



**California Surf Lifesaving Association
Board of Director's Meeting**

GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Los Angeles County Lifeguard Association
Redondo Beach/Manhattan Beach, CA
April 12th & 13th, 2007
MINUTES

Thursday, April 12, 2007 – Redondo Beach Community Center

- I. Meeting called to order by Mr. McGowan at 9:17 AM.
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance - Mrs. Graham
 - B. Welcome and Introductions - Mr. McGowan
 - C. Roll Call of Delegates - Mr. Beuerlein ATTACHMENT A

CHAPTER	Members	Delegates	Delegates Present	Proxies	TOTAL VOTES
California State	158	6	6	-	6
Camp Pendleton	22	3	1	1	2
Capitola	2	2	0	-	0
Coronado	2	2	0	-	0
Del Mar	55	4	1	-	1
Encinitas	8	2	1	-	1
Huntington Beach	152	6	6	-	6
Imperial Beach	29	3	2	1	3
LA City	25	3	3	-	3
LA County Lakes	28	3	3	-	3
LACOLA	225	7	7	-	7
Laguna Beach	103	5	2	2	4
Long Beach	35	3	3	-	3
Mission Viejo	9	2	2	-	2
Newport Beach	91	4	4	-	4
Oceanside	15	2	2	-	2
Pismo Beach	25	3	3	-	3
Port Hueneme	37	3	0	-	0
San Clemente	48	3	2	1	3
San Luis Obispo Co.	25	3	0	-	0
San Diego	61	4	2	2	4
Santa Barbara	34	3	3	-	3
Santa Cruz	35	3	0	-	0
Seal Beach	34	3	2	1	3
Solana Beach	17	3	0	-	0
Tucson	1	0	0	-	0
US Ocean Safety	15	2	0	-	0
Ventura County	11	2	0	-	0
Mexico	0	0	0	-	0
Members-at-large	3	0	0	-	0
TOTAL	1305	89	55	8	63

II. Approval of Minutes – Morro Bay (10/12/07 & 10/13/07)

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

III. Officer's Reports

A.	President	Mr. McGowan	ATTACHMENT	B	
B.	Vice President	Mrs. Graham	ATTACHMENT	C	
C.	Secretary	Mr. Beuerlein	ATTACHMENT	D	
D.	Treasurer	Mr. Williams	ATTACHMENT	E	
E.	Advisor	Mr. Moore	ATTACHMENT	F	
F.	1 st Delegate	Mr. Graham	ATTACHMENT	G	Not received

IV. Committee Reports

A.	Certification	Mr. Rohrer	ATTACHMENT	H	Not received
B.	Competition	Mr. Butki	ATTACHMENT	I	
C.	Exchanges	Mr. Graham	ATTACHMENT	J	Not received
D.	Heroic Acts	Mr. Richardson	NO REPORT		
E.	Junior Lifeguards	Mrs. Boyer	ATTACHMENT	K	
F.	Legislation	Mr. Peabody	ATTACHMENT	L	
G.	Membership	Mrs. Graham	ATTACHMENT	M	
H.	Newsletter	Mr. Godino	ATTACHMENT	N	
I.	Public Education	Mr. Humphreys	ATTACHMENT	O	

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- J. Training & Operations Mr. Scott NO REPORT
- K. Website Mr. Moore ATTACHMENT P

V. Committee Workshops (as directed)

Meeting adjourned for the day at 4:12 P.M.

Friday, April 13, 2007 – Los Angeles County Lifeguard Training Center – Manhattan Beach, CA (meeting reconvened at 9:15 AM.)

VI. Committee Reports from Workshops

- A. Competition Mr. Moore ATTACHMENT Q

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

- B. Exchanges Mr. Mitchell ATTACHMENT R

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

- C. Heroic Acts Mr. Richardson NO REPORT

- D. Junior Lifeguards Mrs. Boyer ATTACHMENT S

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Bartlett to approve the report as submitted.
SECOND: Mr. Gray
DISCUSSION: Mrs. Boyer said that 22 or 23 of the 27 CSLSA chapters had a representative attend the Junior Lifeguard Committee.
ACTION: MPU

- E. Public Education Mr. Humphreys ATTACHMENT T

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Hidalgo to approve the report as submitted.

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SECOND: Mr. Rohrer

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: MPU

F. Job Titles (Special) Mr. Humphreys ATTACHMENT U

G. Statistics (Special) Mr. Peabody ATTACHMENT V

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Moore to approve the report as submitted.

SECOND: Mrs. Graham

DISCUSSION: None.

ACTION: MPU

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Peabody that Mr. Bartlett recommend that the USLA Heroic Acts Committee list all award recipients chronologically on the website.

SECOND: Mrs. Graham

DISCUSSION: Mr. Peabody requested that the USLA also list the award recipient's agency, the location of the incident and a description of the incident.

ACTION: MPU

VII. Old Business

A. Approval of Treasurer's report from Thursday, April 12, 2007

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Bartlett to approve the report as submitted.

