



California Surf Lifesaving Association

Southwest Region - United States Lifesaving Association

PO Box 366 - Huntington Beach, California 92648

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GENERAL BOARD MEETING Seal Beach Lifeguard Association April 14 & 15, 2005 **MINUTES**

Thursday, April 14, 2005

- I. Meeting called to order by Mr. McGowan at 9:18 AM.
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance - Mr. Lombardi
 - B. Welcome and Introductions - Mr. McGowan
 - C. Roll Call of Delegates - Mr. Beuerlein

CHAPTER	Members	Delegates	Delegates Present	Proxies	TOTAL VOTES
California State	98	4	4	-	4
Camp Pendleton	27	3	2	1	3
Capitola	9	2	0	-	0
Coronado	5	2	0	-	0
Del Mar	45	3	3	-	3
Encinitas	9	2	1	-	1
Hawaii	4	2	0	-	0
Huntington Beach	149	5	5	-	5
Imperial Beach	18	3	2	-	2
LA City	36	3	3	-	3
LA County Lakes	29	3	1	1	2
LACOLA	166	6	5	-	5
Laguna Beach	81	4	2	2	4
Long Beach	97	4	2	-	2
Mission Viejo	9	2	2	-	2
Newport Beach	119	5	5	-	5
Oceanside	6	2	0	-	0
Port Hueneme	1	0	0	-	0
San Clemente	12	2	1	1	2
San Luis Obispo Co.	4	2	0	-	0
San Diego	56	4	2	-	2
Santa Barbara	37	3	1	1	2
Santa Cruz	31	3	0	-	0
Seal Beach	42	3	3	-	3
Solana Beach	13	2	0	-	0
Tucson	0	0	0	-	0
US Ocean Safety	72	4	0	-	0
Ventura County	3	2	0	-	0
Mexico	1	0	0	-	0
Members-at-large	4	0	0	-	0
TOTAL	1183	80	44	6	50

II. Approval of Minutes – Santa Barbara Lifesaving Association Meeting (October 21 & 22, 2005)

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

III. Officer's Reports

A.	President	Mr. McGowan	ATTACHMENT	A
B.	Vice President	Mr. Lombardi	ATTACHMENT	B
C.	Secretary	Mr. Beuerlein	ATTACHMENT	C
D.	Treasurer	Mr. Williams	ATTACHMENT	D
E.	Recurrent Rep	Mr. Graham	ATTACHMENT	E
F.	Advisor	Mr. Moore	ATTACHMENT	F
G.	1 st Delegate	Mr. Rohrer	ATTACHMENT	G

IV. Committee Reports

A.	Competition	Mr. Butki	ATTACHMENT	H
C.	Exchanges	Mr. Graham	ATTACHMENT	I
D.	Heroic Acts	No Verbal Report	ATTACHMENT	J
E.	Junior Lifeguards	Mrs. Boyer	ATTACHMENT	K
F.	Legislation	Mr. Peabody	VERBAL REPORT	

1. California Department of Boating and Waterways asked Marine Safety Experts to determine if additional legislation is needed to regulate Personal Watercraft activity.
2. California Department of Boating and Waterways recently sent out a survey on law enforcement contacts.

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| G. | Membership | Mr. Lombardi | ATTACHMENT | B |
| H. | Newsletter | Mr. Sandy | ATTACHMENT | L |
| I. | Public Education | Mr. Williams | ATTACHMENT | M |
| J. | Training & Operations | Mr. Peden | ATTACHMENT | N |
| K. | Website | Mr. Moore | ATTACHMENT | O |
- V. Mr. McGowan presented The CSLSA *Excellence in Lifesaving Award* to Mr. Moore “in recognition of 38 years of public service, dedication and devotion to the Los Angeles County Lifeguards: 1967-2005. Congratulations on your retirement! The California Surf Lifesaving Association, April 14, 2005.”
- VI. Mr. Silvestri presented the new California State Lifeguard Recruitment CD.
- VII. Mr. Gould spoke on the importance of agencies submitting consistent and accurate statistics to uphold the integrity of USLA Statistics. He cited rescues as an example. Mr. Gould said that each rescue should be documented on a separate report. Rescues should not be estimated. Mr. Gould also stated that any and all drownings should be reflected in the annual USLA statistics.
- VIII. At the Fall 2004 CSLSA General Meeting, Pismo Beach (currently part of the San Luis Obispo County CSLSA chapter) submitted an application and fees to form its own separate CSLSA chapter pending a vote of approval from the CSLSA Board of Directors. If the application is accepted and approved, San Luis Obispo County would maintain its current chapter.
- MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Lombardi to accept Pismo Beach’s application and to approve Pismo Beach as a new chapter.
- SECOND:** Mr. Klosterman
- DISCUSSION:** None
- ACTION:** MPU
- IX. USLA President Chris Brewster gave a brief presentation on the USLA/NOAA Rip Current Brochure.
- X. Committee Workshops (as directed)

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

Meeting reconvened on Friday, April 15, 2005 at 9:15 AM.

XI. Committee Reports from Workshops

A. Certification Mr. Rohrer ATTACHMENT P

1. Committee met and is recommending four changes to the USLA Recommended Minimum Guidelines for Open Water Swimming Event Safety:
 - a. **Section 3.2.1:** Eliminate all ratios of lifeguards to competitors.
 - b. **Section 3.3:** Eliminate 100-meter example for strategic placement of lifeguards.
 - c. **Section 4.5:** Changed to “one advanced life support ambulance should be made available on site or within a 5 minute response time”.
 - d. **Section 5.4:** Grammatical error – change “an central observation location” to “a central observation location”.

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Moore to approve the report as submitted.
SECOND: Mr. Gray
DISCUSSION: Mr. Peden questioned if the USLA document would become a bylaw. Mr. Rohrer stated that the document would be a Suggested Operational Guideline.
ACTION: MPU

B. Competition Mr. Butki ATTACHMENT Q

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

C. Junior Lifeguards Mrs. Boyer ATTACHMENT R

MOTION: Moved by Mrs. Lombardi to approve the report as submitted.
SECOND: Mr. Silvestri
DISCUSSION: Mr. Silvestri suggested that each Junior Guard Program report their actual enrollment numbers from the summer at the Fall CSLSA Meeting. Mr. McGowan asked if there were budget items. Mrs. Boyer stated that she was requesting that the art contest budget be increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000. She also requested that the Junior Lifeguards of the Year awards be increased from \$2,000 total to \$100 per recipient. Mr. McGowan noted that this would come out of the JG Fund.
ACTION: MPU

D. Membership Mr. Lombardi ATTACHMENT S

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Gray to approve the report as submitted.
SECOND: Mr. Williams
DISCUSSION: Mr. Williams recommended that the Board of Directors give Mr. Lombardi direction on the new USLA database and credit card use. Mr. Rohrer recommended that we keep the current membership system in place. Mr. Gray agreed. Mr. Lombardi said that only about 5% of CSLSA members register for USLA on-line. Mr. McGowan said we could look into a regional credit card. More discussion followed. Mr. Moore recommended approval of the committee report and suggested that a motion could be made to address the database/credit card issue since it was not discussed in committee. Mr. McGowan stated that we have direction from the CSLSA Board of Directors to pursue the database issue, but CSLSA will express concern about credit cards and on-line registration as being the only USLA registration options.
ACTION: MPU

E. Public Education Mr. Pounds ATTACHMENT T

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

XII. Old Business

A. Approval of Treasurer's report from Thursday, April 14, 2005.

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

B. USLA Personal Watercraft Rescue Guidelines

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Gray to endorse USLA Personal Watercraft Rescue Guidelines
SECOND: Mr. Moore
DISCUSSION: Mr. McGowan noted that the guidelines are available on the USLA website.
ACTION: MPU

C. USLA Drowning Prevention Award

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Lombardi to endorse Mr. Bartlett's revised proposal for a USLA Drowning Prevention Award for guarded areas only.
SECOND: Mr. Rohrer
DISCUSSION: Mr. Gray stated that it would be unfair to withhold an award from lifeguards due to drownings that occur when they are not on duty. Mr. Moore suggested that award categories could differentiate between agencies that have year round vs. seasonal operations and 24-hour vs. daylight operations.
ACTION: MPU

D. 2005 Las Playas de Tijuana Volunteer Service ATTACHMENT U

XIII. New Business

A. CSLSA Website Funding

1. Mr. Moore noted that we are contractually obligated to pay Mrs. Francis \$2,000 per year.
2. CSLSA has not as of yet been billed for services.

B. Agency Unit Display for Fall 2005 CSLSA Meeting

1. Mr. McGowan said a reminder would be placed in the meeting announcements.

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C. USLA Fundraiser

1. Mr. McGowan stated that USLA has not had a fundraiser in over 3 years.
2. Mr. McGowan said that the most recent prospect to become the new USLA fundraiser had withdrawn from consideration during a vote to confirm her for the position.
3. Mr. McGowan noted that SHP remains available to assist the USLA in this capacity.

D. Future Meetings

1. USLA Meeting Dates & Locations

a. Spring – 2005

- 1) Location: Miami, Florida (Southeast Region)
- 2) Dates: 5/05/05-5/07/05
- 3) Suggested Agenda Items

b. Fall – 2005

- 1) Host: Southwest Region
- 2) Dates: 11/03/05-11/05/05
- 3) Possible Locations: Long Beach, Dana Point, Huntington Beach, Asilimar
- 4) Mr. Graham suggested that the CSLSA Executive Board make this decision. There was no objection.

2. CSLSA Meeting Dates & Locations

a. Fall – 2005

- 1) Location: LA County Lakes/Santa Clarita
- 2) Dates: 10/13/05 & 10/14/05

b. Spring – 2006

1) Location: Long Beach, Newport Beach,
Huntington Beach

2) Dates: 4/20/06 & 4/21/06

E. Mr. Bartlett distributed information from Mr. Weisser on the California
Public Safety Leadership and Ethics Program. ATTACHMENT V

XIII. Privilege of the Chair

A. Mr. McGowan thanked everyone for their participation.

B. Mr. McGowan particularly praised the delegation for reaching a consensus
on the *Guidelines for Open Water Swimming Event Safety*. He cited this
as an example of the way that CSLSA Board Members work cooperatively
toward solutions to issues in modern lifesaving.

C. Mr. McGowan thanked the Seal Beach Lifeguard Association for hosting
an outstanding meeting at such a great site.

X. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved to adjourn by Mrs. Graham
SECOND: Mr. Lombardi
DISCUSSION: None
ACTION: MPU; Meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael A. Beuerlein
CSLSA Secretary



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 14, 2005

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Welcome to the Spring 2005 CSLSA Board of Directors meeting and many thanks to Ross Pounds and the Seal Beach Lifeguard Association for hosting this meeting. I would like to congratulate Bob Moore on his retirement after almost 40 years in the lifeguarding profession. Bob retired from his position as Section Chief with L.A. County on March 31. He wrote a poignant letter on his last day at work, that perhaps he will share with us. It spoke about how far we have come in the last forty years, how much things have changed, yet how much they have stayed the same. My oldest son just completed training with Huntington City and it caused me to reflect on my days as a lifeguard there in the late 60's, and how much things have changed, yet how much they are still the same. It got me to thinking; we need to spend more time at these meetings comparing notes. We have the Training Committee spending time on occupational analyses, instructional syllabuses, and other important aspects of our careers, but we have gotten away from sharing protocols and policies that perhaps we could learn from one another by sharing. At one of our Executive Board meetings someone came up with the idea of each Chapter / Agency bringing a unit to a future meeting so we could see how others equip their vehicles. We differ in our use of paddleboards, PWC's, ATV's, cans vs. buoys vs. tubes, etc. I think we could all learn a lot through this process.

Your Executive Board has been carrying on the business of the CSLSA since the Fall Meeting in Santa Barbara. We attended the Fall USLA Meeting in Galveston last November, and thanks to a meeting schedule developed by Mr. Moore, we have met monthly ever since. The highlight of the Galveston meeting for me was the opportunity to go tanker surfing. Other significant developments included the adoption of the California State Parks swim standard of 1000 yards in open water in 20 minutes or less as an amendment to the certification standards, thus allowing them to regain their status as a certified agency, the motion to establish the Pacific Islands as a new region in the USLA, and the adoption of the PWC as a rescue tool guidelines. A draft open water swim safety guidelines was developed and posted on the USLA website for comment. Subsequently, a second draft was developed and is currently posted for comment. A spirit of teamwork and cooperation between the regions existed at the Galveston meeting; hopefully we are moving in the right direction.

A year ago, at the Spring meeting, I reported to you that the USLA had no national sponsorship to speak of and no contract with a national fundraiser. Unfortunately, that remains the case today. The issue of entering into a contract with a fundraiser that answered the RFP circulated by the USLA Development Committee was up for a vote when the candidate that was being considered withdrew herself from consideration. We still have another year on our regional contract with SHP, Inc. and the National still has nothing. One thing the USLA does have, that we have not had in the past, that may help with fundraising is an Annual Report. Kudos to President Brewster for developing a quality report that can be viewed on the USLA website on the Lifeguard Library page.

