP (Brewster – No, Rohrer – Abstained)

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Richardson to give the CSLSA Executive Board the authority to negotiate a solution to USLA dues reallocation issue.
SECOND: Mr. Lombardi
DISCUSSION: Mr. Richardson stated that the CSLSA Executive Board should recommend that the USLA be more frugal with their membership mailings.
ACTION: MP (Rohrer – Abstained)

VIII. New Business

A. California Budget Crisis

1. Mr. Long addressed CSLSA Board members regarding impact of State budget crisis on State beaches.
2. Mr. Long stated that the State Lifesaving Association may seek support from CSLSA at some point in the future.

B. USLA Bulletin Board

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Moore to have CSLSA Executive Board recommend that competition e-mails be removed from the USLA Bulletin Board.

SECOND: Mr. Rohrer

DISCUSSION: Mr. Brewster stated that, as the USLA Bulletin Board Editor, he supported the motion to clean up the bulletin board.

ACTION: MPU

C. Future Meetings

1. USLA Meeting Dates & Locations
 - a. Spring - 2002
 - 1) Location: Daytona Beach, Florida
 - 2) Dates: 5/04/02 & 5/05/02
 - b. Fall - 2002
 - 1) Location: Chicago, Illinois
 - 2) Dates: 11/07/02 – 11/09/02
2. CSLSA Meeting Dates & Locations
 - a. Fall - 2002
 - 1) Location: Del Mar
 - 2) Dates: 10/17/02 & 10/18/02
 - b. Spring – 2003
 - 1) Location: Imperial Beach
 - 2) Dates: 4/17/03 & 4/18/03

IX. Privilege of the Chair

- A. Mr. McGowan thanked the Pendleton Coast Lifesaving Association for hosting the meeting at such a great site.

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X. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved to adjourn by Mr. Richardson.
SECOND: Mr. Mickley
DISCUSSION: None
ACTION: MPU; Meeting adjourned at 11:39 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael A. Beuerlein
CSLSA Secretary

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Attachments

- A - PresidentsMessage.pdf
- B - VPreport.pdf
- C - Secretaryreport.pdf
- D - Treasurerreport.pdf
- E - RecurrentRep.pdf
- F - Officerreport.pdf
- G - Sharks-Flags.pdf
- H - Competitionreport.pdf
- I - Exchangereport.pdf
- J - JuniorLifeguard.pdf
- K - NewsletterReport.pdf
- L - PublicEdReport.pdf
- M - TrainingReport.pdf
- N - CompetitionWrkshp.pdf
- O - ExchangeWrkshp.pdf
- P - JGWorkshop.pdf
- Q - NewsletterWrkshp.pdf
- R - PubEdWrkshp.pdf

Competition Committee Chair Report
April 18, 2002
Marshall Parks, Chair

CSLSA Championships

The Regional Championships will be hosted by the Los Angeles County Lifeguard Service at Venice Beach on Saturday, July 27, 2002. The Junior Guards will compete at the same location on Friday, July 26, 2002.

USLA National Championships

The 2002 USLA National and Junior Lifeguards Championships will be held in San Diego, August 8-10, 2002. The San Diego Organizing Committee has been meeting regularly and is busy preparing for the event. Please visit www.uslanationals.com for updated information, on-line registration and hotel assistance.

Rescue 2002

Approximately 25 Southern California area lifeguards will be participating at the Rescue 2002 World Lifesaving Championships in Daytona, Florida, May 7-19, 2002. The San Diego Surf Lifesaving Competition Association and LACOLA have agreed to share the cost of renting a truck to transport competition equipment back to Daytona. For more information regarding equipment transportation, please contact me at 619-284-1640.

Note: Thanks to Casey Graham and Jerry Merayo for volunteering to serve as drivers.

The Championships will include events for National teams, Club teams and Masters. For more information, you can visit the Rescue 2002 website at www.rescue2002.com

Past USLA Champions

I am requesting input in the development of a list of past male and female USLA national age group champions, 1980-2001. It is my goal to have the list completed in time to place in the 2002 National Lifeguard Championships program. Specifically, I am requesting information in the following order: Event, Age Group, First and Last Name, Chapter, Year and Championship Venue.

Input can be mailed to me at PO Box 880092, San Diego, CA 92168 or e-mail to marshallparks@aol.com

Note: 1980 has been identified as the year of the first National Lifeguard Championships held under the banner of the USLA.

Fall USLA National Board of Directors Meeting

After reviewing several competition rule change proposals during the fall CSLSA meeting, the Competition Committee agreed to support the following: elimination of the 24 hour volunteer requirement for former employee competitors and changing USLA course distances to match those used in international competition.

At the Fall USLA meeting, the 24 hour question was tabled and it was decided to adopt the international distances for USLA competitions.

Competition Committee
Workshop Report
April 18, 2002

2002 Southwest Regional Championships

The location of the 2002 Championships has been changed from Venice Beach to Will Rogers State Beach and will take place on Saturday, July 27, 2002. The Junior Guards will compete at the same location on Friday, July 26, 2002.

Rescue 2002

It was announced that a number of CSLSA lifeguards were planning to compete at the World Lifesaving Championships hosted by Daytona Beach, May 7-19, 2002. Lifeguards from San Diego and L.A. County have rented a truck to transport competition equipment to the event.

2002 USLA National Championships

A San Diego representative reported that preparations for the 2002 Championships are going as planned. The event is scheduled to take place at Pacific Beach, site of the 2000 Championships, August 8-10, 2002.

USLA Competition Rule Change Proposals

After discussion the Committee agreed to support a proposal to eliminate the 24-hour volunteer requirement as a prerequisite for non-professional members. This recommendation will be presented at the USLA Spring meeting in Daytona.

CSLSA Meeting Roster
Spring, 2002 at Camp Pendleton

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Exchange Committee Report
April 18, 2002
Chris Graham, Chairperson

Subject: California/New Zealand Lifeguard Exchange Report

The following topics will be discussed:

- I would like to thank the CSLSA and the Board for the continual support of the California/Auckland Lifeguard Exchange. I would also like to thank those agencies that contributed hats, shirts, patches, etc. to the exchange lifeguards.
- The 2002/2003 California Exchange announcements were mailed to the California Lifeguard Associations. I have flyers with me today regarding the exchange.
- Attached is a nice article in the American Lifeguard Magazine written by Shane Coward regarding his 2001 Lifeguard Exchange experience. Also included is an agency locator map, 2001-exchange schedule, a blank 2002 exchange schedule, host document and a historical listing of the exchange program.
- Last year we shortened the length of the exchange program from 7 weeks to 5. The 5-week program seems to be working out however, it is difficult to send the guards to San Diego and Santa Cruz. In committee, we will be focusing on how to best manipulate the traveling while visiting an equal amount of departments. It has been discussed to visit agencies every other year or split up a North and South. Attached is a map to visualize what we are working with.
- With us today is Gennifer Amthor from Seal Beach and Casey Graham from Port Hueneme. Gennifer and Casey are here to share their exchange experience. They will leave today with an exchange plaque to place in their agency for one year.

See you in Committee!

June 2002

Hello New Zealand Lifeguard hosts/contact persons:

I certainly hope all is well and the summer is off to a great start. Enclosed is the 2002 summer calendar for the visiting exchange lifeguards. **Thanks in advance for your help!**

The 2002 visiting kiwis are:

In order to accommodate the enclosed schedule calendar, hosts are responsible for the transportation of the exchange guards from your respective beach to the next. Each host should:

First – be prepared to receive the exchange lifeguards on either the morning of or the evening prior to (depending on your plans) your assigned day.

Second – arrange for transportation to the next location (depending on the next hosts' plans).