SECOND: Mr. Rohrer

DISCUSSION: None.

ACTION: MPU

B. San Diego Surf Lifesaving Association

1. There are three (3) lifeguard associations in San Diego which makes it difficult to recognize which organization functions as a CSLSA chapter.
2. Mr. Rohrer and Mr. Lombardi will meet with representatives in San Diego and report back to CSLSA.

VIII. New Business

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A. CSLSA Policies & Procedures

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Rohrer to approve the revised CSLSA Policies & Procedures with the proviso that they will be reviewed for typographical errors one more time in committee, and that any future changes can be made as necessary to this living document.

SECOND: Mr. Lombardi

DISCUSSION: None.

ACTION: MPU

B. Junior Lifeguard Account

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Rohrer to split incoming JG dues, for a period of one year, between the CSLSA general fund and the JG Committee.

SECOND: Mr. Ragsdale

DISCUSSION: Extended discussion by CSLSA Board of Directors.

ACTION: Motion withdrawn by Mr. Rohrer; Second withdrawn by Mr. Ragsdale; No vote.

C. Physical Fitness Training

1. Mr. Hidalgo surveyed Board of Directors to share their respective agency's physical fitness training practices.

D. Dues Increase

1. Mr. Lombardi recommended a two-tier dues structure with permanent employees contributing higher dues.
2. Mr. McGowan said that this matter should be referred to the Membership committee.

E. USLA Policies & Procedures

MOTION: Moved by Mrs. Graham to authorize Mr. Moore and Mr. Rohrer to represent CSLSA at the USLA Meeting on all Policy & Procedure matters.

SECOND: Mr. Lombardi

DISCUSSION: None.

ACTION: MPU

F. Future Meetings

1. USLA Meeting Dates & Locations

a. Spring – 2007

- 1) Location: Chicago, IL (Great Lakes Region)
- 2) Dates: 4/26/07-4/28/07
- 3) Suggested Agenda Items: Competition rules changes, USLA Statistics Committee

b. Fall – 2007

- 1) Location: Charleston, South Carolina (South Atlantic Region)
- 2) Dates: 11/01/07-11/03/07
- 3) Suggested Agenda Items

2. CSLSA Meeting Dates & Locations

a. Fall - 2007

- 1) Location: Newport Beach
- 2) Dates: 10/11/07 & 10/12/07

b. Spring – 2008

- 1) Location: Long Beach
- 2) Dates: 4/10/08 & 4/11/08

G. CSLSA Elections

1. Mr. Moore thanked Mrs. Graham and LACOLA for hosting the meeting.
2. Mr. Moore encouraged anyone interested in running for office to get involved in the association and attend the next Board of Directors Meeting.

IX. Privilege of the Chair

- A. Mr. McGowan thanked Mrs. Graham and LACOLA for hosting the meeting.
- B. Mr. McGowan said that the meeting attendance on Thursday was awesome.
- C. Mr. McGowan said that public education is the primary purpose of our association. He said he was very pleased to witness lengthy discussions on issues such as statistics and job titles.
- D. Mr. McGowan thanked everyone for their participation and said this was one of the best meetings he can remember.

X. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Rohrer to adjourn the meeting in honor of Kendall “Jake” Jacobson, the retired Newport Beach Lifeguard Chief who recently passed away.

SECOND: Mr. Ragsdale

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: MPU; Meeting adjourned at 12:11 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael A. Beuerlein
CSLSA Secretary

2007 SPRING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

Knob Hill Community Center - Redondo Beach - LA County - April 12, 2007

CHAPTER	NAME	PHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS
CSLA	JOHN ANDERSON	**Phone numbers and emails deleted for web posting.	
CSLA	MIKE SILVESTRI		
CSLA-Huntington	CHRIS EGAN		
CSLA	ALEX PEABODY		
CSLA-Santa Cruz	BETHANY CLELAND		Attachment A
CSLA-Santa Cruz	JEFF WADKINS		
CSLA	CARL DRAKE		
DEL MAR	TURTLE RUDOLPH		
ENCINITAS	ROBERT VERIA		
HBSLSA	MAX BOWMAN		
HBSLSA	STEVE REUTER		
HBSLSA	LINDA REUTER		
HBSLSA	DOUG LEACH		
HBSLSA	MELISSA MURPHY		
HBSLSA	MIKE BEUERLEIN		
HBSLSA	MIKE BARTLETT		
IMPERIAL BEACH	RICH HIDALGO		
IMPERIAL BEACH	TOMILYN VICKERY		
LA CITY	RICHARD GODINO		
LA CITY	ZACK MILLETT		
LA CITY	BRIDGET SRODON		
LA CO LAKES	JIM HUGHES		
LA CO LAKES	JOHN RAGSDALE		
LA CO LAKES	GORDON GRAY		
LACOLA	DON ROHRER		
LACOLA	ROB MCGOWAN		
LACOLA	ROBERT MOORE		
LACOLA	CHARLOTTE GRAHAM		
LACOLA	JAY BUTKI		
LACOLA	MICAH CARLSON		
LACOLA	SCOTT DAVEY		
LAGUNA	TOM TRAGER		
LAGUNA	CASEY PARLETTE		
LAKE MISS VIEJO	CHRIS GRAHAM		
LAKE MISS VIEJO	SARAH JOHNSON		
LAKE MISS VIEJO	DAVE PEDEN		
LONG BEACH	SCOTT MITCHELL		
LONG BEACH	SHAWN PARKER		