Our region is up in the rotation to host the next National USLA meeting this coming November. The Executive Board viewed a very attractive proposal from Alex Peabody of Cal State Parks to host a meeting at Asilomar in Pacific Grove. Unfortunately, the availability of the conference center facilities necessitated moving the meeting dates back a week and changing the meeting to Wednesday through Friday, instead of the customary Thursday through Sunday. It quickly became apparent that it was not in the best interests of the entire USLA to make the change, and that participation from other regions would be compromised, so we withdrew the proposal. We would still very much like to host a meeting at Asilomar and will be seeking to lock in the dates of our next turn at hosting at the Miami USLA meeting next month. At this moment we are undecided where the Fall 2005 meeting will be, but we are considering Long Beach or Orange County. The dates are November 3 - 5, 2005.

Competition Committee chairman Jay Butki recently returned from Australia where he was head coach, manager and financier of the USLA team at the International Surf Challenge and Aussie Titles. He will cover all the details in his report. Our Regional Championships will return to Long Beach on July 23, and USLA Nationals will travel to Virginia Beach commencing August 11, before returning to our coast in 2006.

Exchange Committee chair Chris Graham has been busy overseeing our guards down in New Zealand and planning for the Kiwi's trip up here this summer. He has also been attending our Executive Board meetings as Recurrent Rep, and with his wife, Executive Delegate Charlotte Graham, hosted the Executive Board at their home for our February meeting.

Thanks to Vice President and Membership Committee Chair Vince Lombardi, we have some great mugs that will be part of our membership kits, along with the new - look stickers that Mrs. Graham procured on our behalf.

The rest of the Executive Board has been busy too. Mike Beuerlein has kept and posted meticulous minutes of all our BOD and Executive Board meetings and did a fine job of updating our Communication List. Rob Williams has kept outstanding track of our inflows and outflows and has paid all our bills on time. Bob Moore, in addition to handling all website details, and developing our meeting schedule, has willingly given advice, whether asked for or not. Don Rohrer hosted our most recent Executive Board meeting at his Manhattan Beach mansion and has been staying on top of the open water swim standards issue, which could have easily become a divisive issue without his insight and intervention. Executive Delegate Mike Bartlett has continued in his role as editor of *American Lifeguard Magazine*, author of the Drowning Prevention Award and as head advocate of a National meeting in Laughlin. My heartfelt thanks go to all of the members of the Executive Board, committee chairs, and you, the members of the Board of Directors for all the hard work you do in the spirit of lifesaving. Here's to another great meeting, thanks for attending.

Yours in Lifesaving,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert McGowan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert McGowan President



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Vice President's Report - April 14, 2005

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USLA Meeting, Texas- The Galveston team hosted a great event last November, highlights of the conference were conducting a PWC Operators Course that was went on prior to the USLA conference.

USA Triathlon Proposal- A draft policy was initiated in Galveston in relation to lifeguard staffing and equipment guidelines for hosting open water swimming event (triathlon) safety. Over the past 6 months, revisions have been made to the document to suggest "recommended considerations" versus mandating policy. I urge all chapters to review this document if you haven't seen it in its entirety.

CSLSA/USLA Membership, '04/'05- We have 1,183 CSLSA members reported to USLA. 1,300 mugs were purchased for the 2005 membership drive. Our sponsor is working on a bag that will be delivered at a later date and possibly a t-shirt to go along with the membership packet. Please attend the membership committee meeting today for reporting numbers of anticipated membership numbers. We will be distributing mugs and stickers at today's meeting!

New Chapter Membership- Since the Fall 2004 meeting, no applications have been submitted from Port San Luis or Pismo Beach. Hopefully at this meeting, we can come to a decision with the San Luis Obispo County Chapter issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vincent N. Lombardi III
Vice President, Membership Chair



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Secretary's Report – April 14, 2005

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Since the Fall 2004 CSLSA General Board Meeting in Santa Barbara, I have been busy with the following projects:

1. Representing the CSLSA at the Fall 2004 USLA Meeting in Galveston, Texas and working toward the re-certification of the California State Parks Lifeguard Service.
2. Completing and distributing the minutes from Fall 2004 CSLSA General Board Meeting.
3. Completing and distributing the agenda for the Spring 2005 CSLSA General Board Meeting.
4. Attending and participating in CSLSA Executive Board Meetings.
5. Completing and distributing the agendas and minutes from CSLSA Executive Board Meetings.
6. Collecting and distributing CSLSA mail.
7. Editing and revising the CSLSA Communication List.

In an effort to facilitate communication, I would like to ask that all General Board members complete the sign-in sheet and include their current e-mail address. I would also like to request that all Executive Board Members and all Committee Chairs e-mail their reports to the Secretary at mbeuerlein@surfcity-hb.org. In the case of Committee Chairs, this will include both the pre-committee and post-committee reports.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael A. Beuerlein
Secretary



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December 31st, 2004

Vincent N. Lombardi III
Vice President

Treasurer's Report

Michael A. Beuerlein
Secretary

Prepared by Rob Williams

Robert E. Williams
Treasurer

ASSETS

Robert A. Moore
Past President/Advisor

Cash and Bank Accounts

Christopher R. Graham
Recurrent Representative

Checking - B of A	\$2,846.03
Money Market - Payne Webber	\$28,221.08
Savings - HBCEFCU	\$16,064.03

Don C. Rohrer
1st Executive Delegate

TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$47,131.14
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Michael S. Bartlett
2nd Executive Delegate

Charlotte M. Graham
Alt. Executive Delegate

TOTAL ASSETS	\$47,131.14
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Board Of Directors Allocations

2002 Spr. CSLSA Mtg. C.P. Fund	\$899.00
Competition Trailer	\$0
Junior Lifeguard Account	\$16,742.79
New Zealand Exchange	\$0
Public Education Materials	\$0
Website Committee	\$0

Total Board of Directors Allocations	\$17,641.79
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General Fund Total minus Allocations	\$29,489.35
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Cash Flow
1/1/2004 Through 12/31/2004

Category Description	1/1/2004	12/31/2004
INFLOWS		
HBCECU		240.28
LB Regionals 2004		1,940.00
Member Dues 04 - 05		40,903.15
PaineWebber		162.56
Transfer From B Of A		20,000.00
Transfer From Payne Webber		9,000.00
United Way		154.37
TOTAL INFLOWS		72,400.36
OUTFLOWS		
40th Anniversary Committee		1,332.80
Award Repair		113.66
Business Account Fee		150.00
Delegate 1		37.00
Exchange Committee		1,474.40
Executive Board Meetings		823.91
Junior Lifeguard Committee		681.47
Membership Committee		232.58
Newsletter Committee		1,953.06
Public Education Committee		2,992.23
Transfer To B Of A		9,000.00
Transfer To Payne Webber		20,000.00
USLA 2004 Galveston BOD Meeting		4,005.79
USLA 2004 SF Bd Of Dir Mtg		4,150.94
USLA National Dues 04-05		12,936.00
Website CSLSA.org		2,949.40
TOTAL OUTFLOWS		82,833.24
OVERALL TOTAL		9,567.12



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Treasurer's Report

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Prepared by Rob Williams

Michael A. Beuerlein
Secretary

ASSETS

Robert E. Williams
Treasurer

Cash and Bank Accounts

Robert A. Moore
Past President/Advisor

Checking - B of A	\$ 1,307.96
Money Market - Payne Webber	\$18,332.40
Savings - HBCEFCU	\$16,124.77

Christopher R. Graham
Recurrent Representative

TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	<u>\$35,765.13</u>
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Don C. Rohrer
1st Executive Delegate

Michael S. Bartlett
2nd Executive Delegate

TOTAL ASSETS	\$35,765.13
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Charlotte M. Graham
Alt. Executive Delegate

Board Of Directors Allocations

Membership Committee	\$ 437.22
2002 Spr. CSLSA Mtg. C.P. Fund	\$ 899.00
Competition Trailer	\$ 1,000.00
Junior Lifeguard Account	\$14,542.79
New Zealand Exchange	\$ 1,474.14
Public Education Materials	\$ 0.00
Website Committee	\$ 2,000.00

Total Board of Directors Allocations	\$20,353.15
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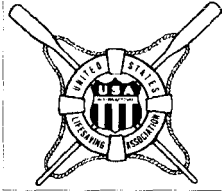
General Fund Total minus Allocations	\$15,411.98
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Cash Flow
1/1/2005 Through 4/13/2005

Category Description	1/1/2005 4/13/2005
INFLOWS	
PaineWebber	122.05
TOTAL INFLOWS	122.05
OUTFLOWS	
2005 USLA Spring BOD Meeting Miami	1,350.00
Cal Surf News	1,928.73
-Exchange Committee	25.86
Executive Board Meetings	156.43
Junior Lifeguard Committee	1,550.00
Membership Committee	3,662.78
Public Education Committee	4,000.00
USLA 2004 Galveston BOD Meeting	-525.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	12,048.80
OVERALL TOTAL	-11,926.75

Net Worth
As of 4/13/2005

Account	4/13/2005 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking	1,307.96
Money Market	18,332.40
Savings	16,124.77
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	35,765.13
TOTAL ASSETS	35,765.13
LIABILITIES	
Other Liabilities	
2002 Spr. CSLSA Mtg. C.P. Fund	899.00
Competition Trailer	1,000.00
Junior Lifeguard Account	14,542.79
Membership Account	437.22
New Zealand Exchange	1,474.14
Public Education Materials	0.00
Website Committee	2,000.00
TOTAL Other Liabilities	20,353.15
TOTAL LIABILITIES	20,353.15
OVERALL TOTAL	15,411.98



United States Lifesaving Association

POLICIES AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

Number: IV-A

Adopted: 11/09/02

Authority: ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

SUBJECT: TAX EXEMPT STATUS

The UNITED STATES LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION (formerly the National Surf Lifesaving Association of America) is exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The organization's employee number is 23-7067234.

The USLA is exempt from State Franchise Tax under provisions of Section 23701 of the Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California.

The organization's identification number is 0522882. (05/04/79)

All regions are strongly encouraged to incorporate in their primary state of origin and to obtain their own exemptions. (11/09/02)



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2005 CSLSA Recurrent Lifeguard Testing Dates / Hourly Payrates

Attached is a copy of the 2005 CSLSA web site employment page that provides Departmental Testing Dates & Hourly Payrates. This year I was fortunate to get updates from all 29 agencies. We have modified this page by combining both the testing dates and payrates to one page. Secondly, we are using red and blue asterisks to inform viewers when this information was updated. Finally, we added a link called "Chapters: [Click Here](#)". This will speed up the update process regarding chapter testing dates and or salary information. Thank you to those that sent me your department's information. I would also like to thank Bob Moore, Charlotte Graham and Pat Francis for helping in the www.cslsa.org web site update process.

2005 CSLSA Chapters / Agencies Contact Information

A copy of the most current CSLSA web site Chapters / Agencies Contact information document will be circulating for your review. Please make any necessary changes. If you need to make changes at any other time you can by using the link "Members: [Click Here](#)" which is at the top of the web site contact information page.

Thanks,

Chris Graham

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- [cal surf news](#)
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Agency	Exam Date	Payrate
**California State	Ocean Beaches - (2005) @ 9am 2/26 (Huntington) 3/06 (San Buena Ventura) 3/12 (Rio Del Mar) 3/13 (South Carlsbad) 3/19 (San Clemente) 3/19 (Point Magu) 3/26 (Monterey) Lake Beaches - (2005) @ 9am 3/19 (Moreno Beach, Lake Perris) 3/26 (Millerton Lake @ 10am) 4/17 (Moreno Beach, Lake Perris) 5/15 (Granite Bay, Lake Folsom) CALL (831) 649-7132 for info (for all)	\$14.00
CLICK HERE for details		
**Camp Pendleton	(2005) 3/19, 4/2, 4/23, 5/4 (8:00am)	\$11.83-\$14.70
**Capitola	(2005) May	\$11.11-\$15.00
*Coronado	(2005) 4/12, 5/17	\$12.50-\$15.96
**Del Mar	(2005) 4/09 (7:30am)	\$10.83-\$15.86
**Encinitas	(2005) 4/04, 4/25	\$12.53-\$17.79
**Honolulu	(2005) 3/10 (8am) at Ala Moana Beach Tower 1B	\$13.34
**Huntington Beach	(2005) 3/13 (Sunday at 8am, Headquarters) Cadet Training - 3/26-4/3, 4/9-10 at Marine Safety Educational Facility (JGHQ)	\$14.12-\$27.32
**Imperial Beach	(2005) 4/15, 5/25, 6/22	\$13.00-\$16.60
*LA City	(2005) 3/05 (9am) at LA Swim Stadium	\$12.82-\$17.35
*LA County	(2005) 9/17 (for 2006)	\$18.40-\$22.80
**LA County Lakes	(2005) 2/13(Castaic) 2/13 (Santa Fe Dam) 2/13 (Puddingstone Reservoir)	\$14.75-\$18.27

**Laguna Beach	(2005) 3/05, 3/19 (8:00am)	\$15.20-\$20.01
**Lake Mission Viejo	(2005) 3/19, 3/26	\$10.05-\$15.70
**Long Beach	(2005) 3/20 (8:30am)	\$14.39-\$15.12
**Newport Beach	(2005) 3/06 (8:30am) CLICK HERE for Application/Details	\$13.12-\$19.39
**Oceanside	(2005) 3/12, 4/2 (8:00am) CLICK HERE for Application/Details	\$11.77-\$14.31
**Pismo Beach	(2005) 3/30, 4/2 (8am) Interviews on 4/4	\$9.50 - \$13.50
**Port Hueneme	(2005) 3/26	\$12.54-\$16.30
**Port San Luis	(2005) 4/09 (9am) at Avila Beach Pier Academy - 4/15-17,4/22-24 Application available at Port San Luis Harbor Office, Pier #3, Avila Beach. Filing deadline 4/7. Questions--Email gregw@portsanluis.com	\$10.57
**San Clemente	(2005) 3/6 (7:45am)	\$13.16-\$20.48
**San Diego	(2005) 1/6, 1/7, 1/8, 1/14,1/15 CALL (619) 692-4848 for info	\$14.72-\$17.72
**Santa Barbara	(2005) 4/23, 4/30	\$10.00-\$12.75
**Santa Cruz	(2005) 3/5, 3/12	\$12.23-\$18.63
**Seal Beach	(2005) 5/21 (8:30am)	\$12.01-\$16.64
**Solana Beach	(2005) 5/11, 5/20 (8:30am)	\$11.91-\$15.20
**Tuscon	(2005) 3/5, 4/2, 5/7 (9:00am)	\$8.29-\$10.56
**U.S. Ocean Safety	(2005) 4/16 (8:30am) at Aliso Beach	\$9.25-\$17.00
**Ventura County	(2005) 5/21 (8am) at Channel Island Harbor Patrol Office. Call (805)-382-3007 for info	\$10.00-\$13.50

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By Robert A. Moore

It has been a year since I have seen you last. I have been on a cruise, had two shoulder surgeries, and retired.