In addition, each host should do their best to provide the following for the Kiwis:

1. Introduce/Showcase your respective Lifeguard Agency – i.e.: geography, service provided, operational techniques and equipment, etc..
2. Provide overnight accommodations.
3. Show them the sights or places in your area which they won't forget!

The Kiwis are responsible for the following:

1. Helping out with the exchange schedule and travel. They have the same calendar and phone numbers. This schedule is not etched in stone and can be flexible if needed.
2. Their own food (although a home cooked meal will always be welcome!)

Also: Money is budgeted by the CSLSA for travel and related expenses for the calendar.
Example: Disneyland tickets, Bus/Train/Air tickets, etc..
The budget is \$400 and must be approved by myself (receipts are mandatory).

Very important! The 2002/03 announcements for the CA/NZ Lifeguard Exchange is also enclosed. The application deadline for California Lifeguards is Wednesday, August 28, 2002.

Sincerely,

Chris Graham

Chris Graham
California/New Zealand Lifeguard Exchange Chair
949-770-1313 x203

Letter from Dean Storey
Subject: NZ/CA Lifeguard Exchange

Dear Mike,

On behalf of Shane Coward, Surf Lifesaving Northern Region and myself, I would like to thank the vast number of people and departments of Southern California who showed us immense kindness and goodwill during our visit on the 2001 Lifeguard Exchange.

The 36th year of the NZ-California exchange saw us spend 5 weeks touring a number of different departments between L.A. to Imperial Beach. During this time we had the opportunity to witness and experience a huge number of activities, lifeguard and non-lifeguard related. The kindness we received exceeded our expectations hugely, and served to represent the genuine personal and professional qualities of the lifeguards in the Southern California area.

Thank you once again for a fun and educational experience. I look forward to the reciprocal visit of your exchange guards in December this year, as I can return the favor.

A special thanks to the California-NZ Exchange Coordinator Chris Graham for his exceptional planning and management of our stay. I couldn't imagine it going any better.

Dean Storey
Mangawhai Heads Surf Lifesaving Club

NZ/California Exchange Participants
History

Year	Participant	Year	Participant
1988	Tim Jago (Muriwai) Paul Fleming (Waipu)	1980-81	Michael Guest (Laguna Beach) Matt McCormick (Newport Beach)
1987-88	Jeff Koller (Huntington City) Herb White (Huntington State)	1980	Geoff Ward (Muriwai) Rod Bremner (Piha)
1987	Paul Taylor (United) Brett Marshall (United)	1979-80	Greg Crow (Huntington City) Rob Paterson (Laguna Beach)
1986-87	Finn McClafferty (Huntington State) Steven Halus (San Clemente State)	1979	Graham Cleary Ted Marshall Finlay Herbert (Muriwai)
1986	Mark Flavell (Ruakaka) Mellisa Holkenhal (Mang)	1978-79	Larry Robertson (Huntington City) Roger Gaymond (San Diego City) Jeff Mink (San Diego City)
1985-86	Kai Weisser (Huntington City) Michael Ashe (Lake Mission Viejo)	1978	Michael Scott (Mangawhai) Malcum Beattie (Sunset Beach)
1985	John Scott (Mangawhai) Mike Van Der Mespel (Redondo Bch)	1977-78	Mark Klosterman (Laguna Beach) Tom Redwitz (Laguna Beach) Larry Moore (San Clemente City)
1984-85	Mike Gifford (Huntington City) Rick Gould (Santa Cruz City)	1977	John Dormer (Muriwai)
1984	Duncan McKenzie (United) John Alderman (Redondo Beach)	1976-77	Mike Quinlan (Huntington City) Mike Huwe (Manhattan Beach) Jeff Giordino (San Diego City)
1983-84	Mark Reddick (Huntington City) Debbie Friedman (Huntington State)	1976	Robert Johnson (Sunset Beach) David Dinnen (Mangawhai) Bruce Dalglish (Redondo Beach)
1983	Tony Steur (Mangawhai) Peter Van Den Berg ()	1975-76	Tony Giedt (San Diego City) Tom McHale (San Diego City)
1982-83	Bob Gerard (San Clemente City) Fred Forsch (San Clemente State)	1971-72	Doug D'Arnall (Huntington City) Bill Richardson (Huntington City)
1982	Rob Ferguson (United) Greg Hall (Mairangi Bay)	1971	Rob Leary () Steve Allen ()
1981-82	Rene Taylor (Huntington City) Greg Page (San Clemente City) Grant Fletcher (Solana)	1969-70	Max Bowman (Huntington City) Logan Lockabey (Newport Beach) Phil Stubbs (San Clemente City)
1981	Sharon Flavell (Mangawhai) Shaun Thornton (Muriwai)	1969	John Thomas (Muriwai)
Note:	1975-76 Vince Moorehouse (leadership course Auckland) 1974-75 Bill Richardson and Bill Owen (lifeguard training school at Muriwai)		

2001 California - New Zealand Surf Lifesaving Association (Lifeguard Exchange)

EXCHANGE DELEGATES: Shane Coward - United North Piha / Dean Storey Mangawhai Heads

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1-Jul	2	3	4	5	6	7
Huntington City	OFF DAY	Arrive LAX	OFF DAY	OFF DAY	Huntington City Mike Bartlett 714-536-2581 714-898-6966	Huntington City
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Huntington City	OFF DAY	Newport Beach Jon Mitchell 949-233-7429 949-675-7876	Newport Beach	Imperial Beach Jennifer Sheldon Lg Regionals 619-628-1420	Imperial Beach Junior Guards Regionals 619-423-8328	San Diego Tim Chicetto 619-221-8800 858-270-0302
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
San Diego	OFF DAY	Del Mar Eric Sandy Mark Rathsam 858-755-1556	Del Mar	Del Mar	San Clemente Bill Humphreys Ocean Festival 949-361-8219	San Clemente
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
OFF	Camp Pendleton Vince Lombardi 760-725-2078	Camp Pendleton	Laguna Beach Mark Klosterman 949-494-6571	Laguna Beach	Laguna Beach	Mexico Chris Graham 949-770-1313x203
29-Jun	30-Jul	1-Aug	2	3	4	5
Mexico	Mexico	Seal Beach Ross Pounds 562-431-3567	Seal Beach	Seal Beach	Seal Beach	LA County Charlotte Smits Van Oyen 310-372-2166x1350
LA County	5	6	7	8	9	10
LA County	Lake Mission Viejo Ian Burton 949-770-1313x218	OFF DAY	OFF DAY	Fly Home		11

Contact Chris Graham @ (949) 770-1313 x 203 (949) 650-6944.

CALIFORNIA SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION (CSLSA), PO Box 366 Huntington Beach, CA 92848 www.CSLSA.org

Exchange Committee Report
Workshop Minutes
April 18, 2002

Thank you to those that participated in the Exchange Committee meeting: Casey Graham, Bob Moore, Boyd Mickley, Renee Boyer, Bill Richardson, Robert Williams, Charlotte Smits Van Oven, Jon Mitchell, Eric Bauer, and Chris Graham.

- There are still many details that need to be worked out over the next couple of months. For example, the length of the exchange and how to better transport the NZ guards from Northern California to Southern California.
- After meeting in committee it was determined that the committee chair will continue to determine what agencies our guests will visit as opposed to the kiwis determining where they want to go.
- There was much discussion regarding the \$500 that goes toward each California Exchange Lifeguard. The lifeguards that are chosen to represent the CSLSA receive \$500 each. As per the process, they are required to attend the Fall and Spring meetings to be introduced and to provide a final report of their experience. What happens if the individual doesn't provide a final report? There is still more discussion needed on this topic. One idea is that the association who supports the individual reimburses the CSLSA.

Thanks again for all the support!