LONG BEACH	JASON HUDSON		
NBOLA	ROB WILLIAMS		
NBOLA	REENIE BOYER		
NBOLA	JOHN P. MOORE		
NBOLA	JON MITCHELL		
OCEANSIDE	MIKE WAGNER		
OCEANSIDE	EMILE LAGENDIJK		
PENDLETON	VINCENT LOMBARDI		
PISMO BEACH	BRAD PAIGE		
PISMO BEACH	CRYSTAL HENDRICKS		
PISMO BEACH	LAUREN SMITH		
SAN CLEMENTE	BILL HUMPHREYS		
SAN CLEMENTE	NICHOLAS GIUGNI		
SAN DIEGO	KATHERINE JACKSON		
SAN DIEGO	BRIAN ZELLER		
SANTA BARBARA	JAMES HATSEDAKIS		
SANTA BARBARA	MARIL ERICKSON		
SANTA BARBARA	RICH HANNA		
SANTA CRUZ	RICK GOULD		
SEAL BEACH	CHRIS PIERCE		
SEAL BEACH	JOE BAILEY		

No representatives from Capitola, Coronado, Port Hueneme, SLO County, Santa Cruz City, Solana Beach, USOS (County of Orange), or Ventura



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS April 12, 2007

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Welcome to Los Angeles County and the Spring 2007 CSLSA Board of Directors Meeting. I would like to thank LACOLA for hosting the meeting and Charlotte Graham for doing the majority of the work to get the meeting organized. Not only did Charlotte arrange the details of the meeting, as membership chair she has been very busy putting together our membership kits which should be a big hit with our members. I would also like to thank our lifeguard management and the County of Los Angeles Fire Department for their continued support of our involvement in the USLA.

The lifeguard community and the USLA lost one of our founding fathers when retired Newport Beach Chief Kendall "Jake" Jacobsen passed away on March 24, 2007. Jake was instrumental in the formation of the USLA and he will be missed. My condolences go out to his family and friends. Memorial Services will be held at the American Legion Hall Post 291, at 15th St. in Newport Beach on the Peninsula at 4:00 pm, next Tuesday, April 17th, and I would like to dedicate this meeting in his honor and memory.

As anyone who has been to the beach over the last few months is well aware, our season is off to an early start. We've already had a good half dozen weekend days with air temperatures in the eighties at the beach this year, bringing summer-like crowds to Southern California beaches. Our lifeguard services are getting ready for spring, holding swim tryouts, training academies and preparing for another season of Junior Lifeguards. With some pretty decent winter swells over the past few months, the bottom is cut up enough that it should be a busy rescue season for us once the water warms up a bit.

Following our last CSLSA Board of Directors meeting in Morro Bay (thanks Herb White), the Pacific Northwest Region hosted the USLA National Meeting at Lake Tahoe last November at the Tahoe Ridge Resort. It was a great venue on the mountainside adjacent to the Heavenly Valley ski area. It wasn't quite ski season yet, but it did snow one of the days we were there. At the meeting Joel Gitelson of Los Angeles County was presented the Medal of Valor for his heroic actions involved in the rescue of three fishermen whose boat went aground on Santa Barbara Island on a cold, stormy winter night. His account of the event was featured in the Winter 2006 issue of *American Lifeguard Magazine*. Vic Maceo of the Galveston County Sheriff's Office Beach Patrol was presented a USLA Life Membership for his many years of service to the organization. Dr. Peter Wernicki, USLA Medical Advisor, discussed the U.S. Lifeguard Coalition comprised of the USLA, American Red Cross and YMCA. The focus is on research concerning many lifeguard related topics including scanning, breaks and training standards. The Educational Conference featured "The Making of a Beach Patrol Episode," "Everything You Wanted to know About Trauma Assessment," a presentation by the Douglas County Nevada Search and Rescue team, and a report on "Vamos a Nadar (Let's Go Swimming) - Drowning Prevention in Sonoma County, California." The next USLA Board of Directors Meeting and Educational Conference will be at the Best Western Inn of Chicago on April 26 through 28.