Please excuse my stroll down memory lane, but I believe it does have something to do with who I am and my roll as Past President/Advisor.

Where has the time gone? I began my career in open water lifesaving in 1967. I signed a payroll deduction form for the National Surf Lifesaving Association, NSLSA, and the Los Angeles County Lifeguard Association, LACOLA. As a rookie, I had no idea what I was signing, but it was strongly suggested that I sign! I received a decal and that was the last that I heard about both organizations. The NSLSA had some competition events up and down the coast. What was that about? I became involved in my local association and was elected Secretary. As Secretary of LACOLA, I was involved in hosting a NSLSA meeting. WOW, lifeguards from Southern California, legends - Vince Morehouse, Max Bowman, Bob Burnside, Don Rohrer, Buddy Belche, Bob Shea, Bill Owen, Tim "I smell a Rat" Dorsey, and many more. They were administrators, chiefs, and officers. I was a mere recurrent.

LACOLA became, as many other associations did during the 1970's, a bargaining unit. It was a necessary move during that era, but not my expertise or passion. That is when I focused on the NSLSA. I became permanent during my involvement in the NSLSA and was one of a few non-administrator/officer folks around. As a Board of Director for a few years, I became involved in the competition side as well as the business side. Thanks to the support of some of the 'big guys', I was voted on the Executive Board as a delegate. I guess I was the token Los Angeles County person as well as the only non-administrator/officer on the Executive Board. There were some 'difficult' times during the 1960's - 70's. All of the hard work to create the organization was about to start over. In 1979 we voted to change the name to the United States Lifesaving Association, USLA, and created a region called the Western United States Lifesaving Association, WUSLA. I was selected USLA Coach in 1979 in preparation for a tour to South Africa in 1980. Due to issues beyond our control, the trip did not occur until 1981. I was selected USLA Coach again for the 1981 Australian Team competition. I was elected to the WUSLA Executive Board again in 1981 and the region was spanked hard at the Florida USLA meeting by the rest of the country. We had taken it for granted that we would continue to hold all of the USLA Executive Board positions with the exception of Joe Pecoraro from Chicago who was the USLA Advisor when Sheridan Byerly resigned the Past President position to allow Joe to serve on the Executive Board. Dick Miller was the only WUSLA representative to be elected and Byron Ware continued as the Executive Director. I was the USLA Competition Chairman and we spent three solid days trying to establish the

competition rules that are now the basis of what we do today. I hate politics! I still feel the headache. The regionalism and national mistrust was at its peak. I was selected the USLA Coach/Manager for the 1983 South African competition/exchange team and was a speaker at the International Training School involving World Lifesaving. 1983 was a turning point with my involvement in the organization(s). Due to circumstances of a resignation and encouragement from others, I ran for president of the WUSLA, this was something that I did not want to do. I was elected by the slimmest of margins. A mere permanent lifeguard heading up an Executive Board of administrators and officers. My first goal was to bring the region together and eliminate the infighting. This was accomplished by meeting monthly. My belief was that if we meet, there will be something to do and relationships would be enhanced. The egos of our membership were significant, but once the USLA issues came to the forefront, our region came together, for which I was most proud. I attended the World Lifesaving, WLS, meeting in Hawaii in 1983 and served on the competition committee. I was totally involved on the regional, national, and world level. All on my own time and money I might add. I attended many world meetings as a delegate and presented papers for publication and presentation. I served as President of the region, which is now known as the California Surf Lifesaving Association, CSLSA, for ten years and finally stepped down because I was tired. I hate politics! I speak direct and from the heart which sometimes causes friction. I had been the spokesman for the CSLSA at the national meetings and upset the rest of the country on more than one occasion. They thought everything I said was from me when in reality it was CSLSA Board actions. The rest of the country did not understand that we as a region met prior to the USLA meetings and decided what was to be addressed and positions established. Other regions did not practice our way of doing business. Most of them practiced the 'seat of the pants'/'make it up as you go along' type representation and because of that, did not trust us. They were making judgments based on their own perceptions. Did I mention I hate politics! During my presidency, I was promoted to lieutenant. I was now one of the 'other side', an officer. But I never forgot my roots, why we were there, or the backbone of the organization - the membership.

It has not been a smooth journey, but I would not change a thing (well maybe a couple of things). I have learned that no one can do it alone. It takes a team effort and support from your significant other. I have been fortunate to be surrounded by great individuals during my involvement in all four organizations (local, regional, national, and world). It has been an honor to serve with, for, the best professionals on the planet. Our membership's service to the public is second to none.

On 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 31, 2005, I walked out the door of my office for the last time. I was proud of myself until I said goodbye to my assistant in the parking lot, then I lost it. Lifesaving has been my life. It has been my passion. I am told that retirement is the greatest. I am new at this, but feel that the journey is the fulfillment. But as we all learn, until you do it a while, you can't appreciate it.

So, I will continue to use my 'experience' to advise the CSLSA Executive Board to the best of my ability and for the betterment of lifesaving as I begin a new chapter in my life. I will also continue to speak from the heart because I hate politics! It has been an honor to serve and I enjoyed and look forward to your fellowship, Yours in Lifesaving.



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Executive Delegate/Certification Activity Report

April 2005

Teri Throw Stick. In the past few months, lifeguard agencies and others involved with open water lifesaving have been introduced to the Teri Throw Stick. I have met with the developer and had a demonstration of the new product. Refer to the attached flyer for additional information.

Certification. As one of CSLSA's certification committee members, I have been working with various entities in an attempt to resolve issues with the proposed USLA Open Water Swimming Event Safety document. The certification committee will need to meet regarding this issue.

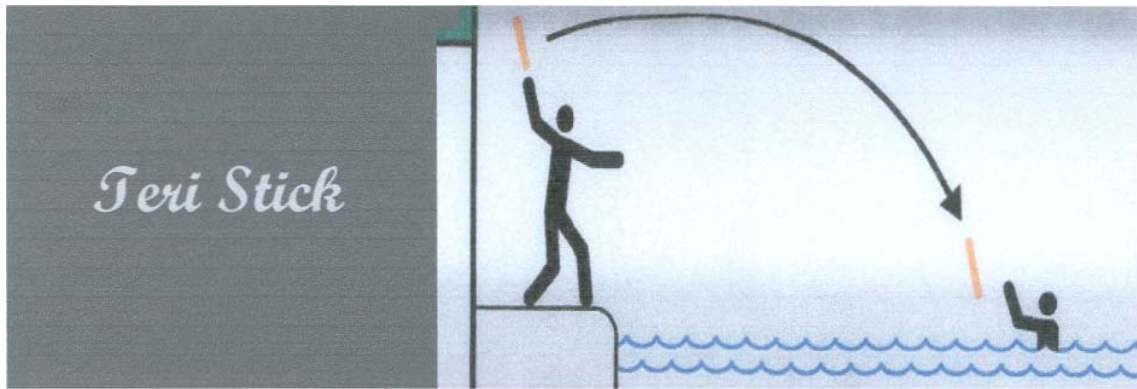
Baywatch Movie Rights. I have been informed by founder and director, Greg Bonan, that the rights to the original Baywatch movie have been purchased by Steven Spielberg. It appears that more Baywatch will be hitting the screens in movie theaters in the future.

GO JG Program. The Go JG program is moving forward and is active in all of the areas of the country that have previously been reported to the executive board.

Medal of Valor. I have been in contact with the USLA Heroic Acts Chair, Nikki Bowie, regarding the Medal of Valor production and availability. Two medals remain in our inventory, and these will be sent to the national Chair.

Congratulations. Special congratulations to Section Chief, Bob Moore. He has retired from the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Lifeguard Division, March 31st. We all wish Bob and Sandy the best in his well deserved retirement.

Don Rohrer
CSLSA Executive Delegate
Certification Chair



For More Information on the

Teri Stick

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TO: CSLSA Board of Directors
FROM: Jay Butki
SUBJECT: Competition Committee Chair
Report DATE: April 14, 2005

2005 Fall USLA National Board of Directors Meeting

A number of proposals were finalized at the Fall meeting in Galveston, Texas. They include:

Require presence at heat marshaling to be eligible for final.

Require competitors to wear wristbands throughout the competition.

Restrict competitors to racing in an Open and only one age group.

Minutes from the Fall meeting are attached.

International Surf Challenge 2005

A 6 man and 6 woman team from the USLA was invited to compete in the International Surf Challenge on March 22-24, 2005 at Kurrawa Beach, Queensland Australia. They competed in the same 22 events on 2 days against teams from Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and Great Britain.

Team Manager
Jay Butki-Los Angeles County Lifeguard Association

Men--

Paul Mangen-Monmouth County, NJ -Team Captain
Sean Kennedy-Los Angeles County Lifeguard Association
Scott Lambert-Newport Beach Ocean Lifeguard Association
Brian Murphy-Los Angeles County Lifeguard Association
Matt Simonton-Smith Point, NY
Shane Watson-Nags Head, NC Lifesaving Association

Women--

Lauren Dale-Los Angeles County Lifeguard Association
Katherine Durand-Los Angeles County Lifeguard Association
Renee Locarnini-Los Angeles County Lifeguard Association
Tandis Morgan-Los Angeles County Lifeguard Association

The US Team finished in 4th place behind Australia, New Zealand and Great Britain, and the Japanese Manager said if they had longer legs they would have performed much better. We were hurt by only having 4 of the 6 women required and 3 members of our team had never been to a Lifeguard Competition.

Despite this, the Team performed admirably, especially Matt Simonton in Flags and Sprinting, Renee Locarnini & Paul Mangen in Swimming, Shane Watson and Iron woman Tandis Morgan who raced in 19 of the 44 events.

The team was also invited to compete in the Australian National Championships held at Kurrawa from March 15-20th. Tandi Morgan won the first ever medal at the Aussie's by a US woman with a 2nd place in the Women's Open Malibu Board riding. Shane Watson, Renee Locarnini, and Lauren Dale also all reached the Semi Finals at the Aussie's.

I received the following donated items on behalf of the US team at the 2005 International Surf Challenge:

Speedo Gym bag (\$45.00)
Speedo zippered polo shirt with USLA logo (\$48.00)
Speedo Goggles (\$20.00)
Speedo Towel (\$25.00)
Speedo warm ups with USA surf challenge embroidery logo (\$150.00)
Speedo swim cap (\$18.00)
Men-- Speedo fast Skin II Navy w Gray stripes Jammers (\$150.00)
 Speedo Nylon sapphire Water Polo suit (\$28.00)
Women-- Speedo Workout suit-Kelly Green (\$66.00)
 Speedo Fastskin II Racerback (\$150.00)
Patagonia Organic White T-shirt with USLA logos (\$34.00)
Patagonia Capilene White T-shirt with USLA logos (\$42.00)
Toes on the Nose Vista Dress Shirt-Green tiki (\$65.00)
Toes on the Nose moon Doggie Board shorts-Brown & White floral (\$45.00)
QuikSilver Edition mystic 20" Board Shorts-Red or blue Floral (\$47.50)
QuikSilver Edition wide Lane Dress Shirt either light red or light blue (\$69.50)
QuikSilver Edition T-shirt-army green (\$20.00)
QuikSilver Edition baseball cap (\$18.00)
O'Neill Bluegrass Polo Shirt White w Red/Blue stripes (\$38.00)
O'Neill Superfreak Black Board Shorts (\$55.00)
Women-- Roxy-Plumeria Nights Black & White Floral Sundress (\$54.00)
 Roxy-I Want Candy blue board shorts (\$ 38.00)

I received clearance from the USLA President and Legal advisor to begin soliciting donations on behalf of the USLA team in mid-January 2005. I received roughly \$11,500.00 in donated products for a team of 14. Over \$900.00 per person is pretty good, but unfortunately the US team was only 11 due to untimely withdrawals by Rob Pelkey-LACOLA, Maggie Hogan-San Diego and Alexandra Wilson-CSLA.