California Surf Life-Saving Association
Board of Director's Meeting at the
City of Del Mar Powerhouse Community Center
Hosted by
Del Mar Lifeguard Association
October 17 & 18, 2002

- I. Call to Order (October 17th 0900) - Mr. McGowan
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance - Mr. Rohrer
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 - C. Roll Call of Delegates - Mr. Beuerlein

- II. Approval of Minutes – Pendleton Coast Lifesaving Association (April 18th & 19th, 2002)

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 - K. Training - Mr. Diederich

- V. 1100- Vendor Presentations

- VI. 1130- Heroic Act Presentations

- VII. 1200- Lunch

VIII. 1300- Committee Workshops as directed (October 17th & 18th)

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IX. 0900- Committee Reports from Workshops (October 18th)

X. Old Business

- A. Approval of Treasurer's Report from Thursday.

XI. New Business

A. USLA Meeting Dates & Locations

- 1. Fall 2002
 - a. Location: Chicago, Illinois
 - b. Dates: November 7th, 8th & 9th
 - c. Suggested Agenda Items
- 2. Spring 2003
 - a. Location: T.B.A. (Southwest Region)
 - b. Dates: May 1st, 2nd & 3rd
 - c. Suggested agenda Items

B. CSLSA Meeting Dates & Locations

- 1. Spring 2003
 - a. Locations: Imperial Beach (TBD)
 - b. Dates: April 17th & 18th
- 2. Fall 2003
 - a. Locations: US Ocean Safety
 - b. Dates: October 16th & 17th

XII. Privilege of the Chair

XIII. Adjournment

DIRECTIONS TO DEL MAR

FROM THE SOUTH, SAN DIEGO ETC.

I-5 North to Del Mar Heights Road, turn left to go west for about one mile down the hill, passing traffic lights at Mango Drive and Crest Drive. At the bottom of the hill, turn right to go north on Camino Del Mar. Continue north past traffic light at Ninth St. to 15th Street. Turn left on 15th St. going west two blocks to bottom of hill. Turn right to go north on Coast Blvd. for two blocks. Our HQ is at 1700 Coast Blvd.

FROM THE NORTH, L.A. ETC.

I-5 South to Via De La Valle. Turn right to go west for about one mile. At the next traffic light, turn left to go south on Camino Del Mar for about half a mile. At the third stop sign is Coast Blvd. Turn right and go south for about half a mile to 17th St.

The meetings will be held at the Power House Community Center, 1658 Coast Blvd, Thursday dinner is at the Posiedon Restaurant, 1680 Coast Blvd.

LODGING is available at the Del Mar Motel, 1702 Coast Blvd. Call 858.755.1534 for reservations. Rates are \$79 per night for single, \$89 for double occupancy.

GOLF – Wednesday October 16. Yogi Berra once said that when he hits that little white ball as far as he can, he wants someone else to go chase it. The only chasers we offer will be following the drinks. Our location will be the “forgiving” Executive Course at Lomas Santa Fe Club that is about two miles east of I-5 on Lomas Santa Fe Drive. This is about two miles north of Del Mar. Tee-times begin at 12:00 Noon. Cost is \$33.50 per person that includes the “ride” for those who prefer not to stagger the course. Please RSVP for golf by Monday, October 7. Thank you.

SURFING. Renowned since the Beach Boys sang about it, surfing in Del Mar is especially good in October. Bring your longboard for 15th St. reef, your shortboard for the nearby beach breaks and your gun if Blacks or Swamis is on. Lockers and hot showers available at our HQ.

VOLEYBALL. Home of past SoCal Lifeguards Champs, we have nets and balls.

PARKING. The City will assist us with parking – permits available at registration.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Fax 858.259.3264

Call 858.755.1556 or 858.755.1524

email esandy@delmar.ca.us

surfsandy@aol.com

Junior Lifeguard Committee
Workshop Report
April 18, 2002
Reenie Boyer

TIDEBOOKS

Tidebooks will be mailed to your JG program. All JG participants should receive one including the CSLSA Beach safety tips.

POSTER CONTEST

Contest information is included with your Regional Competition Information packet. Posters will only be accepted from the JG Coordinator. Please encourage participation. We hope to later use these posters for a public education project.

REGIONALS

Imperial Beach will host the Regional Competition on August 13th. Contact Hans Fernan with any questions (619) 518-1056. The information packets were distributed at the meeting or will be mailed if you were not in attendance. The Coordinators meeting on July 12th is mandatory. Every agency must designate at least one volunteer to assist in running the event. USLA membership is required to participate. There is a need for a communication system; Steve Long will contact Nextel for possible sponsorship.

REGIONAL EQUIPMENT

We will be charging a \$100 Agency entry fee to participate in the Regional Competition. These funds will purchase a set of 20 buoys, line, anchors and chain for the JG Regional Competition. This equipment will be the property of the CSLSA.

JG ACTIVITY LIST

Please submit your program activity list to Reenie Boyer by the end of April to take to the National meeting.

PUBLIC EDUCATION TENT

The Public Education committee asked for \$700 to purchase a tent for the CSLSA educational display. The tent will also have the CSLSA logo screen printed on the front and sides.

SPONSORSHIP

Bill Richardson will ask our sponsor for possible Regional Competition buoy sponsorship.

THANK YOU

We had a great meeting.....Thanks for your participation!

Junior Lifeguard Committee
2002 Spring Report
Reenie Boyer

POSTER CONTEST

This summer the Junior Lifeguard Committee will conduct another poster contest. The rules and entry form will be included with your summer Regional Packet. Please encourage participation!

CALIFORNIA STATE GAMES

This summer the Junior Lifeguards have been invited to participate in the California State Games. The competition will be conducted at Imperial Beach on July 12th. Information pamphlets will be distributed at the committee meeting.

REGIONAL COMPETITION

The Junior Lifeguard Regional Competition will be at Venice Beach on July 26th. LACO Lifeguards will distribute the information packet for this event. The mandatory Junior Lifeguard Coordinators meeting will be conducted the evening of July 25th.

NATIONAL COMPETITION

The Junior Lifeguard National Competition will be hosted by the city of San Diego on August 8th.

USLA JG MEMBERSHIP

Remember that USLA membership is required for Junior Lifeguards to participate in the Regional, National and California State Games competitions.

Newsletter Committee Report
April 18, 2002
Eric Sandy, Co-Editor

The winter edition of Cal Surf News was published and mailed to all chapters within the last month. We thank and congratulate all those who contributed especially our new writers. It is our goal to continue bringing in new voices to keep your magazine fresh and growing. We anticipate that some of you who are here today will become the next group of first-time writers. As always, we add a special thanks to Renee Story for her typesetting and design. We have extra copies for those who need them.

For our next edition, we will again be considering the ideas of direct mailing the magazine to our members and incorporating colored covers. Please attend our committee meeting today with ideas and comments for the next edition of your magazine.

Listed below is the income and expense statement for this issue.

Income

California State Lifeguard Association	\$ 500.00
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Expenses

Print Network	\$1,956.64
Typesetting, Renee Story	<u>\$ 325.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$2,281.64

<u>Expenses over income</u>	(\$1,781.64)
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Newsletter Committee Workshop Report
Minutes from 4/11/02 San Onofre Meeting
Submitted April 18, 2002
Eric Sandy, Co-Editor

Minutes from 4/11/02 San Onofre Meeting

The committee met in San Onofre on April 11, and discussed article assignments and future possibilities for the summer 2002 issue of Cal-Surf. Our meeting was short due to time constraints. We hope to have more time and participation at future meetings.