On the international front, the first International Life Saving World Water Safety (WWS) Conference will be held on September 27, 28 and 29, 2007 in Porto, Portugal. The hosts of WWS 2007 are the Instituto de Socorros a Náufragos (ISN) and the Associação de Nadadores Salvadores (ASNASA), both member federations of ILS. According to the *ILS News*, "WWS 2007 follows on the resounding success of the World Congress on Drowning 2002 in Amsterdam and the ILS International Medical Rescue Conference in 1997 in San Diego. The purpose of WWS 2007 is to bring together the world's foremost experts, systems and information for exchange, debate and further development that will lead to reduction of death and injury in all aquatic environments worldwide. The WWS 2007 will have two major events associated and simultaneous, one is the

Conference and the other is the International Water Safety Exhibition of lifesaving products, services and information.”

In January a team of California Lifeguards went to Victoria, Australia to compete in the 19th Wieland Shield Competition at Torquay, celebrating 40 years of the biannual Wieland Shield competition and Lifesaving exchange between California and Victoria, and the 50th anniversary of the first international lifeguard competition, the 1956 Olympic Surf Lifesaving Competition at Torquay Beach. The team members included Manager Jay Butki (L.A. County), Coach-Athlete Scott Diederich (Laguna Beach), Chad Carvin (Laguna Beach Lifeguard and 2000 Olympic Silver medalist), Micah Carlson (L.A. County), Kyle Daniels (L.A. County), Blaine Morgan (L.A. County and Cal State Parks), Tyler Morgan (L.A. County), Brian Murphy (L.A. County), Mike Murphy (L.A. County), Micha Burden (Huntington City), Renee Locarnini (L.A. County), Tandis Morgan (L.A. County) and Bridget Rome (L.A. County). Accompanying the team as Educational Officers were Jamie Orr and Sean Kennedy both from L.A. County. Although the team did very well in the swimming events, they were unsuccessful in their attempt to become the first Californian team to win the shield in Australia. Micha Burden won the Women's Division of the Lorne Pier to Pub Swim, the largest ocean swim in the world. While in Victoria the team was set up with tickets to the Australian Open and a flight on the Life Saving Victoria Coast Watch Airplane.

In competition closer to home, the *California Surf Life Saving Championships* are scheduled for July 28 in Huntington Beach. Hosted by the HBSLSA, the venue will be at the south end of the beach between Towers 17 and 19, in the Beach Boulevard area, adjacent to the site of last year's Nationals. The Junior Lifeguards will be returning to Santa Barbara for their regional championships on July 20. The *USLA National Lifeguard Championships* are going to be in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on August 9 through 11. The Crown Reef Resort has been selected as the host hotel and contact information is available on the USLA website Events Bulletin Board. The USLA Competition Committee has adopted ILS competition rules for the Nationals and the addition of the Oceanman relay as a point-scoring event. The updated rules will be available on the USLA website at <http://www.usla.org/events/rules.asp>. The Nationals return to our coast in 2008 hosted by Los Angeles County.

The CSLSA Executive Board meets monthly between Board of Directors Meetings. At our recent meeting Chris Graham, First Executive Delegate and Exchange Committee Chair, advised us that due to increased responsibilities at work, he would have to step down as the Exchange Committee Chair. I would like to thank Chris for his years of service in that position and thank Jon Mitchell of Newport Beach for stepping up to take over the Exchange Committee. Jon will chair the committee at today's meeting.

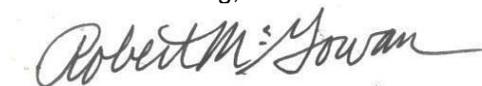
The City of Del Mar is seeking financial assistance from the California Conservancy to rebuild its slightly past its prime Lifeguard Headquarters. On behalf of the organization, I wrote a letter of support to the chief of the Coastal Conservancy. Good luck with the project Del Mar.

Thanks again to Steve Reuter for the outstandingly successful Public Education fund raiser “Big Wednesday” last summer. The fruits of his labors have been realized in the form of the “Be Safe Be Seen” poster designed by Huntington City recurrent lifeguard Melissa Murphy that will be distributed today. Melissa is also one of the primary organizers for this summer's California Surf Life Saving Championships

The long awaited *Patagonia* Pro Program is finally ramping up and should be available to all members in the very near future. The company is very sensitive about preventing abuse of this program. They offer their goods at extremely discounted prices to Pro Sales Program members and if they find you abusing the account by purchasing for non members, the account will be canceled and you will never be able to order through the program again. So please take advantage of the program, but be certain to be discreet and do not abuse the privilege. This membership benefit as well as *Da Fin* discount program have come to us through the efforts of Scott Hubbell of SHP, Inc. In addition to being the CSLSA Marketing Contractor, Scott is now developing marketing programs for the USLA. On behalf of all of our members I'd like to thank Scott for his efforts and wish him even greater success in the future.

So here's to a productive and enjoyable meeting, and another great summer. Keep your toes in the sand, keep them safe and come say “Hi” at Regionals or Nationals.