Check out the International Surf Challenge photos at <http://harvpix.com/>

International Surf Challenge March 2007 in Perth, Western Australia
International Surf Challenge 2008 Oahu, Hawaii

Ed Perry Regatta

The first Lifeguard Competition of the summer will be the Ed Perry Regatta held at Avenue 26 on Venice Beach on June 18. Parking is available off Venice Boulevard. 0800 start

Hennessey's Glass Off Series

Sat. June 25 - Hermosa Beach Pier 0800-1200
Wed July 13 - Hermosa Beach Pier 0800-1600
Sat July 30-Zuma 0800-1200

Maroochydore Surf Life Saving Club

The 14 member Australian Junior Development Squad from Maroochydore Surf Life Saving Club is looking to arrive at LAX the evening of July 13, for a two week tour of Southern California.

San Clemente Ocean Festival

Sat. July 16 and July 17 at the San Clemente Pier. 0800 start

2005 CSLSA Championships

The Southwest Regional Championships and Junior Lifeguard Regional Championships will again be hosted by the Long Beach Lifeguard Association at Granada Beach. JG's on Friday, July 22 and Lifeguards on Saturday, July 23. 0800 start

International Surf Festival -- Manhattan Beach Pier

Fri-August 5-LA County Intracrew Relays -1800-2200

Sat-August 6-Taplin Relays-1800-2200

Sun August 7-Surf Festival, Dory Race, Paddleboard Race, Pier to Pier Swim

2005 USLA National Championships

The 2005 USLA National and Junior Lifeguard Championships will be held in Virginia Beach, Virginia on August 11, 12 and 13. That is one week later than what has become the norm. The web-site is up - <http://www.uslanationals.org/>

There will be a pool try-out on Wed. Aug 10 for those interested in trying out for the US National team for Rescue 2006.

Wieland Shield 2006

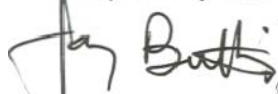
The 19th Wieland Shield Surf Life Saving Competition between California and Victoria will be held February 4 and 5, 2006, at Torquay and Lorne. The 3 women and 7 men from California will be selected based upon performances at the 2005 CSLSA Regionals and USLA Nationals.

Rescue 2006

Rescue 2006, the International Life Saving Federation World Lifesaving Championships, is scheduled for February 10-26th in Lorne, Victoria, Australia. This international championship, held every two years, is comprised of several competitions including events for National teams, Interclub teams and Masters competitors in events such as ironman/ironwoman, board rescue, rescue medley, taplin relay and many more ocean, beach and pool events. This event marks 50 years since the first International Surf Lifesaving competition was held as part of the 1956 Melbourne Olympics and attended by Bob Burnside, Greg Noll, and Tom Zahn among other luminaries in our sport. It also marks the 50th anniversary of the first truly International Lifesaving Association meeting.

For more information please visit www.Rescue2006.com

Respectively Submitted,



Jay Butki

Jay Butki
Competition Committee Chair
3541 May Street, Los Angeles. CA 90066

United States Lifesaving Association
Fall Meeting, Galveston
November 4-6, 2004
Competition Report

The chair presented a written report on the three written protests lodged and acted upon after the 2004 National Championships in Daytona Beach. No action taken

04-10 Budget:

Not discussed, however chair has requested that regions submit nominations for the 2005 Australian Surf Challenge by Dec 5, 2004, to Mr. Butki. Chair has also requested that the president appoint Jay Butki as manager for the 2005 Australian Surf Challenge, who will also select the team with assistance from Mr. Gallagher and Dr. Wernicki. No funding is available, but potential team members are to be solicited from all regions.

04-07 Competition Site:

Status of the competition web site was presented as stated in the activity report. Comments on the site should be sent to the chair.

04-11 2006 Nationals:

Contract for the 2006 Nationals will be between the USLA and California State Parks. Site will be Huntington State Beach with cooperation from other Orange County agencies. Mr. Butki will send draft contract language to the state. A process for site selection for the 2007 championships will be drafted for the Spring meeting by the chair.

04-05 Training for Officials:

A sub-committee headed by Don May will develop a syllabus for a one day training for the Spring meeting. The chair will receive the syllabus one month prior to the meeting and will distribute to all regions to solicit participation.

04-09 Goals:

1. Syllabus for officials training.
2. Results data base, all results will be sent to Mr. Butki so a working data base can be developed.
3. A synopsis of the ILS rules that differ from the USLA rules. A sub-committee of Paul Pivec, Tim Gallagher and Jay Butki to establish a date for a pool event that correlates with the ILS events. Looking for a location to host the event.

04-12 National Host Manuel:

Chair will work with Virginia Beach to memorialize steps necessary to host Nationals.

04-13 Results Data Base:

Mt Hard will send the chair a list of chapters. This list will also be sent to region representatives to confirm division and chapter beanie configuration.

04-01 Rule Change:

Requires sign-up and attendance at heats to move on. Passed 6-0.

04-02 Rule Change:

Requires wearing wrist bands and sets final age group. Tabled since not introduced at Spring meeting. Clarified that the final age group was supposed to be 65+. Passed 6-0 on clarification only.

04-14 Rule Change:

Not properly introduced.

04-16 Rule Change:

Add row to Iron Woman's event. Defeated 4-1.

04-17 Rule Change:

Restrict competitors to open and one age group. Passed 4-2.

04-18 Rule Change:

Tabled

04-19 Rule Change:

Tabled

04-20 Rule Change:

Tabled

04-21 Registration Program:

The chair will work with Mr. Hard and Virginia Beach on specs for registration program.

04-22 Protest Process:

Extensive discussion occurred on the decision by the 2004 National officials to divide landline points. Several regions may submit language for a proposed rule change to address awarding points for an un-completed event.

The consensus (if one could be achieved) was that the decision may not have adhered to the existing rules but was deemed fair based on the facts available to the officials at the time. The committee will take action on any proposed rule changes to address the protest process.

Submitted By: Kevin Sweat, Vice Chair of the Competition Committee.



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California New Zealand Lifeguard Exchange

- 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 last year's exchange lifeguards.
- The 2005/2006 California Exchange announcements have been mailed to all the California Lifeguard Associations. Attached is a 2005/2006 Exchange Announcement to share with your Recurrent Lifeguards.
- I am in the process of preparing the 2005 California New Zealand Lifeguard Exchange Itinerary. If you have an overwhelming desire to host the Kiwis let me know.
- The two delegates have been chosen to represent Surf Lifesaving Northern Region. They are the following:
 - Janie Meikie - Mangawhai Heads
 - Laura Spinks - Sunset Beach
- With us today is:
 - Linsi Huseman (City of Newport Beach)
 - Chad Wennerstrom (California State / Pismo Beach)

They have recently returned from NZ and are here to share their exchange experience. They will each leave today with a perpetual AJ Summers Memorial plaque that has a listing of California Exchange Delegates for the past 33 years.

Thanks,

Chris Graham



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CALIFORNIA / NEW ZEALAND 2005 - 2006 LIFEGUARD EXCHANGE

TO: All current members of the California Surf Life Saving Association (CSLSA).

WHAT: The California SLSA has again been invited by the Auckland, New Zealand SLSA representatives to participate in a lifeguard exchange program. This is the thirty-third year this exchange has taken place between Auckland and California.

WHEN: Approximately December 26, 2005 through February 15, 2006 (exact dates TBA)

RESPONSIBILITY: The two California SLSA members will be responsible for their own food and transportation costs to and from Auckland. Auckland SLSA will provide accommodations throughout the exchange. The CSLSA will sponsor a portion of the airfare to New Zealand (upon satisfactorily completing the tour).

- HOW TO APPLY:**
1. Must have a minimum of three summers of open water lifeguard experience and three years membership in the United States Lifesaving Association (USLA);
 2. Must presently be a member of the California SLSA (CSLSA) in good standing;
 3. Must provide resume and cover page including name, mailing address, contact phone number, e-mail address and agency.
 4. Must have two (2) letters of recommendation. One from each of the following:
 - a. Your Chief Lifeguard, Captain, or Lieutenant.
 - b. Your SLSA chapter President
 5. Must complete an oral interview with final approval given by the CSLSA Executive Board
 6. Applicants from USIA certified agencies are highly desirable

MAIL TO: CALIFORNIA /NEW ZEALAND LIFEGUARD EXCHANGE
California Surf Life Saving Association
P. O. Box 366, Huntington Beach, CA 92648

DEADLINE: All materials must be received (or post marked) by Friday, August 19, 2005.

INTERVIEW: Date, location and time of interview TBA
Interview Results And Selections To Be Announced In September.

INFORMATION: Contact Chris Graham at the above address, by phone C (949) 770-1313 x 203, or (cslsa.org) or contact any past delegate listed below.

2004/05: Linsi Huseman (Newport) & Chad Wennerstrom(Cal St/Pismo)	1995/96: Todd Bartlett (Huntington City) & C SmmtsvanOven (Los Angeles)
2003/04: Ryan Saca (Santa Cruz) & Brian McConnell (HB City)	1994/95: Chris Graham (Newport Beach) & David Royal (Santa Cruz City)
2002/03: Lindsay Ortega (HB City) & Rebecca Levine(HB State)	1993/94: Ryan Newman (Santa Cruz City) & Alike Lewis (San Diego City)
2001/02: Gennifer Amthor (Seal Beach) & Casey Graham (Port Hueneme)	1992/93: Jennifer Price (San Diego City) & Eric Ching (Huntington City)
2000/01: Jon Mitchell (Newport Beach) & Rob Maier (Newport Beach)	1991/92: Tim Ciccheto (San Diego City) & Elizabeth Kubis (S. Clemente St)
1999/00: Shannon Svensen (C.4 State) & Charlie Dall (Newport Beach)	1990/01: Pat Graham (Huntington City) & Michael Bartlett (HBC)
1998/99: Clint Dial (Oceanside) & David Jenkins (CA State)	1989/90: Cart/ Smith (Santa Cruz City) & Monva Delisis (L.A. City)
1997/98: Shea Valero (Silver Strand State) & Robyn Jacobsen (Newport)	1988/89: bole Lindo (Huntington City) & Barrett Tester (Huntington State)
1996/97: Eric Roberts (Seal Beach) & Colla Anderson (Santa Cruz State)	1987/88: JefKoller (Huntington City) & Herb White (Huntington State)



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TO: CSLSA Board of Directors
FROM: Bill Richardson, Committee Chair
DATE: October 21, 2004
SUBJECT: Heroic Acts Committee Report

There was only one submission for Heroic Acts Award, from Newport Beach. All the information was submitted to the board for action. I believe that Mr. Bartlett was to have taken the submission to the USLA meeting in Galveston.

To my knowledge no other action was taken and there have been no other submissions.

I can be reached at:

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CALIFORNIA SURF LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION
Junior Lifeguard Committee
2005 SPRING ACTIVITY REPORT

REGIONAL COMPETITION

The Junior Lifeguard Regional Competition 2005 will be hosted by Long Beach on July 22nd. Remember the mandatory JG Coordinators Meeting the evening of July 21st.

CAL STATE GAMES

The 2005 Cal State Games will be hosted by Imperial Beach on July 15th.

NATIONAL COMPETITION

The 2005 Junior Lifeguard Nationals will be hosted by Virginia Beach, VA on August 11th

2005 POSTER CONTEST

This summer we will conduct a poster contest. Posters will be judged at the Fall CSLSA JG Committee Meeting.

2004 JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS OF THE YEAR

Carlsbad - Elfin Forest
 Lake Mission Viejo - Devin Hanrahan
 Los Angeles County - Shauna Letvin
 Newport Beach - Kyle Fults
 Santa Barbara - Chrissy Faulding
 Turtle Guard - Lauren Cody

Each JG will receive a check from the CSLSA for \$250. Individual programs can plan their appropriate awards presentation. I have copy of photos and nomination bios for any Lifeguard magazine articles.

2005 JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS OF THE YEAR

Each agency will have the opportunity to submit their nomination for Junior Lifeguard of the year. Coordinators should bring their one page bio with a picture of their JG to the Committee Meeting. Each nominated JG will be honored by the CSLSA. The total amount spent to honor each agency JG will not exceed \$2,500.

JG PROGRAM GUIDELINES

If a private JG program wishes to participate in the 2005 CSLSA events they need to:

1. Request by the Fall meeting for participation the next summer.
2. A letter from the private JG program's parent Agency/City and Lifeguard Chief/Captain addressed to the CSLSA Board in support of the JG program.
3. This letter should indicate their JGI's qualifications and training.

Del Mar, Turtle Guard has submitted the proper paper work and been approved for the 2005 season.

TIDEBOOKS

Thanks to Mike, Carlsbad State, the Tidebooks are available.

USLA JG MEMBERSHIP

The JG Membership continues to go well. Try to include this \$10 fee in your 2005 program registration.

Print the USLA logo on all of your 2005 JG program information. This is our " Good-house Keeping" seal of approval.

Mail your JG USLA registration checks and mailing list to:

JG USLA Membership
P.O. Box 322
Avon By the Sea, NJ 07717

WEB INFORMATION UPDATE

Verify your Junior Lifeguard Program information during the Committee Meeting.

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**2005
CALIFORNIA SURF LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION
JUNIOR LIFEGUARD
POSTER CONTEST**

THIS YEAR WE ARE HAVING A BEACH SAFETY POSTER CONTEST FOR THE CALIFORNIA USLA JUNIOR LIFEGUARD MEMBERS.