Proposed Article Assignments

1. President's Report - Robert McGowan (LA County)
2. Competition Update - Marshall Parks (San Diego)
3. Junior Lifeguard Update - Renee Boyer (Newport Beach)
4. NZ Exchange Update - Chris Graham (Lake Mission Viejo)
5. NZ Exchange Report - Casey Graham, Jennifer
6. Santa Cruz Lifeguard News
7. History of LA City Lifeguards - Richard Godino (LA City)
8. Cliff Rescue Training - Nick Romero (Del Mar)
9. San Diego Lifeguard Academy Update
10. New Boat for Baywatch
11. SoCal Beach Safety Challenge
12. Island News
13. Cal State Carlsbad Lifeguards
14. Gardner Stevens Memorial - Brett Mattei (Del Mar)
15. Lifeguard Profile
16. Log Book
17. Paddle Board infomercial
18. World Games Report - Jim Lischer (Del Mar)
19. Community Outreach - Brent Bass (San Diego)
20. Beach Chair for Beach Access
21. Club Tortuga

New Projects

The committee will continue to research the potential for mailing copies of the newsletter to the individual members. Other projects still under consideration are creating a color-front for the newsletter, which will enhance the appearance for future sponsorship agreements. SURFTECH and SZABAD have been contacted for possible advertising "infomercials".

CAL SURF NEWS: SUBMITTANCE
Eric Sandy, Co-Chair

The next issue of the CAL SURF NEWS is set for summer of 2002. Article assignments need to be submitted to the Editor(s) by June 30, 2002 along with any photos or advertisements. Please type articles and send photos as it relates to the story in order to qualify for the \$25 article incentive award.

Send articles and photos to: CSLSA Newsletter Chairman/Co-Editor, Vincent Lombardi, 365-C Hemlock Ave., Carlsbad, CA 92008 (760-434-7910 home, 520-438-2575 fx). I would prefer articles sent via E-mail in Ms. Word format to: v3cpls@msn.com or Eric Sandy, Co-Editor: SurfSandy@aol.com

Please contact the CAL SURF NEWS Co-Editors Vincent Lombardi at (760) 434-7910 or Eric Sandy at (760) 436-6485 for advertising in upcoming issues. Advertising revenue will assist us in offsetting our production costs.

The advertising cost per issue is as follows:

\$ 50	business card size	\$100	quarter page
\$250	half page	\$375	full page

Advisor's Report
April 19, 2002
Bill Richardson, Advisor

1. **CSLSA Decals** – At the request of the Executive Board, I made contact with Rydin Decals in Chicago to order new self-adhesive CSLSA Decals. The company we had been doing business with for years went out of business predicating the new contact.

A color copy of the contact sheet is attached to the Secretary's copy for the Minutes. This color of this copy is obviously not as good as the original, which was excellent and matched our previous decals very well.

It was hoped to have the decals here at this meeting in order to distribute them. But because of the size and weight of this item, they can be mailed easily.

2. **Heroic Acts Awards** – The awards we approved at our meeting in Long Beach last fall were taken to the USLA meeting and approved for presentation. I have since completed the certificates and had medallions engraved. Don will be presenting these awards around lunch-time today.

We have been trying to get media exposure for the presentation we have been contacting local print media as well as TV. Hopefully, they will show.

3. **USLA Competition Manual Drawings** – At Mr. McGowan's request, I updated the course drawings for the USLA Competition Manual. They now reflect the most recent changes defined in the manual text and are now in color.

One color copy is attached to the Secretary's copy for the Minutes.

4. **Miscellaneous** – Throughout the past six months, I have had a couple of occasions to advise Mr. Rohrer with regard to USLA matters. Issues relative to the USLA Nationals in San Diego have been prevalent in these matters. Several will be discussed at this meeting.

We will also be discussing a recommended USLA Bylaw Amendment that is to be voted on at the Daytona Meeting next month. The matter is an appropriate amendment, but does need some minor refining to insure protection of the regions.

5. **Sponsorship** – I would like to thank Scott Hubbell for his efforts on our behalf this past few months. Even having gotten a very late start, and having been impacted by constraints from outside the region, he has done very well for us. His patience has been remarkable. He has attained membership kits, helped with our Regional Games sponsor package and permit process.

All told, Scott has done more for us in the last five months than has been done in years. Thanks Scott!



Rydin Decals in Chicago

CSLSA Decal

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – PRESIDENT’S REPORT
April 18, 2002

I want to thank Vince Lombardi and the Pendleton Coast Chapter for hosting this meeting at world famous San Onofre. Although it has been the “off season” since we met last October, you can rest assured that your Executive Board has been busy taking care of regional business. We received a somewhat rude awakening at the National USLA meeting last November in Idaho when I announced that we had entered into a sponsorship contract with SHP, Inc. and had some new regional sponsors for 2002. We were even referred to as some unsavory characters by members from other regions. The end result was the adoption of some new Policies and Procedures at the national level regarding regional reporting protocol and the responsibility of the regions to put the interests of the national organization as the highest priority.

After the smoke had settled, we learned that Foster’s Lager had decided to drop its sponsorship of the USLA Nationals. We as a region are in good shape with sponsorship this year thanks to Scott Hubbell’s efforts, but sponsorship at the national level is down at this time due to the withdrawal of Foster’s. The San Diego organizing committee is working hard and is attempting to enter into a sponsorship and television contract with SHP to ensure a successful National Competition. I have submitted a sponsorship “wish list” to Mr. Hubbell that includes funding for our Regionals, membership kits, our website, *Cal Surf News*, the New Zealand exchange, and an equipment trailer for our competition supplies.

Thanks to the combined efforts of Dick Colosi, the USLA Development Coordinator, and Scott Hubbell, we have a very attractive membership kit this year. It includes a bag and sun care products provided by Panama Jack, and a T-shirt and a towel provided by Nissan and Anheuser Busch, our regional sponsors. These kits will be distributed at this meeting. Thanks again to Gordon Gray for allowing us to use his garage as the warehouse and distribution center for the kits. Tracking membership and making Chapters accountable to the region for their members continues to be a challenge, and membership chairman Don Rohrer will be presenting the membership packets at this meeting. With the great kits, we look forward to an all time high number of members in the CSLSA. There is a proposal at the national level to redistribute the membership dues between the regions and the national that will have to be discussed at this meeting.

Rob McKown

President's Message

Due to circumstances beyond our control, L.A. County had to move the venue for the 2002 CSLSA Regional Championships. The new location is Will Rogers State Beach. It offers better parking and easy access from PCH, but has no pier. We are putting together the details at this time and will be sending out information to the JG agencies and Lifeguard Chapters in the near future. The dates are Friday, July 26 for the Juniors and Saturday, July 27 for lifeguard competitors. We look forward to a good turnout and a great competition. Thank you to Bill Richardson for updating and colorizing the course diagrams portion of the USLA competition rules. As soon as I finish reviewing and updating the text portion of the USLA competition rules, they will be put up on the USLA website. In other competition news, our Junior Lifeguards were invited to participate in the California State Games in San Diego July 11-14. I submitted the application on behalf of CSLSA, but have not received any further information. I listed Reenie Boyer and Marshall Parks as contact people, so perhaps they have some more information. Don't forget Rescue 2002 is just around the corner in Daytona Beach. I know a few of our chapters are sending club teams and masters competitors, and several of our members will be representing Team USA, coached by Mitch Kahn, in the World Teams competition. Good luck to all.

Our new Public Education chairman, Rob Williams, has been hard at work and he will be distributing book covers and posters based on the award winning Junior Lifeguard artwork presented at our last meeting. We also have "Swim Near a Lifeguard" magnets produced by the National Public Education Committee.

The Exchange Committee has already sent out the details of the selection process for the next New Zealand exchange. If you have not received it, check with Chris Graham. Our most recent exchangers are back and will hopefully be presenting a full report on their travels down under.

The Newsletter continues to be strong. You should have recently received the latest issue. Thanks to Vince and Eric for the ongoing good work.

We will be presenting Heroic Acts awards at this meeting to two San Clemente Junior Lifeguards for their rescue of a 40-year-old drowning woman.