Yours in Lifesaving,



Robert McGowan



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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT APRIL 12, 2007

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Since we last met in Morro Bay, I have been very busy with various Association tasks. We had a successful and pleasant USLA Board of Directors meeting in Tahoe in November. Over the winter, I spent a great many hours on cross-referencing the USLA membership list with our CSLSA regional list, making numerous corrections to both. I have researched and ordered membership kit items, and with the help of Chris Graham and Don Rohrer, all the membership kits have been bundled and are ready for pickup today. I will have more info on membership issues in my Committee report later this morning.

In addition to dealing with membership, I have been able to assist several other officers with projects over the winter:

- Ordered JG stickers for the Junior Guard Committee
- Assisted Jim Birdsell in getting an article to the Newsletter Committee
- Notified the Certification Chair of an issue, which facilitated the re-certification of the Del Mar chapter
- Provided an updated list of member addresses to the Newsletter Chair
- Forwarded Assembly Bill 124 to the Legislation Chair for further investigation
- Organized the Spring Board of Directors meeting and secured our wonderful sponsors

Finally, I want to be sure to remind everyone that **National Beach (& Boating) Safety Week** is coming up. One of the primary goals of the USLA and the CSLSA is to expand awareness about this very important National cause. The week, May 21 to 28, leads right into Memorial Day weekend, so it is a perfect time to prepare the public before the push of the summer season begins. The recommendation from the USLA Public Information & Relations Chair to each and every chapter is to get local governmental support through proclamations that recognize the week within your own municipalities. There is a sample letter and a sample proclamation on the USLA website that can be provided to local officials in your area. This makes it very easy for you to bring National Beach Safety Week to their attention, and allows them to help us inform the public about the numerous safety issues that exist at all of our beaches.

I am looking forward to a productive meeting. May we continue to move forward and always strive to be the most outstanding organization we can be.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Graham

Vice President, Membership Chair
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SECRETARY'S REPORT APRIL 12, 2007

Since the Fall 2006 CSLSA General Board Meeting at Morro Bay, I have been busy with the following projects:

1. 501(c)3 Status.
2. Completing and distributing the minutes from Fall 2006 CSLSA General Board Meeting.
3. Completing and distributing the agenda for the Spring 2007 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. Representing CSLSA at the Fall 2006 USLA General Board Meeting.

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 **all** of 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, 2006

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Treasurer's Report

Prepared by Rob Williams

Michael A. Beuerlein
Secretary

ASSETS

Robert E. Williams
Treasurer

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking – B of A	\$3,825.25
Money Market – Payne Webber/Smith Barney	\$32,946.47
Savings – HBCEFCU	\$6,583.49

Robert A. Moore
Past President/Advisor

Christopher Graham
Recurrent Representative

TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts \$43,355.21

Don C. Rohrer
First Executive Delegate

TOTAL ASSETS **\$43,355.21**

Michael S. Bartlett
Second Executive Delegate

Board Of Directors Allocations

Alex K. Peabody
Alternate Executive Delegate

2002 Spring CSLSA Mtg. CP Fund	\$899.00
Competition Committee	\$0.00
Junior Lifeguard Account	\$10,891.16
Membership Account	\$0.00
New Zealand Exchange	\$0.00
Newsletter Committee	\$4,641.65
Public Education Committee	\$12,505.14
Website Committee	\$0.00

Total Liabilities **\$28,936.95**

General Fund Total minus Allocations **\$14,418.26**

Notes:

The CSLSA Received \$7,905.14 from Duke's Big Wednesday, which were the efforts of the Public Education Committee and Huntington Beach Marine Safety Officer Steve Reuter. This money is dedicated to the committee and will be encumbered yearly until used for a project set forth by the committee.

On April 5th, 2006, the transfer of the CSLSA's money market account from UBS Payne Webber to Smith Barney. The transfer incurred a \$75 termination fee from UBS and a \$.01 transfer fee from Smith Barney.



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Cash Flow 1/1/2006 – 12/31/2006

INFLOWS

CSLSA Regionals 2006	\$1,165.85
Donation Received	\$8,405.14
HBCECU	\$215.48
Member Dues 06 - 07	\$26,946.00
PaineWebber	\$126.53
Smith Barney	\$320.25
United Way	\$58.05

TOTAL INFLOWS **\$37,237.30**

OUTFLOWS

2006 Fall USLA Meeting	\$3,012.50
2006 Spring USLA Meeting	\$3,759.91
Business Account Fee	\$75.00
Cal Surf News	\$4,550.10
Competition Committee	\$4,100.00
Exchange Committee	\$1,171.25
Executive Board	\$227.61
Executive Board Meetings	\$258.22
Heroic Acts Committee	\$163.40
Junior Lifeguard Committee	\$13,112.84
Membership Committee	\$5,040.47
Office Supplies	\$461.98
Public Education Committee	\$400.00
Rec and File	\$-55.34
Website CSLSA.org	\$1,853.15

TOTAL OUTFLOWS **\$38,131.09**

OVERALL TOTAL **-\$847.81**



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Vice President

Treasurer's Report

Prepared by Rob Williams

Michael A. Beuerlein
Secretary

ASSETS

Robert E. Williams
Treasurer

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking – B of A	\$4,800.62
Money Market – Smith Barney	\$20,684.91
Savings – HBCEFCU	\$6,583.49