THERE WILL BE A \$500 SAVINGS BOND AWARDED TO THE TOP "A" "B" AND "C" DIVISION CONTEST WINNERS.

JUNIOR LIFEGUARD COORDINATORS NEED TO SUBMIT (IN PERSON OR BY MAIL) THEIR ORIGINAL TOP 5 POSTERS (ANY DIVISION) TO THE JG CHAIRPERSON BY THE FALL CSLSA MEETING.

THE BACK OF THE POSTER MUST INCLUDE:

- JG' S FIRST AND LAST NAME
- DIVISION "A", "B" OR "C"
- HOME PHONE NUMBER
- HOME ADDRESS
- JG PROGRAM
- JG COORDINATOR'S NAME
- JG COORDINATOR'S PHONE NUMBER

THE POSTER SHOULD BE ONE-DIMENSIONAL AND THE SIZE MUST BE AT LEAST 8.5" BY 11" AND NO LARGER THAN 11" BY 17".

USE ANY MEDIUM TO CREATE YOUR POSTER (EXAMPLES: PAINT, PEN, MARKERS, CHALK, CRAYONS OR YOUR IDEA).

JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE THESE BEACH SAFETY TIPS AS POSTER CONTEST ENTRIES:

- LEARN TO SWIM. IT'S FUN!
- CHECK WITH A LIFEGUARD BEFORE ENTERING THE WATER.
- SWIM NEAR A LIFEGUARD.
- NEVER SWIM ALONE.
- JOIN A JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM.
- NEVER DIVE HEAD FIRST INTO UNKNOWN WATER OR INTO SHALLOW BREAKING WAVES.
- PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THE SUN, USE SUNSCREEN AND REAPPLY OFTEN.

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Once again I bring you good news about your Newsletter. Many of you, I hope, have already received the latest edition. This is a departure from previous reports when all I brought to you was another explanation for another delay.

I also hope you notice the changes that are only the beginning of a new era for your Newsletter. It starts on the cover. Did you notice how different it feels? That's the higher quality paper we now use. This paper also produces a much better photograph quality so that those exciting lifeguard action shots you will soon be sending us will be printed sharp and clear. And, with the better paper, we can again consider the possibility of going to a color front and back. As usual, major credit for these advances goes to Mike Bartlett who gave me the key contacts to make these upgrades possible.

You may have noticed I said "we" and that's the other good news. With the approval of your Board of Directors, Captain Richard Godino will be taking over as Editor with me serving as Southern Correspondent. We have also been joined by the very capable Bill White, who will be contributing photos and articles on a regular basis. And as always, we welcome articles and photos from new writers and the usual cast of contributors. We are still looking for someone to be our photo editor and we are always looking for someone to sell advertising for us. Now that we have a much better paper product, we hope these ads will be easier to attract.

As we move forward to upgrade your CalSurf, we continue our pledge of showcasing articles and photos produced by lifeguards for lifeguards. Our thanks to those of you who have submitted articles for this edition. As before, we are confident that with your support, Cal Surf can continue to be one of the finest regional newsletter publications.

Our Income and Expense statement will follow shortly.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric W. Sandy, Editor, Cal Surf News.



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Public Education Committee Report-Spring 2005

Robert C. McGowan
President

Since the Spring meeting I have been working with Kris Okamoto of Hoag Hospital's Project Wipeout and Rob Williams to reproduce a beach safety activity book geared for children ages 7-11.

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The idea was to reproduce an existing activity book from Project Wipeout with changes and additions to include the CSLSA as a collaborative effort. Minor changes were made to some of the text to include tide pools and flat water. Additionally, the inside cover of the activity book, which was originally blank, has been designed to include the CSLSA logo, mission statement, website address, the "A" Division Junior Lifeguard poster winner, and a short message about joining Junior Lifeguards. Unfortunately, Hoag Hospital would not allow any changes to the cover of the activity book. The activity book is now on Hoag Hospital's print schedule and should be ready for distribution early summer. Along with the \$4,000.00 from the CSLSA, Hoag Hospital approved a \$4,000.00 grant to increase the amount printed. At \$0.75 per unit, this should amount to over 10,000 books printed. Only one winning Junior Lifeguard poster was used due to lack of space. I would like to consider the posters for future projects as well as forward them to the website committee to replace past year essay winners.

Some other ideas associated with Project Wipeout are the development of a downloadable version of the activity book and lesson plan.

Many thanks, to Bob Moore and our Webmaster, a public education section was added to the CSLSA website with safety tips, links, and downloadable materials.



April 14-15, 2005

Our Committee met three times since our last CSLSA meeting; January 13th in Laguna Beach, February 17th in Mission Viejo, and February 24th in Newport Beach.

In February we practiced a "Table-top" Incident Command System exercise in Mission Viejo. Agencies in attendance were; Crystal Cove State, Huntington Beach City, Huntington Beach State, Laguna Beach, Lake Mission Viejo, Newport Beach, Seal Beach, San Clemente City, San Clemente State, and US Ocean Safety. There were 29 participants in all.

Next Meeting: May 18, 2005 in Laguna Beach. This meeting is an actual ocean ISC drill. For more information contact Scott Diederich at (949) 494-6572.

Curriculum Review: This past year we reviewed the curriculum for nine of our most popular courses, and concluded that their curriculum currently meets the standards for most all departments; courses such as American Heart CPR, Naui Scuba, and so forth. These courses represent the curriculum currently being used by most professional lifeguard agencies, and a list of these courses was in our last report dated October 2004.

Curriculum currently being submitted for review

- Rescue Boat Operations- Boating & Waterways
- Swift water Rescue Tech 1- Rescue 3 International
- Swift water Rescue Tech 1- Miramar College (FIPT 311M)
- Vertical Rescue- Miramar College (FIPT 121)
- Technical Rope (cliff) Rescue- Rescue 3 International
- PWC Rescue Course (K38)- Shawn Alladio
- Inflatable (IRB) Rescue Boat Operations- Miramar College (FIPT 161)
- Practical Rope Rescue- Special Rescue Services
- Instructor 1A- Santa Ana College.
- Instructor 1B- Santa Ana College
- Driver Operator 1A- Santa Ana College
- Management 1- Santa Ana College
- ICS 200- Santa Ana College
- ICS 300- Santa Ana College
- ICS 400- Santa Ana College
- Command 1A- Santa Ana College
- Command 1 B- Santa Ana College

Certification

At our February meeting Rennie Boyer suggested that CLTOA offer a "Professional Lifeguard Series" certificate, with levels I, II, & III. Miramar College currently does something like this. They call it "Open Water Lifeguard Professional". We would like to know what you think would be appropriate training for a professional lifeguard? What would you include as courses that are appropriate for an officer candidate for your department? Please share your response with us at this meeting, or email your response to dpeden@lakemissionviejo.org

Miramar College's levels are shown here to simply provide an example of what they do:

<i>Level I</i> <i>Intro to Open Water Lifeguarding</i> <i>Emergency Care for Sick & Injured</i> <i>Current issues for Advanced</i> <i>Officer</i>	<i>Level II</i> <i>Low Angle Rescue</i> <i>Personal Watercraft Operation</i> <i>EMT</i> <i>Intro to Open Water Lifeguarding</i> <i>Swift Water Rescue Tech 1</i> <i>Peace Officer Orientation II</i>	<i>Level III</i> <i>Instructor Training IA</i> <i>Instructor Training IB</i> <i>Rescue Systems 1</i> <i>Vertical Rescue</i> <i>IRB Operations</i> <i>Criminal Law I</i> <i>Report Writing</i>
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Our short-range goal continues to be to arrange quarterly training dives in various cities, and to meet once a month in the off-season (not during the summer quarter), to promote statewide standards. We share president McGowan's concern of the possible financial impact to each department in establishing standardized guidelines. That is why we look to you, and your training officer to help us establish a "minimum" standard that each department can live with. One way to address this issue, for example, is to have a "basic" PWC course, and an "advanced" course for those agencies requiring more specialized training. Once a standard curriculum can be established, we have discussed then the possibility of offering a certificate.

Our long-range plan envisions the possibility of California colleges adopting these guidelines and offering certificate or degree programs of their own. As a committee of the CSLSA, we consider California our territory, however, due to the fact that we are still small (made-up mostly of Orange County Training Officers), we are trying to do what we can right now to establish this expanded lifeguard curriculum in our area. Santa Ana College (which is in Orange County) already offers many courses through various O.C. agencies with a wide array of classes. This already includes USLA Rookie Lifeguard training, all the way through many recurrent training courses. However, some courses, such as Swift water rescue, cliff rescue, and IRB, you still need to go elsewhere, and Santa Ana also doesn't offer a certificate or degree like Miramar College. However, there are only a few courses needed now to complete Santa Ana's curriculum.

Terry Murphy, who is our Chairman, also works for Santa Ana College with the EMS Coordinator in the Fire Technology Department, and is very instrumental in our efforts to establish such a program. Therefore, our first step has been to recognize the curriculum that is being used among your departments for those courses that your lifeguards need to have,

and that assist them to advance up through the ranks of your department.

We depend on input from you! If we don't develop guidelines that work for your department, then we haven't achieved our goal. And, if you should ever want any information from us, please join us, or contact us--we are here to help you if we can!

On a personal note: This season while revising our PowerPoint "Pre-season Training" presentation, and using the new USLA Open Water Lifesaving Manual; the more closely I looked at what is included in the manual, and what isn't, the more impressed I was. Great job to all those who were involved in this new edition!



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Thanks to the timely and professional work of our Webmaster, Pat Francis, the website is evolving. Yesterday's website does not meet today's needs, and today's website will not be current in the future. The website is a fluid process and must continually be updated and modified to meet the needs of the organization. It is strongly encouraged that everyone continue to contribute and make suggestions to help the 'living' document remain what we as an association want.

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I want to also thank Charlotte Graham for 'helping' me while I was recovering from surgeries. She stepped up and worked with the Webmaster while I was away. By doing this, Charlotte kept the information flowing in a timely manner and this prevented items from 'falling through the cracks'.

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All committee chairs, please give me website recommendations at the conclusion of this meeting so I may forward them to our Webmaster. The process has worked well funneling everything through me so I may evaluate, make recommendations, and coordinate with the Webmaster. This also allows only one point of contact for the Webmaster and resolves any conflicts between sources.

There have been many comments and suggestions offered these past six months and a summary of the revisions and future recommendations provided by our Webmaster are as follows:

Changes and revisions to the CSLSA website since October 1, 2004:

1. Updates/revisions/additions to information on webpages.
 - a. CSLSA Agencies/Chapters
 - (1) Updated information and replaced logos as given.
 - b. Employment Test Dates and Pay Rates for Agencies
 - (1) All agencies updated for 2005 - 100% input
 - c. CSLSA Board and Chairs and Junior Guard Agencies
 - (1) All updated and current
 - d. Beach Safety
 - (1) Link added for USLA rip currents brochure and sign.
 - e. Exchange Guards
 - (1) Annual notice updated and 2004 exchange guards added.
 - f. Legislation
 - (1) AB1961 status posted

- g. Sponsorship
 - (1) Updated sponsors, linked logos and added to web links page.
 - (2) Currently, SHP, Bud Light, Arrowhead Waters, Nissan, AUS, Hoag Hospital and TREF are listed on sponsorship page.
 - h. Events and Homepage Announcements
 - (1) Continuous updates of news and upcoming events.
2. Changes to webpage layouts:
- a. Events page
 - (1) Added icon and text for Competition Calendar and linked.
 - (2) Added known events to Competition Calendar.
 - (3) Removed Display Booth info and transferred to Education page.
 - b. Heroic Acts and Medal of Valor
 - (1) Changed header for Medal of Valor page from Heroic Acts to Medal of Valor.
 - (2) Added 2004 Medal recipients and researched/posted a summary.
 - c. About Us page
 - (1) Added Training link in upper right menu
3. Posting of materials:
- a. Board of Directors meetings
 - (1) Fall 04 Agenda, Minutes and attachments.
 - (2) Spring 05 Agenda
 - (2) Flyers for Hotel and Directions
 - b. Employment Test Dates
 - (1) Flyers for agency test dates (applications, etc.)
 - c. Training
 - (1) Oct.04 and Jan.05 Training Officer's Association Minutes
4. New Items:
- a. Training webpage with quick access link on homepage.
 - (1) Created introduction and explanation of the CLTOA.
 - b. Public Education webpage with quick access link on homepage.
 - (1) Created introduction, news items, links, and added Display Booth.
 - c. 2004 Medal of Valor names and summary of rescue
 - d. "Counter" added to Homepage and Employment page to monitor hits.
 - e. Junior Guards - poster winners and "JG's of Year" added to JG page.
5. Webpage association with Santa Barbara Maritime Museum
- a. Museum asked for pictures and/or information for new exhibit called "Survival at Sea".
 - b. CSLSA CD-Rom and pictures were provided to museum.
 - (1) Also sent CSLSA bookmarks and magnets for visiting school groups to new exhibit.
 - c. Included reference to exhibit on our new Public Education webpage.

Future Needs:

- 1. Marine Animals webpage is still not developed.
 - a. Can anyone provide pictures and information?

2. Cal Surf News - last issue needed
 - a. Last one posted is Spring 2003.

3. Photo Gallery
 - a. Current photos are from 2001 and earlier.
 - b. Photos from last 2 years would enhance gallery.

4. (Perhaps) a section on "Preparing for a Lifeguard career"
 - a. Could be under Training or Public Education
 - b. Could include steps for preparation including JG program, summer work, college courses, interview/test process, etc.
 - c. Could also list universities that include courses.