Finally, I have been attempting to collect patches from as many agencies as possible to create an aloha shirt to be produced by Koko Islands. I have had fairly good response from the other regions, but have received very few patches from our region. Please send me your patches so I can make this shirt a reality.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert McGowan
President

Public Education Committee
Workshop Report
April 18, 2002
Rob Williams

USLA Posters

I received some of the “lost” posters from the USLA at the meeting. There are approximately 2,000 posters. I will distribute the posters upon request from each chapter.

CSLSA Booth

We have two allocations for money that is to be spent. \$600 for an “easy-up” and \$300 for a spinal display. The committee decided to give back the \$600 that was previously allocated from the Junior Lifeguard funds for the “easy-up”. It is felt that most chapters have their own “easy-up” or would use the booth indoors, so it was not necessary to purchase one to go with the booth. Also, the standard size “easy-up” would not be tall enough to fit the booth. To get one that would fit the booth adequately would be too expensive.

With the addition of Project Wipeout materials to the display board, it is not necessary to spend more money for a spinal display. We are reallocating the \$300 for a carrying/portfolio case for the pictures to go with the booth.

I will still be working on an anchoring system to complement the booth for windy conditions.

Public Education Marketing

The public education committee realized that we have never had a plan for reaching a target audience. We feel that the best way to reach the biggest audience is to have a marketing plan. Bill Humphries, from San Clemente, has proposed us using tools to target age groups and locations to better get our message out. He will look into Public Relation and Marketing firms to better assist us in our efforts. We asked the board to allocate \$600 as a “retainer” that Bill could use if we needed money prior to our fall meeting.

Public Education Materials

We are asking all chapters to send us all public education materials that they have produced to Bill Humphries, or myself, or bring them to the Fall meeting. We would like to create a library, which would then create a system to be implemented for each chapter on distribution.

Sponsorships and Grants

We will now pursue sponsorships and grants on a much larger scale. We would like to be included on the “Wish List” for SHP for possible public education money. I will look into grants and other sponsors to better fund us in our cause of public education.

Public Education Projects

We have decided that the marketing research and money will be our project. We will not produce any materials haphazardly until we have a plan in place. Our goal is to have the research completed and a plan to talk about at the fall meeting.

ULSA Flag System and Shark Policy

The committee gave suggestions and direction to Chris Brewster for a flag system and the shark bite/attack policy and procedures that has been proposed by the USLA.

Public Education Committee Report
April 18, 2002
Rob Williams

Junior Lifeguard Posters/Bookcovers

The public education committee voted to make posters and bookcovers with the winners from last year's Junior Lifeguard contest. Mr. Silvestri from Cal State Parks organized and completed the materials with the winner's artwork. A total of 14,000 bookcovers were made from two of the winners' artwork and 14,000 mini-posters were made from the third winner's artwork. All materials will be distributed at today's meeting to the chapters that are present.

USLA Public Education Materials

Our region received the new public education materials from the USLA, which will be distributed today to chapters that are present. We received 1,500 brochures which overview the USLA, as well as 3,000 magnets with "Swim Near A Lifeguard" depicted on a rescue buoy.

CSLSA Public Education Booth

The booth is now in working order and is being used and requested more frequently. I have made new information to be displayed on the booth, including spinal and sun care information. I am also working on several items to improve the booth. The first is a canopy overhang ("Easy-Up") that will incorporate an anchoring system to eliminate wind problems. In addition, I am working with Hoag Hospital and Project Wipeout to have handouts that will be included with the booth, such as coloring books, spinal and sun care information.

Southern California Beach Safety Challenge

Mr. Anderson from California State Parks is organizing a run-swim-paddle over 8 days ending on Memorial Day. He is starting to get more participants and he will have a presentation on Sunday, May 26th at Crystal Cove. For more information on the event, please contact John Anderson at 562-856-3337.

PSA

I am currently working with the City of Newport Beach's film liaison to get talent and footage from the Discovery Channel to make a public service announcement. We also have been offered assistance from the Central Net Training/Video officer to help us put the footage and voice-overs together.

Grant Money

We have talked in the past about the Whale Tail Grant and receiving monies to benefit the public education committee. I have received a lead on the Pacific Life Grant and will be discussing this in our committee.

Recurrent Representative's Report
CSLSA 2002 Spring Meeting
April 18, 2002
Vincent Lombardi

- **2002 CSLSA Recurrent Lifeguard Exam Survey**

The lifeguard exam survey has been posted and available since February of this year. Numerous responses were fielded regarding employment opportunities from the website. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire.

- **"Cal-Surf News"**

Eric Sandy, the "staff writers" and I worked hard to post the Spring 2002 Newsletter that was mailed out last month! Copies are available here at the meeting. If you have any ideas for the next newsletter, contact Eric or I, or please show up at the newsletter committee.

- **CSLSA Website www.cslsa.org**

Continuous efforts are made to update the website with current events, newsworthy stories, and relevant lifesaving information. If you have any information you would like to see posted, go to the "contact us" icon or e-mail me at v3cpls@juno.com

Pat Francis, our website maintenance provider (and USLA Competition volunteer), has continuously updated our website requesting little to no compensation for her services. Thanks Pat!

- **Agency Patches – CSLSA/USLA Aloha Shirt**

I'm still collecting agency patches for the CSLSA banner, and at the USLA level, an aloha shirt is in the works to be made. I am requesting two patches from each agency, so we can contribute to the design of the banner, and the second one for the aloha shirt. If you can, please mail the patches to: CSLSA, C/O Vincent Lombardi, PO Box 366, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

Secretary's Report
April 28, 2002
Mike Beuerlein

Since the Fall of 2001-CSLSA General Board Meeting at Los Angeles City, I have been busy with the following projects:

1. Completing and distributing the minutes from Fall 2001 CSLSA General Board Meeting.
2. Representing CSLSA at the Fall 2001 USLA meeting in Idaho.
3. Attending and participating in CSLSA Executive Board Meetings.
4. Completing and distributing the minutes and agendas from CSLSA Executive Board Meetings.
5. Completing and forwarding the agenda for Spring 2002 CSLSA General Board Meeting.
6. Collecting and distributing CSLSA mail.

I will be working with Mr. Lombardi toward the goal of posting future General Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes on the CSLSA website.

United States Lifesaving Association
Shark Bite Prevention and Response Guidelines
January 6, 2001

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Approved by the USLA Board of Directors (date)

DRAFT

INTRODUCTION

Sharks are native to the ocean, just as bears are native to the forest. They are ever-present, though rarely observed by swimmers. Far more rare than a shark sighting, is a report of a shark bite. In fact, shark bites are probably the single most unusual event threatening the safety of those involved in aquatic recreation.

Statistics compiled for the year 2000 by the United States Lifesaving Association, based on reports from 68 ocean lifeguard agencies for areas within their jurisdiction, include estimated attendance of 264,156,728 persons, provision of medical care to 236,642 persons, 70,771 lifeguard rescues from drowning, 12 drownings in areas under immediate protection of lifeguards, 62 drownings in areas outside the protection of lifeguards, and 58 fatalities due to causes other than drowning. For the same year, at these same beach areas, the International Shark Attack File, a compilation of all known shark attacks that is administered by the American Elasmobranch Society and the Florida Museum of Natural History, recorded a total of ___ unprovoked shark bites, ___ of which resulted in death. For all beach areas in the U.S., the International Shark Attack File reported ___ unprovoked shark bites, with ___ resulting in death.

These statistics make it evident that the danger of injury or death from a shark bite is far less than that from drowning, near-drowning, or other beach related injuries. In fact, the annual death toll from lightning strikes is 30 times greater than that from shark attack. Nevertheless, many people harbor a disproportionate fear of being bitten by a shark, which can sometimes rise to virtual hysteria.

Due to the level of concern surrounding shark bites, the United States Lifesaving Association has been asked by its members to promulgate recommended guidelines for shark bite prevention and for response to shark bite incidents.