Robert A. Moore
Past President/Advisor

Christopher R. Graham
First Executive Delegate

TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts \$32,069.02

Don C. Rohrer
Second Executive Delegate

TOTAL ASSETS **\$32,069.02**

Michael S. Bartlett
Third Executive Delegate

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2002 Spring CSLSA Mtg. CP Fund	\$899.00
Junior Lifeguard Account	\$13,492.55
Membership Account	\$0.00
New Zealand Exchange	\$1,500.00
Newsletter	\$4,641.65
Public Education Committee	\$4,768.69
Website Committee	\$2,350.00

Total Liabilities **\$27,651.89**

General Fund Total minus Allocations

\$4,337.42

Notes:

- The Membership Committee exceeded the \$5,000 line item for the current fiscal year. The Executive Board voted to cover the extra \$65.66 from the general fund.
- The Public Education Committee has \$2,376.24 remaining from the Dukes Donation. These monies will stay allocated to the Public Education Committee until used.
- Pendleton Coast's Association has been asked to eliminate the \$899 liability the CSLSA carries. The Executive Board will work with the association to properly disburse the monies.



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Cash Flow 1/1/2007 – 4/7/2007

INFLOWS

Member Dues 06-07	\$5,862.00
Smith Barney – Dividends	\$142.61

TOTAL INFLOWS	\$6,004.61
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OUTFLOWS

2006 Fall USLA BOD Mtg	-\$390.00
2007 Spring USLA BOD	\$1,745.61
Executive Board Meetings	\$793.47
Junior Lifeguard Committee	\$2,309.61
Membership Committee	\$5,065.66
Public Education Committee	\$7,736.45
Sec of State – Filing Fees	\$30.00

TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$17,290.80
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OVERALL TOTAL	-\$11,286.19
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By Robert A. Moore

Bill Richardson and I met on March 14, 2007 and reviewed the CSLSA Policy and Procedures and the USLA Policy and Procedures. Bill as always had done a tremendous amount of work prior to my arrival. After about 8-9 more hours of hard work, we feel that we have addressed the new Bylaws of both organizations and have aligned the proposed P & P's for presentation and committee review where necessary at the respective Board of Directors meeting for approval.

If approved at both levels then each organization will be current with new Bylaws and P & P's that align. From that point on, as a working document, it will be a matter of upgrading based on Board of Director meeting actions.

It has been a while since the USLA and the CSLSA has been current and I want to personally thank Bill Richardson for his continued dedication and behind the scenes work that enhance the operations of both organizations.

I will be available for committee, review, explanation, or whatever the President and/or the Executive Board desires at this CSLSA Board of Directors meeting. I have respectively requested through the President and Secretary that the proposed CSLSA P & P's be placed on this Spring Board of Directors meeting agenda for adoption.

With the permission of the Executive Board and the Board of Directors, I propose that I be allowed to represent the CSLSA at the USLA Board of Directors meeting to make the USLA P & P's proposal in committee for adoption at the Spring USLA Board of Directors meeting.

On another matter, it has been brought to our attention that our treasury has been in the red as of late. Our Treasurer has been forthright with the financial situation. There are many things to consider regarding this fact.

Over the past few years, SHP has been the vehicle that has allowed us to get ahead on some of our projects. We have been able to increase our membership, which increases our income as well as our outflow. Our allocations have mounted and that depletes our general fund monies available to fund other items such as national meeting attendance, upgrading our public education display board, support for other projects that occur during the year, just to name a few. The Junior Lifeguard Committee has been generous with their support of Public Education Committee projects, but there are limits on what can be done. In the past when I was the Treasurer, I made a proposal splitting the JG income

received from the USLA, which would allow more general fund decisions and focus JG monies on JG items. That proposal was defeated. As promised, I said that I had learned my lesson and would not propose it again. I am however suggesting that the Junior Lifeguard Committee revisit the topic now that they have a significant allocation in the budget. If the JG Committee believes it is a relevant item then they can make a proposal i.e. from this year forward or temporarily or time specific to be revisited at a future date, etc. Or the JG Committee after discussing can say that the system in place is sufficient and no proposal is warranted.