This would be very useful to high school students and others.



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RECOMMENDED MINIMUM GUIDELINES FOR OPEN WATER SWIMMING EVENT SAFETY

Draft #2 April 25, 2005

Approved by the United States Lifesaving Association Board of Directors:

BACKGROUND

The United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) recognizes the many benefits to human health and safety derived from events, contests, and races held in the open water environment. In the interests of safety of all participants in such events, after soliciting broad input, USLA has developed these minimum recommended guidelines to assist permitting authorities, aquatic safety providers, sanctioning bodies, and race/event promoters overseeing events open to the general public in bodies of water other than pools. USLA stresses that these are recommended *minimum* guidelines which should be exceeded in accordance with local conditions and past experience. Broad national guidelines cannot fully address the circumstances in every locale.

Although USLA is the recognized provider of standards for aquatic safety in the surf environment, USLA acknowledges that other bodies, primarily the American Red Cross and YMCA of the USA, as does USLA, issue standards for aquatic safety in the inland, non-surf environment (stillwater). While USLA's standards are generally the most stringent, there may be a desire to employ standards provided by other nationally recognized organizations in the stillwater environment. This statement should be utilized only in conjunction with the training and standards of the aquatic safety providers used at an event. These are minimum recommended guidelines for promoting reasonable levels of event safety. They do not ensure absolute safety. USLA recognizes that variances in local conditions, environment, and organization may require that these minimum recommendations be exceeded.

STATEMENT

1. Definitions

- 1.1. Recognized Lifeguard Training Organization: A nationally recognized body which sets standards for the training of lifeguards and aquatic rescuers, such as the United States Lifesaving Association, American Red Cross, or YMCA of the USA.
- 1.2. Trained Lifeguard: A lifeguard currently trained and certified to provide aquatic safety *in water conditions consistent with those where the event will take place* by a recognized lifeguard training organization. In the case of USLA, the lifeguard must be currently employed by a USLA certified lifeguard agency. In cases that a lifeguard agency has jurisdiction over the area where the event will take place, that agency should take the lead in providing trained lifeguard personnel for the event and should be reimbursed in accordance with local practice and prior agreement with the race director.

- 1.3. Swim Safety Coordinator: The person directly responsible for aquatic safety at the event. This person will be a *trained lifeguard* with supervisory experience or a person with management level experience overseeing aquatic safety services involving trained lifeguards, either of which in the environment where the event will take place (e.g. surf beach or stillwater). (Note: A title other than *Swim Safety Coordinator* may be preferred and substituted. We use this term as an example.)
- 1.4. Personal Escort: An individual with a boat or other similar conveyance with the competence to easily shadow a competitor and provide immediate aid until a trained lifeguard can assist.

2. Management

- 2.1. Swim Safety Coordinator: A 'Swim Safety Coordinator' independent of the Race Director, should be appointed. All aquatic safety issues should be assigned to the Swim Safety Coordinator, who should have authority to ensure that aquatic safety directives are observed. In cases where there is an overall event Safety Coordinator, the Swim Safety Coordinator should coordinate with the event Safety Coordinator. The Swim Safety Coordinator will be responsible for reporting any issues that compromise safety to the Race Director and/or event Safety Coordinator and taking necessary, mitigating actions to ensure adequate levels of safety. The Swim Safety Coordinator must be present at the swim event and must be acting solely as the swim safety coordinator (i.e. not as a swimmer or lifeguard).
- 2.2. Water Safety Plan: The Race Director and the *Swim Safety Coordinator* should meet with all providers of public safety for the event to develop a pre-event safety plan and an emergency action plan for worst case scenarios. Pre-event swim cancellation criteria and plans should be developed with clear lines of authority that prioritize safety. The emergency action plan should include rules under which the swim will be terminated upon any credible account of a missing swimmer and a search will be conducted consistent with USLA protocols (see *Open Water Lifesaving - The United States Lifesaving Association Manual*, Chapters 16 and 17). In case of a water evacuation or cancellation, or the removal of a swimmer, the situation should be coordinated with the communications center. A warning/waiver, with appropriate personal emergency information, should be developed jointly, well in advance of the event, and include notification of local hazards and conditions. Pre-race instructions for safety issues should be developed as part of the Water Safety Plan (including water testing). The Water Safety Plan should include safety at both the start and finish of the race, as well as along the entire course. A swim cut-off time should be determined in advance and published in event promotion materials.
- 2.3. Every agency involved and the event organizer should meet immediately following the event to conduct an *operational debriefing* of the event. *Lessons learned* should be drafted to improve the safety of future events.

3. Lifeguards

- 3.1 All lifeguard personnel should be *trained lifeguards* whose training is specific and appropriate to the location of the event. When staffing permits, lifeguards should be employed by the agency with jurisdiction over the event. Rescue boat operators should be appropriately trained and equipped

in accordance with standards promulgated by the lifeguard agency with jurisdiction or, if there is no lifeguard agency with jurisdiction, then in accordance with pertinent local, state, and national standards.

3.2. Staffing Levels

3.2.1. Determining appropriate lifeguard staffing levels is critical to event safety. There are many variables that should be considered in this determination and no single benchmark will be appropriate in every case. As a starting point, USLA recommends that in cases where appreciable surf or currents can be expected to impact the swim course, a ratio of one *trained lifeguard* for every 10 competitors in the water at any one time should be considered; and in cases where no appreciable surf or currents can be expected to impact the swim course, a ratio of one *trained lifeguard* for every 25 competitors in the water at any one time should be considered. The appropriate level for each event can and should be adjusted in accordance with a variety of factors. These include:

- Past experience for the same or similar events
- Number of participants
- Length of swim course
- Design of swim course
- Proximity of the swim course to shore
- Anticipated surf size
- Swimming ability of the participants
- Presence or absence of a pre-qualifying swim
- Beach conditions
- Surf and surface conditions
- Water temperature
- Currents
- Weather conditions, including wind and fog

3.2.2. For races or events that extend away from the shoreline and exceed two and one-half miles *personal escorts* should be required for each swimmer.

3.2.3. On the day of the event, the *Swim Safety Coordinator* should make an evaluation as to whether the preplanned number of lifeguards is still appropriate for existing conditions. Weather, currents, surf, and water temperature, for example, may cause a need for an increase in the number of lifeguards needed relative to the number of competitors in the water at any one time.

3.3. Staff should be strategically placed along the course, for example every 100 meters, to ensure continual observation of all competitors and immediate response to the need for assistance.

3.4. It is strongly advised to arrange the water-based patrol of law enforcement officials to keep the course clear and safe from boaters or other intrusions.

4. Medical Services

4.1. An event Medical Director should be assigned to oversee planning and on-site oversight of the event. This person should, at minimum, be a paramedic, but should ideally be a physician with training and experience in emergency medical care at multi-sport events.

- 4.2. All lifeguards assigned to the event should be currently trained in CPR and first aid.
- 4.3. No less than one Emergency Medical Technician (or above) should be available for every 150 swim event participants. Each EMT should have access to all appropriate emergency medical equipment.
- 4.4. Medical evacuation from the water to land based emergency medical services assigned to the event should be able to be conducted in 10 minutes or less.
- 4.5. At least one advanced life support ambulance should be made available on-site to evacuate patients to a hospital, with a total of at least one ambulance (whether ALS or BLS) for every 250 swim event participants. Where a hospital emergency room is more than 1/2 hour away, air evacuation procedures should be planned or an on-site physician should be staffed.
- 4.6. Radio communication between the medical group and the Aquatic Safety Coordinator should be maintained throughout the event.
- 4.7. A designated medical area should be established with a tent or other means to shelter patients from the environment and to maintain patient privacy.

5. Equipment

- 5.1. Lifeguards: Each lifeguard along the swim course should be equipped with an observation platform which the lifeguard is trained and competent to use, such as a lifeguard tower, rescue board, or shared use of a rescue boat, as well as a rescue floatation device (rescue tube or rescue buoy).
- 5.2. Rescue Boats: For swim events that will extend more than 50 meters from shore, particularly where surf or currents are present, motorized rescue boats should be available and staffed by trained operators. The *water safety plan* should include provisions for summoning additional rescue craft, such as the Coast Guard or harbor patrol, as needed in major emergencies.
- 5.3. Communications: A dedicated race control communications system should be employed and should be available for all race functions. A public address system capable of reaching the majority of the beach or staging area with sufficient amplified strength should be available.
- 5.4. Command Center: A command center should be established that functions as a central communications point center and an central observation location for the event.
- 5.5. Swimmer Identification: Swimmers should be required to wear fluorescent or other bright colored swim caps and all competitors should be individually numbered, with numbers marked on the swimmers' bodies in a manner that can be easily observed (duplicate numbering in more than one area may be useful).
- 5.6. Map: A large course map should be provided to swimmers prior to the event.

5.7. Wetsuits: Participants should be advised of anticipated water temperature in advance and encouraged to wear wetsuits if they are not acclimatized to local water temperatures. If the water temperature is below 60 degrees, consideration should be given to encouraging or requiring that contestants wear wetsuits, depending on conditioning and expectations of contestants.

6. Safety Procedures

- 6.1. A safety briefing should be given to all swimmers. Swimmers should be briefed on potential hazards and instructed on hand signals to lifeguards, should they need rescue, and discouraged from jokingly calling for help. Swimmers should be instructed that if they don't start the event or if they drop out prior to completing the swim, it is essential that they notify event staff to avoid unnecessary emergency procedures and the possibility of event cancellation.
- 6.2. Lifeguards should be trained in pre-agreed hand signals to summon assistance from rescue boats and other rescuers as dictated by USLA protocol (see *Open Water Lifesaving - The United States Lifesaving Association Manual - Appendix A*).
- 6.3. Rescue boat operators should be counseled to operate in close, but safe proximity to the participants, while making every reasonable effort to avoid allowing fumes or expended petroleum from affecting participants. For example, staying down-current and/or downwind from competitors may help avoid competitor concerns.
- 6.4. In order to quickly identify a missing swimmer, an accountability system should be rigidly arranged and coordinated by the Race Director to tabulate the number of swimmers entering and exiting the water, to ensure that all persons are safely ashore. The ideal system will include identification of each race participant by number and name. Identifying the exact person missing is extremely helpful in conducting an efficient search, which includes contacting the person's residence to make missing person notification and to ascertain whether they may have simply departed unannounced.
- 6.5. The course should be inspected for hazards, obstacles and other problems immediately before the race. A bottom survey should be conducted at entry and exit points and the results should be part of the safety briefing for competitions. Water temperature, water conditions, and weather forecasts should be evaluated to ensure they are within the *water safety plan* guidelines.
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- 6.7. Participants should be advised in all safety literature and announcements that diving into shallow water is dangerous and strongly discouraged. The start should ideally be in water deep enough to prevent shallow water diving.
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other body on body contact. This should be discussed and decided prior to the event.

7. Water Quality: The water body should be tested as appropriate for recreational water contact based on federal standards or, if they are more stringent, local protocols, as close to the start of the event as possible so long as results will be available prior to the event. The state or local board of health are the best options in this regard. Results of water testing should be made available to all requesting participants and cancellation or relocation should occur if water quality is unacceptable. Rain or other environmental changes may cause the need for immediate retesting or cancellation of the swim

United States Lifesaving Association

RECOMMENDED MINIMUM GUIDELINES FOR OPEN WATER SWIMMING EVENT SAFETY

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Approved by the United States Lifesaving Association Board of Directors: [Date]

BACKGROUND

The United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) recognizes the many benefits to human health and safety derived from events, contests, and races held in the open water environment. In the interests of safety of all participants in such events, after soliciting broad input, USLA has developed these minimum recommended guidelines to assist permitting authorities, aquatic safety providers, sanctioning bodies, and race/event promoters overseeing events open to the general public in bodies of water other than pools. USLA stresses that these are recommended, minimum guidelines which should be exceeded in accordance with local conditions and past experience. Broad national guidelines cannot fully address the circumstances in every locale.

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Although USLA is the recognized provider of standards for aquatic safety in the surf environment, USLA acknowledges that other bodies, primarily the American Red Cross and YMCA of the USA, as does USLA, issue standards for aquatic safety in the inland, non-surf environment (stillwater). While USLA's standards are generally the most stringent, there may be a desire to employ standards provided by other nationally recognized organizations in the stillwater environment. This statement should be utilized only in conjunction with the training and standards of the aquatic safety providers used at an event. These are minimum recommended guidelines for promoting reasonable levels of event safety. They do not ensure absolute safety. USLA recognizes that variances in local conditions, environment, and organization may require that these minimum recommendations be exceeded.

STATEMENT

1. Definitions

- 1.1. Recognized Lifeguard Training Organization: A nationally recognized body which sets standards for the training of lifeguards and aquatic rescuers, such as the United States Lifesaving Association, American Red Cross, or YMCA of the USA.
- 1.2. Trained Lifeguard: A lifeguard currently trained and certified to provide aquatic safety in water conditions consistent with those where the event will take place by a recognized lifeguard training organization. In the case of USLA, the lifeguard must be currently employed by a USLA certified lifeguard agency. In cases that a lifeguard agency has jurisdiction over the area where the event will take place, that agency should take the lead in providing trained lifeguard personnel for the event and should be reimbursed in accordance with local practice and prior agreement with the race director.
- 1.3. Swim Safety Coordinator: The person directly responsible for aquatic safety at the event. This person will be a trained lifeguard with supervisory experience or a person with management level experience overseeing aquatic safety services involving trained lifeguards, either of which in the environment where the event will take place (e.g. surf beach or stillwater).