BACKGROUND

It is generally believed by experts that most shark bites result from *prey identification mistakes*. That is, a shark hunting its normal prey, whether fish, seal, or other food source, mistakes a human for that prey. In other cases, sharks chasing schools of fish in murky water may simply bite a human inadvertently. In the vast majority of cases, the shark bites only once, then leaves the human alone. Presumably, the shark quickly determines that the human who has been bitten is not the prey the shark was seeking and it departs. For purposes of definition, we consider a *shark attack* to be an event in which the shark repeatedly bites a human or pursues a human after an initial bite. As rare as single shark bite incidents are, a true shark attack is even more rare.

Nevertheless, there are documented cases of sharks, apparently unprovoked, repeatedly biting humans. It is unknown what may cause a shark to exhibit this behavior.

As rare as shark attacks may be, documented reports of a shark biting a human repeatedly or pursuing the human after an initial bite are significantly more unusual. Most such incidents involve ship sinkings, as was the case during World War II with the USS Indianapolis. Nevertheless, the presence of a shark or sharks which have bitten a human do present a potentially heightened hazard to persons in the water. The shark's behavior, even if inadvertent, may be repeated, or blood may attract further shark activity.

Different types of sharks in different waters may seek different types of prey, which can produce different outcomes. For example, seals are a primary food source for great white sharks off the coast of California. These sharks have been observed to kill their prey through a primary, violent bite, which results in the seal bleeding to death, after which the shark returns to eat the seal. Conversely, sharks in the Florida area are typically hunting fish, which they may consume in part or in whole in a single bite. These different circumstances may help explain why shark bites off the coast of California, while much less frequent, are more likely to result in death than are shark bites off the coast of Florida, which typically result in puncture wounds or lacerations.

The United States Lifesaving Association is unaware of any proven techniques whereby an unprotected swimming rescuer can successfully or safely intervene when a shark bites another swimmer, without placing the rescuer at equal risk of harm. On the other hand, since most shark bites occur quickly and can cause serious, sometimes life-threatening lacerations, there is great value in the availability of trained personnel to rescue the injured swimmer, provide emergency medical care, and arrange rapid transport after a shark bite has occurred.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Prevention

1. Lifeguards and lifeguard agencies should consult *The United States Lifesaving Association Manual of Open Water Lifesaving* and the International Shark Attack website (<http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/fish/Sharks/ISAF/ISAF.htm>) for information on preventive actions that can be taken to reduce the chance of shark bites and should be prepared to inform the public of these measures.
2. Lifeguards should be trained to recognize sharks common to their area of responsibility and shark behavior that may be considered threatening.
3. When behavior of a shark or sharks appears to present an unusual hazard to swimmers, an evaluation should be made as to whether it is appropriate to warn persons involved in aquatic activity or to advise them to leave the water. In areas where shark bites are known to occur with greater frequency than normal, posted signs may be appropriate.
4. If a shark bite occurs, persons in the water in the area should be advised and encouraged to leave the water until such time that the immediate threat appears to have abated. Since shark behavior is unpredictable, this may involve a fixed period of time or observed

5. criteria, such as the absence of schooling fish that may have attracted shark activity. Local ordinances may require that the water be closed.
6. In the case of a shark attack, wherein the shark repeatedly bites or pursues a human, the water in the immediate area should be cleared of all swimmers and kept clear until it can be determined that the immediate threat is over. Lifeguards in adjacent areas should be notified of the attack and advised to maintain heightened vigilance.

Response

1. The best protective equipment for a lifeguard attempting a rescue of a shark bite victim is an enclosed rescue boat with high gunwales. A personal watercraft may be an alternative, but most personal watercraft provide less protection to the lifeguard and may not be adequate to safely evacuate a seriously injured victim. While a rescue board or kayak may elevate the lifeguard from the water, it is believed that some sharks have bitten surfers and kayakers after mistaking them for seals or sea lions. In areas where shark bites have occurred with higher than normal frequency, lifeguards should consider stationing a rescue boat in the vicinity that can allow a rapid, safe response to such incidents.
2. If a lifeguard observes a shark bite in progress, the lifeguard should immediately notify other lifeguards and determine the most appropriate course of action. This should follow the agency's overall emergency response plans and any specific plans that may exist for shark bites.
3. The United States Lifesaving Association does not recommend that a lifeguard without protective equipment attempt to intervene during a shark bite incident, unless the lifeguard believes this can be accomplished with minimum personal danger. The primary goal of the lifeguard in responding to the emergency should be to limit injury to the victim of the shark bite, while ensuring that the lifeguard is protected. If the lifeguard is injured in an attempt to intervene, there will now be two victims and the lifeguard may be unable to effectively treat the potentially life-threatening wounds of the original victim. This is particularly important in that shark bites can result in serious bleeding and immediate emergency medical attention may save the victim's life.
4. If a rescue boat is not available and if, as is most typically the case, the shark bite appears to be a single hit and run incident, and if the lifeguard considers it safe and within agency guidelines to enter the water, the lifeguard should perform a rescue and treat the wounds of the victim.
5. Once the victim has been evacuated to shore or to a rescue boat, appropriate emergency medical assistance should be provided, in accordance with the lifeguard's training. In addition to normal emergency medical priorities, particular attention should be paid to stopping bleeding and treating for shock.
6. In beach areas where shark bites have historically occurred with a frequency that is significantly higher than normal, specific policies appropriate to local conditions are recommended. These policies should be based, in part, on consultation with shark experts and local emergency medical authorities.

REFERENCES

The United States Lifesaving Association Manual of Open Water Lifesaving
The International Shark Attack File

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**United States Lifesaving Association
Warning Flag Guidelines
April 9, 2002**

DRAFT

Approved by the USLA Board of Directors (date)

INTRODUCTION

In parts of the United States, as well as in other parts of the world, warning flags are sometimes flown to notify beach users of current water conditions. This form of public education is intended, in part, to help prevent drowning and other injury by notifying beach users of the degree of hazard and thus, the level of caution that may be warranted.

Prior to enactment of these guidelines, no consistent national flag warning scheme was in existence. It is the intent of USLA that these guidelines serve as an encouragement to lifeguard organizations, which choose to use warning flags, to adapt to a consistent system, as detailed here. This can be expected to improve understanding and lessen confusion among beach users. If these guidelines are consistently followed, tourists can expect the same warning system at any beach to which they travel. Public education efforts as to the meaning of the flags will then be complimentary, rather than contradictory. It is the intention of USLA to encourage international adoption of a similar system throughout the world through the International Life Saving Federation.

Flags, signs, and other public education efforts are not a substitute for the provision of lifeguards. USLA has calculated, based on a ten year study of reports from USLA affiliated lifeguard agencies, that the chance that a person will drown while attending a beach protected by USLA affiliated lifeguards is 1 in 18 million (.0000055%). Signs and flags may help some people avoid distress, but when a person encounters distress in the water, flags and signs cannot effect a rescue. That can only be reliably accomplished by trained professionals. Therefore, USLA strongly recommends that these guidelines be implemented as an adjunct to the provision of lifeguard protection, not as a substitute.

GUIDELINES

Drowning is one of the leading causes of accidental death in the U.S. and throughout the world. Regardless of conditions, water can be hazardous. A person of any level of swimming ability can drown on any given day. Calm conditions, for example, do not ensure safety. As well, conditions can change quickly. For this reason, USLA recommends that regardless of conditions, persons should always swim in an area under the protection of lifeguards.


Ocean conditions vary throughout the United States. Conditions that may be considered relatively mild in some areas, may be seen as a safety threat in others. Therefore, in each area where warning flags are employed, USLA recommends that specific local criteria be developed that provide objective, measurable criteria for posting the flags, and that the public be clearly notified of those criteria. These guidelines are intended to provide general levels of hazard to be further defined locally.