Another reality is the fact that the CSLSA has for years been trying to get the USLA to contract with SHP to realize the benefits that are possible. The CSLSA has suffered over the years with the USLA regarding our relationship with SHP, to the point of suspending two of our members and possibly a split between the CSLSA and USLA. These rough times have been smoothed out a bit and as a result of the hard work of the different regions coming together to revise the USLA Bylaws. An element of trust has developed between the regions and currently the USLA is working with SHP on a national scope. Why do I mention this? By the CSLSA supporting the involvement of SHP and the USLA, the CSLSA has diluted it's potential income derived from SHP. This was expected. The CSLSA must look at ways to increase the membership allocation, which is currently \$5 per member in addition to support from SHP. That dollar figure was based on 1,000 members. Thanks to our earlier relationship with SHP we have surpassed 1,000 members so that the \$5,000 allocated for membership is currently less than \$5 per member. The CSLSA has gladly sacrificed for the betterment of the USLA. It is our hope that over time the entire USLA will be much healthier financially and be able to achieve more of it's goals which is our goal. And in turn, each region will benefit. Having brought this to your attention, please realize that the CSLSA believes in the USLA and our relationship with SHP and hopes that the USLA will also enjoy a fruitful relationship with SHP. If the CSLSA weathers the 'growing' period, which may take a few years, I believe we will benefit in the long run. So as the Past President/Advisor, I am asking, please be patient and assist with ideas on how we can reach our goals on a regional level. Whether the Cal Surf News be placed on the website to save money or get more sponsorship/advertisement to cover the cost of printing and mailing or scale back on what we are expending, we need to come together and make the CSLSA the best it can be. Our relationship with SHP remains positive and if there is any avenue for additional enhancements to our membership kits in addition to the work he is doing with the USLA it would greatly help the CSLSA meet it's membership obligations. Otherwise we need to look at how to do more with less.

Think about it! Let's have a great meeting and continue building our membership.



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TO: CSLSA Board of Directors
FROM: Jay Butki
SUBJECT: Spring 2007 Competition Committee Chair Report
DATE: April 12, 2007

Results of the 2006 Fall Board of Directors meeting at Lake Tahoe

1. Acceptance of my proposed Rules to change USLA rules to mirror ILS rules whenever possible. Rules posted on Competition page of USLA.org
2. Taplin relay to be a point scoring official event

19th Wieland Shield Tour of Victoria, Australia-Jan 2-Jan 17, 2007

Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Wieland Shield and 50 years of International Competition. The Wieland Shield represents a long-standing relationship between the Los Angeles County Lifeguard Association (LACOLA) and Surf Life Saving Association Victoria (LSV). The exchange of ocean lifesaving knowledge, skills, and techniques has continued unbroken for the past five decades. The educational exchange has fostered many new and improved ocean rescue techniques, and equipment. Beach management and funding have also benefited. The ongoing relationship developed between Australia and the USA continues to serve the public these Lifeguards so heroically protect.

The California team for the 19th Wieland Shield competition:

Manager-Jay Butki - LACoFD lifeguard Division Paramedic Rescue Boat Captain, Coach-Scott Diederich - Laguna Beach Lifeguard Lieutenant Athletes -Male

Chad Carvin - Laguna Beach Lifeguard-2000 Olympic Silver medalist, 4 individual Golds at the US National Swimming championships, 2007 LA County Lifeguard Trainee Candidate, Micah Carlson - LACoFD -USLA Rescue Race Champion, ASU Swim team, member of the US Paddleboard team, Kyle Daniels - LACoFD -South Bay -5 time Catalina Classic Champion, Blaine Morgan - LACoFD Ocean Lifeguard & Cal. State Parks Lifeguard-San Clemente- Multiple US Lifeguard champion, Carlsbad Firefighter Paramedic . Tyler Morgan - LACoFD -South Bay, Surfski and Paddleboard specialist, Brian Murphy - LACoFD -USLA Paddleboard and Ironman Champion, Mike Murphy - LACoFD, Surfski and Paddleboard specialist, member of the US Paddleboard team

Athletes -Female

Micha Burden - Huntington Beach Lifeguard-4 times USLA National Team Member, Renee Locarnini- LACoFD - 4 times USLA National Team Member, Tandis Morgan - LACoFD-4 times USLA National Team Member
Bridget Rome - LACoFD - Surfski specialist
Educational Officers - Jaime Orr - LACoFD, Sean Kennedy - LACoFD

Our Competition started on day 3 of the Tour with the 27th Lorne Pier to Pub 1200 meter swim. Lauded as the biggest ocean swim in the world, 4300 swimmers, the online registration maxed out in 4 days.

Chad Carvin, Micah Carlson, Renee Locarnini and Micha Burden all qualified for the superfish category, the fastest 20 men and 20 women in the event. The racing wetsuit manufacturers were fighting to get wetsuits onto Chad and Micha, as the water temps were in the low 60's with scattered showers and whitecaps.

Men and Women superfish final was run together as one heat. Chad led most of the race from the gun by a body length and approached the surfline with one other. Unfortunately behind Chad and last year's winner Nick Cordner, was ex-Aussie Olympian and surf racing champion Daniel Kowalski in third place. Kowalski shot past on an outside wave from 10 body lengths back, Chad was not able to hang onto the broken wave, and Daniel body surfed it to knee deep, and Chad came running up the beach in a clear second.