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(Note: A title other than *Swim Safety Coordinator* may be preferred and substituted. We use this term as an example Z

- 1.4. Personal Escort: An individual with a boat or other similar conveyance with the competence to easily shadow a competitor and provide immediate aid until a trained lifeguard can assist.

2. Management

- 2.1. Swim Safety Coordinator: A 'Swim Safety Coordinator' independent of the Race Director, should be appointed. All aquatic safety issues should be assigned to the Swim Safety Coordinator, who should have authority to ensure that aquatic safety directives are observed. In cases where there is an overall event Safety Coordinator, the Swim Safety Coordinator should coordinate with the event Safety Coordinator. The Swim Safety Coordinator will be responsible for reporting any issues that compromise safety to the Race Director and/or event Safety Coordinator and taking necessary, mitigating actions to ensure adequate levels of safety. The Swim Safety Coordinator must be present at the swim event and must be acting solely as the swim safety coordinator (i.e. not as a swimmer or lifeguard).

- 2.2. Water Safety Plan: The Race Director and the Swim Safety Coordinator should meet with all providers of public safety for the event to develop a pre-event safety plan and an emergency action plan for worst case scenarios. Pre-event swim cancellation criteria and plans should be developed with clear lines of authority that prioritize safety. The emergency action plan should include rules under which the swim will be terminated upon any credible account of a missing swimmer and a search will be conducted consistent with USLA protocols (see *Open Water Lifesaving - The United States Lifesaving Association Manual*, Chapters 16 and 17). In case of a water evacuation or cancellation, or the removal of a swimmer, the situation, should be coordinated with the communications center. A warning/waiver, with appropriate personal emergency information, should be developed jointly, well in advance of the event, and include notification of local hazards and conditions. Pre-race instructions for safety issues should be developed as part of the Water Safety Plan, (including water testing). The Water Safety Plan should include safety at both the start and finish of the race, as well as along the entire course. A swim cut-off time should be determined in advance and published in event promotion materials.

- 2.3. Every agency involved and the event organizer should meet immediately following the event to conduct an *operational debriefing* of the event. *Lessons learned* should be drafted to improve the safety of future events.

3. Lifeguards

- 3.1. All lifeguard personnel should be trained lifeguards whose training is specific and appropriate to the location of the event. When staffing permits, lifeguards should be employed by the agency with jurisdiction over the event. Rescue boat operators should be appropriately trained and equipped in accordance with standards promulgated by the lifeguard agency with jurisdiction or, if there is no lifeguard agency with jurisdiction, then in accordance with pertinent local, state, and national standards.

3.2. Staffing Levels

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3.2.1. Determining appropriate lifeguard staffing levels is critical to event safety. There are many variables that should be considered in this determination and no single benchmark will be appropriate in every case. As a starting point, USLA recommends that in cases where appreciable surf or currents can be expected to impact the swim course, a ratio of one *trained lifeguard* for every 10 competitors in the water at any one time should be considered; and in cases where no appreciable surf or currents can be expected to impact the swim course, a ratio of one *trained lifeguard* for every 25 competitors in the water at any one time should be considered. The appropriate level for each event can and should be adjusted in accordance with a variety of factors. These include:

- Past experience for the same or similar events
- Number of participants
- Length of swim course
- Design of swim course
- Proximity of the swim course to shore
- Anticipated surf size
- Swimming ability of the participants
- Presence or absence of a pre-qualifying swim.
- Beach conditions
- Surf and surface conditions
- Water temperature
- Currents
- Weather conditions, including wind and fog

3.2.2. For races or events that extend away from the shoreline and exceed two and one-half miles *personal escorts* should be required for each swimmer.

3.2.3. On the day of the event, the *Swim Safety Coordinator* should make an evaluation as to whether the preplanned number of lifeguards is still appropriate for existing conditions. Weather, currents, surf, and water temperature, for example, may cause a need for an increase in the number of lifeguards needed relative to the number of competitors in the water at any one time.

3.3. Staff should be strategically placed along the course, for example every 100 meters, to ensure continual observation of all competitors and immediate response to the need for assistance.

3.4. It is strongly advised to arrange the water-based patrol of law enforcement officials to keep the course clear and safe from boaters or other intrusions.

4. Medical Services

4.1. An event Medical Director should be assigned to oversee planning and on-site oversight of the event. This person should, at minimum, be a paramedic, but should ideally be a physician with training and experience in emergency medical care at multi-sport events.

4.2. All lifeguards assigned to the event should be currently trained in CPR and first aid.

4.3. No less than one Emergency Medical Technician (or above) should be available for every 150 swim event participants. Each EMT should have access to all appropriate emergency medical equipment.

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4.4. Medical evacuation from the water to land based emergency medical services assigned to the event should be able to be conducted in 10 minutes or less.

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4.5. At least one advanced life support ambulance should be made available on-site to evacuate patients to a hospital, with a total of at least one ambulance (whether ALS or BLS) for every 250 swim event participants. Where a hospital emergency room is more than 1/2 hour away, air evacuation procedures should be planned or an on-site physician should be staffed.

4.6. Radio communication between the medical group and the Aquatic Safety Coordinator should be maintained throughout the event.

4.7. A designated medical area should be established with a tent or other means to shelter patients from the environment and to maintain patient privacy.

5. Equipment

5.1. Lifeguards: Each lifeguard along the swim course should be equipped with an observation platform which the lifeguard is trained and competent to use, such as a lifeguard tower, rescue board or shared use of a rescue boat, as well as a rescue floatation device (rescue tube or rescue buoy).

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5.2. Rescue Boats: For swim events that will extend more than 50 meters from shore, particularly where surf or currents are present, motorized rescue boats should be available and staffed by trained operators. The water safety plan should include provisions for summoning additional rescue craft, such as the Coast Guard or harbor patrol, as needed in major emergencies.

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5.4. Command Center: A command center should be established that functions as a central communications point center and an central observation location for the event.

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5.5. Swimmer Identification: Swimmers should be required to wear fluorescent or other bright colored swim caps and all competitors should be individually numbered, with numbers marked on the swimmers' bodies in a manner that can be easily observed (duplicate numbering in more than one area may be useful).

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5.6. Map: A large course map should be provided to swimmers prior to the event.

5.7. Wetsuits:~ Participants should be advised of anticipated water temperature in advance and encouraged to wear wetsuits if they are not acclimatized to local water temperatures. If the water temperature is below 60 degrees, consideration should be given to encouraging or requiring that contestants wear wetsuits, depending on conditioning and expectations of contestants. ,

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6. Safety Procedures

6.1. A safety briefing should be given to all swimmers. Swimmers should be briefed on potential hazards and instructed on hand signals to lifeguards, should they need rescue, and discouraged from jokingly calling for help. Swimmers should be instructed that if they don't start the event or if they drop out prior to completing the swim, it is essential that they notify

event staff to avoid unnecessary emergency procedures and the possibility of event cancellation.

6.2. Lifeguards should be trained in pre-agreed hand signals to summon assistance from rescue boats and other rescuers as dictated by USLA protocol (see *Open Water Lifesaving - The United States Lifesaving Association Manual - Appendix A*).

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Secretary

ISSUE: Updated Draft Statement on Open Water Swimming Event Safety

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On our website, www.usla.org, we assert that, "USLA works to reduce the incidence of death and injury in the aquatic environment through public education, national lifeguard standards, training programs, promotion of high levels of lifeguard readiness, and other means." Our purposes and objectives in the USLA Bylaws include the intent to, "Establish and maintain high standards of professional surf and open water lifesaving for the maximizing of public safety;" and to, "Actively support the programs intended to improve lifesaving and to promote public safety in the coastal or aquatic environment and related humanitarian causes."

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The popularity of open water swim competitions has drawn an increasing number of people into challenging events in an environment in which some are unfamiliar. In the case of triathlon, for example, athletes with strong shore-based skills (running and cycling), may participate in the swim portion of the event out of necessity, despite very limited swimming skills. In some cases, this has resulted in a high number of rescues and even drowning deaths. Los Angeles County, for example, reports that it annually provides ocean safety for at least four large events that each exceed 1,000 swimmers, often during treacherous conditions. They report having made 185 rescues during the 2001 LA Triathlon, another 157 rescues during the 2004 Malibu Triathlon, and a combined 128 rescues during the 1998 and 2004 Hermosa Triathlons. Camp Pendleton lifeguards report the occurrence of a death in a triathlon in their jurisdiction, despite the presence of lifeguards and careful oversight. Media reports occasionally reference cases in which open water swim events in other areas have resulted in deaths.

Many open water swim events occur in areas where there is no professional lifeguard agency of jurisdiction. In these cases, event safety may be left up to the event organizer, with little or no guidance from a recognized lifesaving organization.

During our November 2004 meeting, the National Certification Committee reviewed and modified a draft statement on Open Water Swimming Event Safety, which we had prepared for initial consideration. On November 6, 2004, this updated draft was published on the USLA website in the Lifeguard Library section and notification of the document's availability was widely circulated. The cover memorandum explained the reason for the document and invited comment from all interested parties. The deadline for comment was March 30, 2005.

Detailed comments were received from the following parties:

East Bay Regional
Parks District Los
Angeles County
Orange County Lifeguard Chiefs
Association Pacific Masters
USA Triathlon

In most cases, further dialogue was engaged with those submitting comments to better understand their points of view. In the case of USA Triathlon, a conference call was engaged. Extensive and valuable input was received from each of the noted parties and has helped tremendously in shaping this draft document.

Since comments were submitted independent of each other, unique and sometimes conflicting recommendations were received. It has been our goal to meld these recommendations to the best of our ability in language that builds on the value of all comments received, recognizing that no single source has all the answers.

A particular challenge is represented by the fact that open water swim events take place in a wide variety of locales, from small lakes in the Midwest to areas with consistently strong surf. In many locations, there is no USLA certified lifeguard agency overseeing the area, or for that matter any lifeguard agency at all. Our goal was to ensure that the standards address minimum needs in a manner that could be reasonably accomplished regardless of locale or environment.

Significant attention will be paid to the *suggested* ratios of lifeguards to competitors in section #3. For this reason, some particular explanation and justification is provided as follows.

Presently, USA Triathlon, which is probably the most widely recognized sanctioning body for open water swim events in the US, requires the following of event organizers wishing to have their events sanctioned: "A minimum of one (1) lifeguard per 50 athletes is required. A ratio of 35:1 is mandatory for ocean swims." Since USLA presently has no suggested ratios, the USAT ratios are likely widely used nationally, unless a local agency overseeing an event is desirous and able to require a more strict ratio or the event promoter does so without such a requirement.

The USLA National Certification Committee, at its meeting in Galveston in November 2004 considered these ratios to be inappropriate. The committee suggested, at that time, a ratio of 25:1 for most cases water and, "Where water temperature is under 58 degrees, surf is in excess of four feet, or currents are in excess of three knots, a ratio of not less than one trained lifeguard for every 12 competitors should be maintained." In other words, lifeguard protection would need to roughly double when certain conditions are present. In arriving at these ratios, the committee was acting in its capacity as experts developing a draft, consensus recommendation. Most of those involved in this consensus process have significant experience overseeing open water swim events.

Only one agency replied to the initial draft with a ratio they had devised

based on past practice and field testing - Los Angeles County. Specifically, in a thorough policy on the subject, Los Angeles County has specified a baseline ratio of 10:1 (which may be adjusted up or down based on articulated reasons). This ratio is very close to the 12:1 suggested by the committee in its consensus, draft recommendation for specified surf conditions.

In discussions with USA Triathlon, it became clear that it would be impractical for an event promoter to effectively bet on low surf size or weak currents on a given day. Staffing for low *surf* in an environment where *surf* size can vary significantly would leave the event promoter in a "no-go" situation if the *surf* were to rise. Thus, practically speaking, the promoter would need to staff for the worst case situation. This would be 12:1 in the initial USLA draft. Considering Los Angeles County's successful field testing of the 10:1 ratio, it seemed to us appropriate to recommend 10:1 instead of 12:1.

All those who have commented on ratios, including the Los Angeles County policy itself, have pointed out that various factors can affect safety at a race and the resultant need for personnel. As an example, the Los Angeles County policy states, "Additional lifeguards and resources may be assigned to an event based on the age, experience, and athletic ability of the contestants. Conversely, the number of lifeguards may be reduced to safeguard an event based on a pre-qualifying swim." Similarly, other factors are listed which might cause variations.

Representatives of the Chicago Park District mentioned, at the Galveston meeting, that some events involve back and forth swims right beside the shoreline, with lifeguards overseeing from above. USA Triathlon mentioned similar circumstances involving short back and forth courses at some events. In cases such as these, it seems clear that adequate levels of safety could be provided by a lesser number of lifeguards than an open ocean swim stretched out over two or more miles. These are only a couple of examples of mitigating factors.

