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CALIFORNIA SURF LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION

2008 California / Auckland Lifeguard Exchange

**Board of Director's Meeting
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Exchange Committee Report:

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Exchange Chair

Good Morning members and again welcome to Long Beach.

The Spring Board of Director's Meeting has always been an exciting meeting for me to attend. Summer is on our doorstep, the membership kits get distributed and we get to hear a presentation from the two exchange lifeguards who represented our organization in New Zealand. I can still remember the 2001 spring meeting in Santa Cruz where I was nervous about my Exchange Delegate presentation and how it would be perceived by the Board. It meant a great deal to me to represent the CSLSA in a professional manner on the exchange, and I wanted to make sure that everyone at the meeting had a chance to feel and see what I did on the exchange in Auckland. I must have done OK.

Today we will get the opportunity to hear all about this year's exchange from our two CSLSA Representatives, Jesse Heydorff from CA. State Parks HB and Alex Scurr from the City of Newport Beach. These two delegates had over 15 years of lifeguarding experience between them and both had very impressive resumes. The two of these men took preparing for this journey very seriously and I think their presentation will only reinforce those values.

Today I will be presenting the 2007/2008 Exchange Delegates with the perpetual A.J. Summers plaques that will be displayed in their respective agencies for the next year.

I have been informed that the Northern Region SLA is in the final stages of selecting their two delegates to travel to California for the 2008 summer. That means it is time once again for me to start developing the itinerary for the next leg of the exchange. I am always interested in agencies and individuals that want to host, but keep in mind that they only have limited time.

The Exchange Flyer is in the process of being updated, I apologize for not having copies with me today. Keep checking the CSLSA website for updates and I am always available for questions via e-mail at exchanges@cslsa.org.

In committee I want to address the preparations, expenses, and sponsorship ideas and share what this year's delegates used. I welcome any potential candidates, past recipients and interested members to our meeting.

Thanks,

Jon Mitchell
CSLSA Exchange Chair