Some or all of the flags listed below may be employed, although the first three should never be flown simultaneously. It may be decided, for example, to adopt the first three, but none of the others. This is a local decision. However, USLA strongly discourages use of flags of similar colors that conflict with the meaning of those listed below. This would jeopardize the value of consistency and confuse the public.

The first four flags are intended to provide general notification of overall conditions for a beach area. That is, if it is decided that water conditions present a “moderate hazard” on a given beach, it should cover the entire beach, not a portion or area thereof. This does not prevent use of additional flags of the same warning level to accentuate the notification, but a single beach should not fly a green flag in one area and a red flag in another, for example.

Where warning flags are flown, the public should be notified of their meaning via signs placed at multiple, conveniently located places. Examples might include beach access ramps, lifeguard towers, parking lots, and the flagpoles themselves.

All warning flags flown should include not only a clearly identifiable color, but also a number. This is intended to assist persons who are colorblind in determining the level of hazard. Explanatory signs should clearly explain the meaning of numbers as well as colors.

Flag Color	Number	Condition
Green	1	Low Hazard (small surf, light currents, and clean water)
Yellow	2	Moderate Hazard (moderate surf and/or strong currents)
Red	3	High Hazard (high surf and/or very strong currents and/or contaminated water and/or closure for other reasons) – Note: Depending on circumstances and local protocol, this may indicate that the water is closed.
Blue	4	Marine pests present (e.g.: jellyfish, stingrays, Portuguese man-o-war) – Note: This is not intended to be used to notify of the presence of sharks. If water is closed or hazardous due to the presence of sharks, use the red flag.
White w/ Black Ball	5	Surfing prohibited – Note: According to local regulation, this may include a variety of defined surfriding devices.
Black	6	Surfing permitted
	7	Use Area Boundary (example: boundary of a swimming and surfing area)
Red and Yellow	8	Protected Area Boundary (end of lifeguard protection)

Committee Report for TRAINING
April 18, 2002
Scott Diederich

Since the fall of 1999, Southern California Lifeguard agencies have started to strengthen their working relationships in regards to training. As of January the committee has grown to include a large majority of southern California lifeguard agencies (Imperial Beach to L.A. County). The intent has been to work together and start producing training curriculum that will be universal for all open water lifesaving agencies. Basically, we as a community of professionals will be putting into place a training curriculum for the professional lifeguard. This curriculum will follow the guidelines established by the United States Lifesaving Association. The committee is also looking at all levels of lifeguarding. Attached is the California State Fire Marshal Certification Tracks giving the fire professional a guide to what training is expected. The second attachment is a *possible* certificate track for lifeguard personnel.

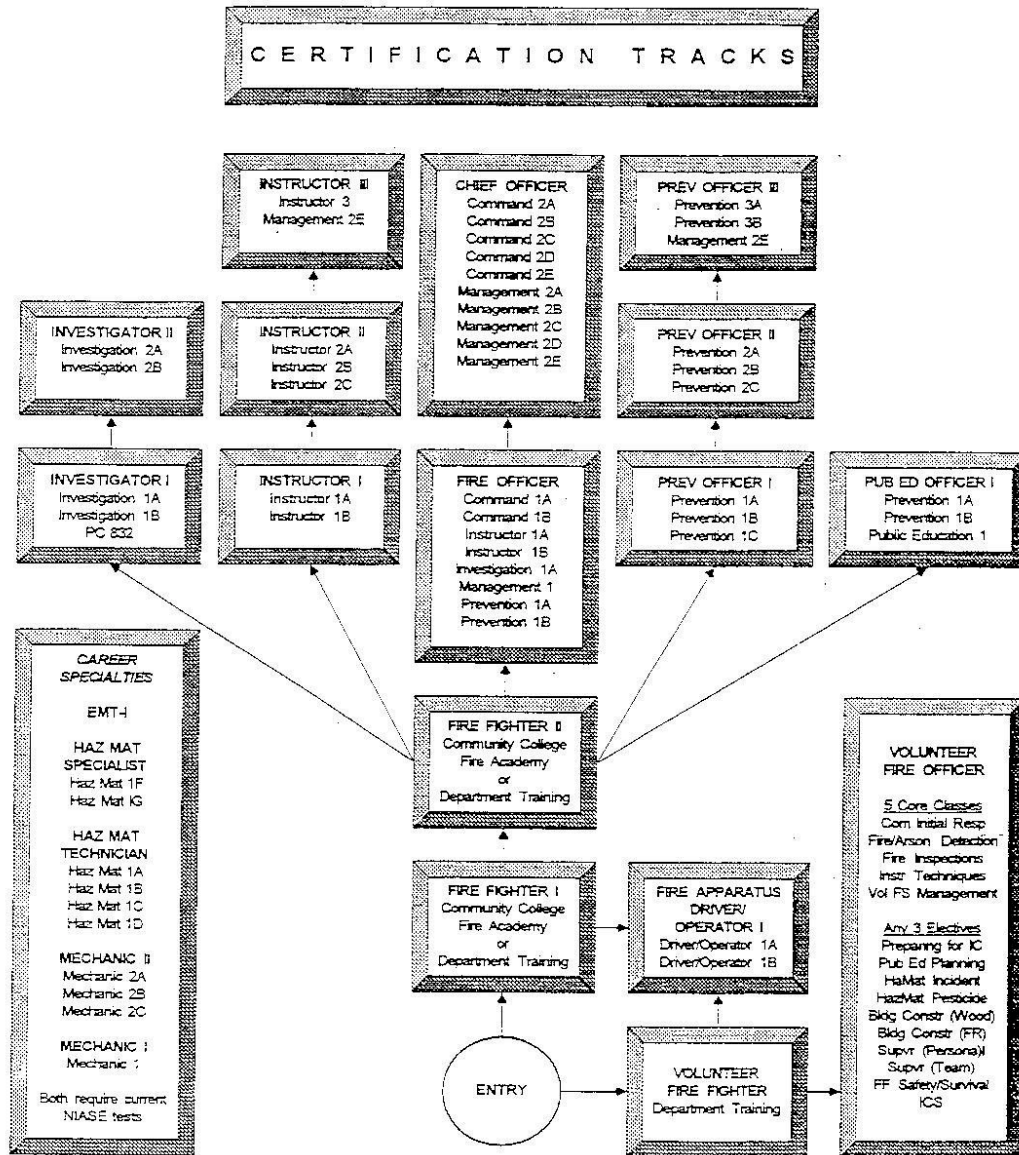
Newport Beach has taken a very strong lead in developing the Open Water Lifeguard Occupation Analysis, which they have been working hard to expand its content. The unique thing about the occupation analysis is it allows for common training that is shared throughout the lifeguard community and also allows for each agency to add specific topics that are unique to their organization.

Orange County Fire Authority Captain Rob Patterson and Gary Wuchneer have been assisting the training officers in developing an Aquatic Command I and II class that is similar to what the fire service calls Command IA and IB, which relates to Company Officer operational tactics.