It seems important to us to develop a target ratio as a starting point for these events, particularly for those with no past experience overseeing an event or for overseers with limited open water lifesaving experience. It also seems critical to list example factors which would logically cause sanctioning bodies and permitting agencies to vary from these targets. This should help both entities base their decisions on best practice. We have not suggested these ratios as minimum standards or minimum guidelines, but rather as *recommended considerations*, in an effort to make it abundantly clear that USLA is not endeavoring to mandate ratios. We have included numerous considerations that would logically cause variations from these recommended considerations (see 3.2.1). It is now up to the National Certification Committee, with input, to further refine this document as it considers appropriate.

If you have interest in comments received, they are available in an electronic version. Simply request one from brewster@lifesaver1.com . A strikeout and underline version of the revision from draft #1 can be found at the end of this one.



Competition

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Competition Committee Workshop Report

Spring 2005

Major points of meeting:

1. CSLSA Southwest Regional Championships will again be hosted by the Long Beach Lifeguard Association at Granada Beach. JG's on July 22 and Lifeguards on Saturday July 23
2. USLA National Championships Virginia Beach, VA August 11, 12 and 13. LACOLA will be sending a Truck east to Nationals. Loading to occur at 8AM Saturday August 6. Boards and Skis must be in protective bags or bubble wrapped. Contact Sean Kennedy @949-500-9020 if interested in shipping your gear.
3. Still trying to work out the contract and other logistical details for the 2006 USLA National Championships with Huntington State Beach Lifeguard Chapter of the Cal State Lifeguard Association. Unfortunately Gus Avila could not be present to outline their progress and intentions. Dates are August 10,11, and 12, 2006. The Southwest Region is committed to hosting the 2006 USLA National Championships, the first on the Pacific coast since 2002.
4. 2006 CSLSA Southwest Regional Championships will be hosted by the County of Orange Lifeguard Association / USOS at Salt Creek Beach. Junior Lifeguard Competition will take place on July 21, 2006. Lifeguard Competition will be on July 22, 2006
5. Maroochydore Surf Lifesaving Club from the Sunshine Coast of Australia will be sending a 14 person Junior Development squad to tour Southern California from July 13-27. They will be competing at the San Clemente Ocean Festival and CSLSA Regionals. The Team consists of Australian Surf Lifesavers aged 16-21 and 3 Coaches. Tentative hosting and a tour itinerary were made in the Workshop.

Respectfully submitted by Jay Butki



CALIFORNIA SURF LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION
Junior Lifeguard Committee
2005 SPRING ACTION

REGIONAL COMPETITION

2005 will be hosted by Long Beach July 22ⁿ. The mandatory Coordinators meeting will be the evening of July 21^t at the Competition site. . There was clarification that the B-10' and under and C-9' and under paddle boards need to be all soft.

CAL STATE GAMES

2005 will be hosted by Imperial Beach on July 15th. They are looking for a new San Diego host!

SANTA BARBARA FIESTA

2005 will be hosted in Santa Barbara on July 29th

SAN DIEGO COMPETITION

2005 at Mission Beach on July 8th.

NATIONAL COMPETITION

2005 will be in Virginia Beach on August 11th.

2005 TIDE BOOK COVER CONTEST

The Contest Rules ate attached.

2005 JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS OF THE YEAR

JG Coordinators will bring a one page Bio and picture to the Fall CSLSA Meeting all programs can will a \$100 prize for entries.

JG PRIVATE PROGRAM REQUEST

Turtle of Del Mar Junior Lifeguards is approved for the 2005 season.

TIDEBOOKS

Additional Tide Books have been ordered for 2005 and will be distributed. Thanks to Mike S. we have a very special grunion guessing game for the Junior Lifeguards.

USLA JG MEMBERSHIP

Mail your \$10 registration fee and participants name and address to:

JG USLA Membership
P.O. Box 322
Avon By the Sea, NJ 07717

WEB INFORMATION UPDATE

Please e mail the JG Chairperson any changes.

HOT TOPICS

Possible Regional Rule changes proposed in the fall.

Stickers for all 2006 CSLSA JG's.

There will be a Junior Team from Australia this summer.

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**2005
CALIFORNIA SURF LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION
JUNIOR LIFEGUARD
TIDE BOOK COVER CONTEST**

THIS YEAR WE ARE HAVING A TIDE BOOK COVER CONTEST FOR THE CALIFORNIA USLA JUNIOR LIFEGUARD MEMBERS.

THERE WILL BE A \$500 PRIZE AWARDED TO THE TOP "A" "B" AND "C" AND GRANT PRIZE DIVISION CONTEST WINNERS.

JUNIOR LIFEGUARD COORDINATORS NEED TO SUBMIT (IN PERSON OR BY MAIL) THEIR PROGRAM WINNERS ORIGINAL ART WORK TO THE JG CHAIRPERSON BY THE FALL CSLSA MEETING.

THE BACK OF THE BOOK COVER MUST INCLUDE:

- JG' S FIRST AND LAST NAME
- DIVISION "A", "B" OR "C"
- HOME PHONE NUMBER
- HOME ADDRESS
- JG PROGRAM
- JG COORDINATOR'S NAME
- JG COORDINATOR'S PHONE NUMBER

THE COVER SHOULD BE ONE-DIMENSIONAL AND THE SIZE MUST BE 5 ½ INCHES BY 4 INCHES.

THE BACKGROUND MUST BE WHITE WITH BLACK ART WORK IN ANY MEDIUM.

JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE THESE BEACH SAFETY TIPS AS BOOK COVER CONTEST ENTRIES:

- LEARN TO SWIM. IT'S FUN!
- CHECK WITH A LIFEGUARD BEFORE ENTERING THE WATER.
- SWIM NEAR A LIFEGUARD.
- NEVER SWIM ALONE.
- JOIN A JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM.
- NEVER DIVE HEAD FIRST INTO UNKNOWN WATER OR INTO SHALLOW BREAKING WAVES.
- PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THE SUN, USE SUNSCREEN AND REAPPLY OFTEN.

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Membership Committee Report; April 15, 2005

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A variety of subjects were discussed in membership committee Thursday afternoon, April 14, 2005:

- Breakdowns of shirts were categorized (50% XL, 25% L, 25 M) for 2005 shirts that are part of the 2005 membership kit which will be mailed out by SHP.
- Ideas for the 2006 membership kit (cotton visors, lapel pins, stainless steel mugs, personalized name badges & water bottles)
- Allocating up to \$5.00 per member for kit(s).
- An idea was suggested of boosting membership per chapter by offering sponsored surf boards/paddleboards to the chapters who had the highest membership in a given year.
- It was suggested that membership dues increase from the current \$25.00 fee. It has been a number of years since dues have increased (more than 5 years).
- The USLA President discussed an idea that will be brought to the National meeting in Miami about on-line membership (individual) payment via the USLA website via "Quintera", an on-line database company. Quintera will be able to remind members to sign up via email or postal mail when membership will expire and will provide email notification of events, meetings within surf-lifesaving. Much of the discussion was related to how it would affect the current trend of gathering membership dues at a local level to the region, then to the national level and how all parties interact within that process. More information will need to be gathered at the National meeting prior to any regional decision.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Public Education Committee Minutes-Spring 2005

The following was discussed at the Public Education Committee.

1. Re-Cap of Project Wipeout activity book status
2. A CSLSA-Project Wipeout beach train education campaign
3. An educational campaign directed at surf shops, manufacturers, and/or large events such as the OP Pro.

The Project Wipeout-CSLSA activity book is in the final stages of production and hopefully will be printed before the Regional Competition to make dissemination easier. We also discussed putting the Junior Lifeguard poster winners on the CSLSA website in place of the old essay winners.

The next topic discussed was an educational campaign for the San Clemente beach train. The idea is to have educational posters and/or materials available to advertise beach safety tips. This has been discussed prior to the meeting as a collaborative effort with Project Wipeout.

The final topic of discussion was an educational campaign directed at local surf shops, manufacturers, and large events to target beginning surfers and body boarders. We then discussed using surf shops and surfboard rental shops to disseminate beach safety tips through brochures, stickers, or posters. It was also discussed that individual lifeguard agencies would be responsible for their local surf shop and rental shop relationships to ensure a consistent water safety message. We then discussed specific ocean safety tips:

1. Know how to swim before entering the ocean
2. Always check with a lifeguard for conditions.
3. Always wear swim fins and a leash when body boarding
4. Always wear a leash when surfing.
5. Always stay on your board when surfing or body boarding.

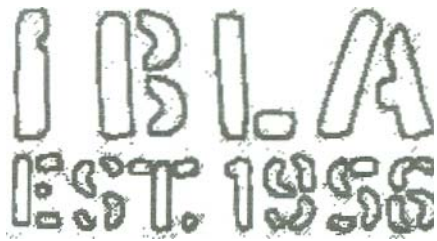
The next topic of discussion was public service announcements in magazines such as Surfer or Surfing. It was also mentioned that surf schools would also be a good target for this type of educational campaign.

After this discussion, contacting manufacturers to place tags on wetsuits and surfboards, etc would be great way to get our message out. It was then brought up that this is a labor and cost issue for the manufacturer and may or may not be a viable option. It was agreed that the Action Sports Retail show would be a good place to contact industry representatives to get their thoughts and/or participation with the CSLSA. This would also be a good opportunity for sponsorship for this and other projects.

Targeting large events such as the OP Pro to set up a booth was then discussed.

It was agreed once again that no matter the material, checking off local surf shops would be the responsibility of individual lifeguard agencies. The idea of a beach safety badge similar to Police and Fire Departments was also brought up.

Mr. Williams suggested that the committee request \$500.00 to pay for expenses for CSLSA representatives to attend the ASR show September 11, 2005 in San Diego. This was agreed upon and the committee was adjourned.



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TO: CSLSA Delegates and Board Members

Subject: 2005 Las Playas de Tijuana Volunteer Service

In the fall of 2004, the proposed Las Playas de Tijuana Volunteer Service was introduced and has gained significant momentum. In the recent months the Imperial Beach Lifeguard Association (IBLA) has continued working with Las Salvavidas de Tijuana to solve logistics and planning and answer any questions that may arise. Along with this memo there will be a sign-up sheet circulating the room. Please fill it out with your agency and email address if interested in the program and you will be placed on the mailing list.

Questions that will be discussed in today's meeting include:

- Legalities/Liabilities
According to Las Salvavidas de Tijuana there are no legal issues that have arisen thus far at Las Playas with either the volunteer or paid staff. Furthermore, the IBLA will have a required waiver for any lifeguard wishing to participate in the program.
- Location
The main tower is located at Las Playas de Tijuana approximately ¼ mile south of the border. The guarded area of the beach is 4 miles total and includes two small towers and two in-service trucks. Trucks are strategically located to include all areas of the guarded beach and perform frequent patrols. A map/directions will be provided for all volunteers.
- Arrival Time/Duration of Stay
For all volunteers arrival time is around 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. Depending on the day's crowd, volunteers and paid staff will stay until 18:00 to 21:00 hours. The length of the work day will solely depend on the crowd and ocean conditions.
- Equipment - Personal/Provided
All volunteers are expected to bring red uniforms (shorts or bathing suits - one or two piece) and fins. We are currently in the process of sustaining a sponsorship to furnish volunteers with uniforms in the program. Rescue cans/tubes can be provided but due to the limited amount of equipment may not be available. The IBLA suggests bringing your own rescue can/tube.

Other issues still to be covered:

- Border Crossing/Personal Vehicle Liability Insurance
- Fees
- Volunteer Housing

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From: Weisser, Kai
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Subject: California Public Safety Leadership and Ethics Program

Chris - Would you please forward this email to anyone possibly interested in the announcement below which recently I posted on the USLA bulletin board?

I have a great opportunity to share with you and the USLA membership. A special presentation, an "Executive Overview", of the California Public Safety Leadership and Ethics Program (CPSLEP) is available on May 2 and 3. I very much would like to see someone from the USLA attend. Anyone interested can contact me for further info at weisserk@surfcity-hb.org. I posted the following notice on the USLA bulletin board:

Announcement: A May 2 and 3, 2005 Invitation to Aquatic Safety/Enforcement leadership and management:

The California Public Safety Leadership and Ethics Program (CPSLEP) has allocated grant money for an "Executive Overview" May 2 and 3 to be held in Southern California. The "Executive Overview" is designed for management and upper management, those of you who may approve current staff (future management) to future CPSLEP program opportunities. All materials and course fees will be paid for by the grant. The grant and program administrator Kevin Brame has asked me to extend this opportunity to the Marine Safety world.

I personally was fortunate to participate with the program, complete the train-the-trainer program and now am one of many facilitators of the program. The program was designed with and for the three largest California Public Safety groups, Police, Fire and Corrections knowing many additional but smaller safety groups including Marine Safety exist. The CPSLEP has been endorsed by:

California Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Public Safety
Education California Association of A.J. Educators (CAAJE)
State Fire Training
California Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST)
California Correctional Peace Officers Standards and Training (C-POST)
California State Board of Corrections (STC)
California Police Chiefs Association
California Fire Chiefs Association
California Fire Technology Directors
California Sheriffs Association

In addition, STC and C-POST have certified the Program for in-service training hours.

The program also gained endorsement from PHI THETA KAPPA, an International Honor Society of the Two Year College.

A link to CPSLEP Q/A can be reached at <http://cpslep.ptk.org/>

Any further questions and assistance, please do not hesitate to email me directly or post on the USLA BB. I am hopeful Marine Safety will make a positive addition to the May 2 and 3 "Executive Overview".

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