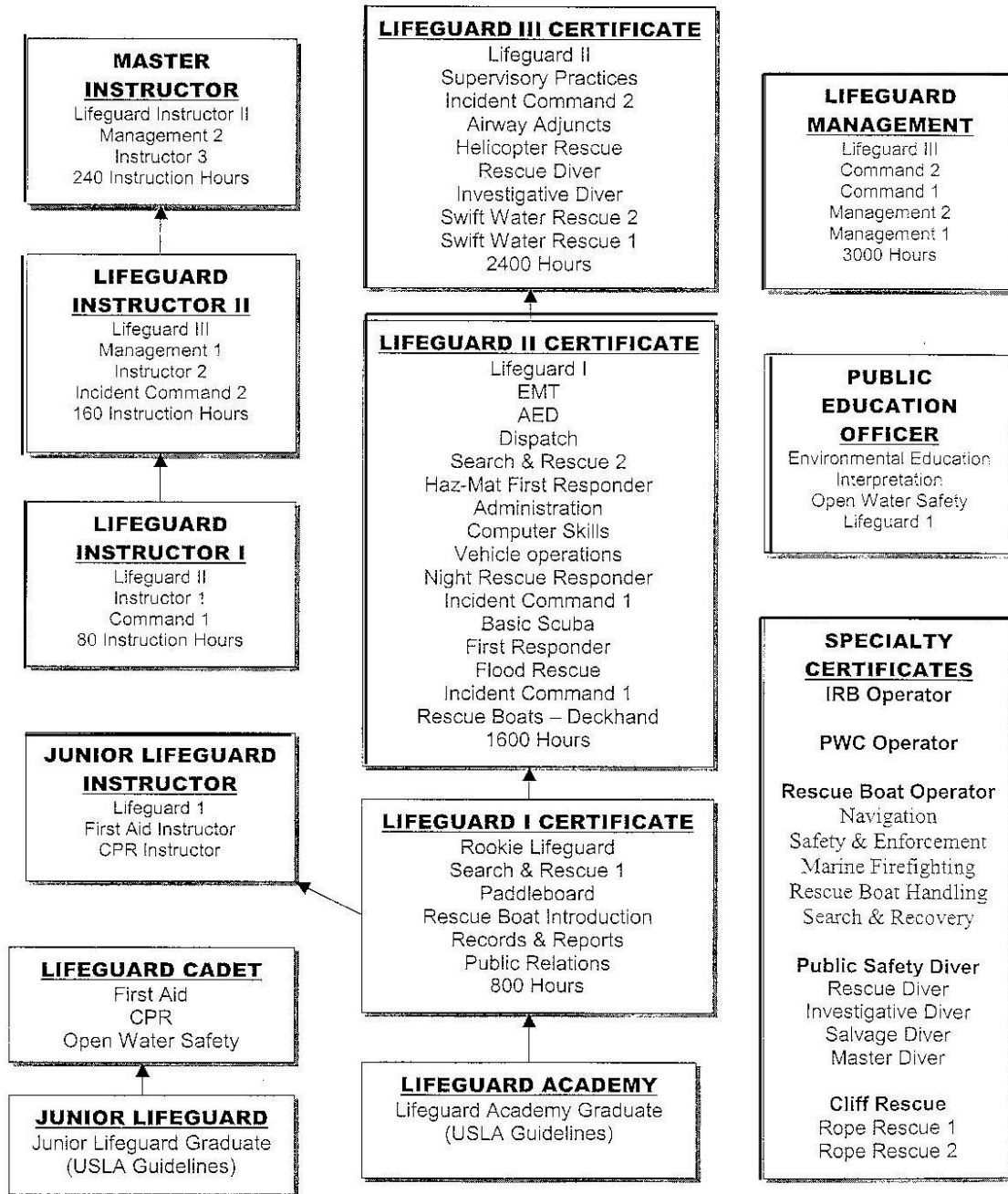
The next training officers meeting will be in Laguna Beach, September 24, 2002 at 10 am. If you are interested, please attend the meeting and bring any other key people that might want to attend.

STD SUPPLEMENT

ORIENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION



LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION TRACKS



Treasurer's Report
April 18-19, 2002
 Robert A. Moore

January 1, 2001 to 12/31/01

Balance as of 1/1/02

Assets

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking (B of A)	\$ 3,861.58
PaineWebber	\$18,782.03
HBCECU	<u>\$ 771.55</u>

TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts \$23,415.16

TOTAL ASSETS **\$23,415.16**

BOARD OF DIRECTOR ALLOCATIONS

Competition Trailer	\$ 3,000.00
Junior Lifeguard Account	
(\$2 per member)	\$ 2,782.96
Public Education Display (Spinal)	\$ 300.00
Website (CSLSA.org) SCOF Grant	<u>\$ 350.20</u>

TOTAL Board of Director Allocations \$ 6,433.16

**GENERAL FUND TOTAL minus Board of
 Director Allocations** **\$16,982.00**

Treasurer's Report
 April 18-19, 2002
 Robert A. Moore

January 1, 2002 to 4/18/02

Balance as of 4/18/02

Assets

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking (B of A)	\$ 4,274.56
PaineWebber	\$14,861.25
HBCECU	<u>\$ 771.55</u>

TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$19,907.36
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$19,907.36</u>
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BOARD OF DIRECTOR ALLOCATIONS

Competition Trailer	\$ 3,000.00
Junior Lifeguard Acct (\$2 per member)	\$ 1,282.96
New Zealand Exchange (Host:\$500, Travel \$1,000)	\$ 1,500.00
Public Education Display (Spinal)	\$ 300.00
Website (CSLSA.org) SCOF Grant	<u>\$ 2,220.20</u>

TOTAL Board of Director Allocations	\$ 8,303.16
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL minus Board of Director Allocations	<u>\$11,604.20</u>
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C.S.L.S.A. – FYR 2001
1/1/01 through 12/31/01

Category Description	1/1/01-12/31/01
INFLOWS	
CSLSA 2000-01 Membership	35.00
CSLSA 2001-02 Membership	33,120.00
CSLSA Chapter Membership	250.00
CSLSA.ORG Website	500.00
Donation Received	10.00
HBCECU	23.64
PaineWebber	849.59
Reimbursement	24.90
Reimbursement from USLA	366.20
State Controller	50.00
United Way	286.22
USLA	455.20
USLA 2001 Bd of Dir Mtg	675.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	36,645.75
OUTFLOWS	
Delegate 2	9.12
Delegate Alternate	25.00
Donation Contribution	350.00
Executive Board	567.00
Executive Board Meetings	143.39
Junior Lifeguard Committee	5,196.43
Membership Committee	6,133.53
New Zealand Exchange Committee	1,299.47
Newsletter Committee	4,147.43
PaineWebber Acct	125.00
Presentations	943.30
President	70.29
Promoter – Fundraiser	179.69
Rec and File	80.00
Recurrent Representative	8.50
Secretary	49.00
Treasurer	77.54
USLA Meetings	6,278.83
USLA National Dues	12,748.00
Website CSLSA.org	2,571.80
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	41,003.32
OVERALL TOTAL	-4,357.57

Cash Flow Report
1/1/02 through 4/18/02

Category Description	1/1/02—4/18/02
INFLOWS	
Cal Surf Newsletter	500.00
PaineWebber	79.22
United Way	82.56
Water Safety Prod.	<u>3.60</u>
TOTAL INFLOWS	665.38
OUTFLOWS	
Executive Board Meetings	94.28
Newsletter Committee	2,281.64
Presentations	137.26
Public Education Committee	1,500.00
Rec and File	30.00
Website CSLSA.org	<u>130.00</u>
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	4,173.18
OVERALL TOTAL	-3,507.80

Vice-President's Report
Spring, 2002
Don Rohrer

1. Handled various communications and other CSLSA/USLA-related tasks with members of the public as well as certain agencies within our region and at the National level.
2. Participated as the Keynote Speaker and guest attendee at the annual Hawaiian Lifeguard Association meeting in the winter on the island of Hawaii.
3. Participated in the quarterly Hawaiian Lifeguard Association meeting last month.
4. Continued to work on membership with various agencies within CSLSA in efforts to wrap up the 2001 membership. This year's membership exceeds 1100. We still do not have final figures from the Nationals. Even without these numbers to add to our totals, our membership is greater than year 2000. Each year, CSLSA continues to grow. Membership packets for the 2002 drive have been prepared and are being distributed at this meeting. Our goal for this year is to continue efforts to attract membership from all lifeguard and other open water agencies throughout California and Hawaii. We are close; however, there are still a few agencies without CSLSA/USLA membership.