Kowalski thrilled more than 25,000 fans to catch "a wave from God" and snatch the lead from Chad. Kowalski last won the Pier to Pub in 1996, the year he upstaged Kieren Perkins in the national titles. "It was a very big surprise (to win the title again)," Kowalski said, knowing his rivals had been training solidly. "I've got to thank the wave gods (for giving me a lucky ride). This event is amazing - until you've swum it, you don't know how good it is, with the crowd and all its colour." Kowalski said he was "hurting so bad" at one point, but he persevered to finish strongly.

In the women's Superfish event, Californian lifeguard Micha Burden clocked 15mins 28 secs to take out the sought-after title. Burden snatched the honours from six-time winner Naantali Marshall. Micha Burden crushed the women's field and beat seven of the guys, for her efforts she won airfare and hotel for 2 in Vanuatu, Tahiti for a swimming race there and \$1000 cash for her efforts. She also suffered a bloodied eye due to a male competitor kicking her in the goggles in frustration of being overtaken by a woman. Micha's comment was "I hope it gets a good colored bruise so I look vicious for the Shield!"

The Victorian were ready to bubble wrap the Shield for travel after that introduction to our swimmers but unfortunately at the Wieland Shield at Torquay, the Home team, Life Saving Victoria, beat us 74-54. California decisively won the Surf Teams, Surf Rescue Relay, and Men's Run Swim Run. Micha Burden won the Women's Swim, and the Women's Run Swim Run. But local knowledge, surf skills and home team advantage proved insurmountable.

The California Team was hosted by Ocean Grove, Anglesea, Torquay Surf Life Saving Clubs and was then hosted in Melbourne at the palatial head quarters of Life Saving Victoria and given complimentary tickets to the Australian Open where we watch Sharapova sweat in the 110 plus heat and 8 of our crew were given plane flights on the daily Coast Watch patrol flights.

A hearty "Thank You" goes to LACOLA, LACOLA Trust Fund, CSLSA, and SDSL for their donation, and to Surftech, Surftech Australia, Xcel, and Bennett Surfboards for

their assistance with the tour. Surftech Australia set us up by delivering a 10 board quiver for our use, 5 longboards, 5 shortboards, so with all our 12 Surfboards, 8 paddleboards, and 6 surfskis we had quite a road warrior caravan.

Agenda Items for the 2007 Spring USLA National Board of Directors Meeting
Southwest Region USLA Competition Rule Change Proposals- (listed in order of importance):

1. Add ILS Open Women's Board Rescue-maximum of 4 Teams per Chapter-this is an ILS event and raced everywhere else and our Women have been disadvantaged as it is not practiced by the USLA-Event to be held after the Men's Open Board Rescue on Day 2. Pre-lim heats as necessary on Thursday.
2. Add ILS Open Men and Open Women 3 person Surfski Relay-maximum of 4 Teams per Chapter-Open only held on Day 1-Friday. Prelim heats as necessary on Thursday.
3. Add ILS Open Men and Open Women 3 person Board Relay-maximum of 4 Teams per Chapter-Open Only held on Day 2-Saturday. Prelim heats as necessary on Thursday.
4. Establish an Open Point Score Championship-a second category in addition to the Overall-where points are accumulated only through Open events-no age groups. This would mirror ILS, and other Surf Life Saving Countries Championships.

Issues / Agenda items for the Competition meeting:

Discuss the required changes to the current course set up in order to meet agreed upon ILS Standards.

Competition Caps- Current USLA rules state "no numbers, writing or letters" -however we have Chapters that have writing on their current caps. ILS allows writing on the caps, but no advertising. We need to adopt ILS standards and get all our chapters caps in a data base. I've been asked by the ILS and SLSA to get a final list of Competition Cap designs from all the USLA chapters. The goal is to get them all the Cap designs from all the Chapters / clubs in the ILS member nations so they can be recognized and up on the web site. After this summer there will be no more duplication of design, only original designs / colors will be accepted by the ILS.

It's been a pet peeve of mine and I've tried over the past few National BoD meetings to get the regions to submit their Comp Cap designs, so we can set up a cheat sheet to aid the announcers at Nationals. We need to get this done and raise our game. I have a presentation to show when this topic comes up.

Discuss the Rescue Race changes-ILS Rules make this event into a 4 person open Men's and Open women's event adding two Rescuers on the beach to bring the victim on shore and across the finish line. All the other International Countries and the ILS use a Rescue Tube for this event clipping the victim in on the offshore side of the flag / buoy line, USLA currently uses a "Mini or maxi Rescue Can. Which should we be using at USLA events? Also discuss merits of adding ILS Rescue Tube Race for the Age Groups to replace the USLA Rescue Race.

Judges / Referee Clinic-only 5 officials currently from Southwest Region

2007 Competition Calendar - check updates at www.CSLSA.org

5/26 June Tune-Zuma
6/16 Ed Perry Regatta-26th Ave, Venice Beach
6/24 Mike Knight Relays-South Mission Beach
6/30 South Bay Dozen-Torrance Beach
7/1 Working Mans 4x4-Manhattan Beach
7/7 Hennessey's Paddleboard Festival-Redondo Beach
7/20 JG Regionals-Santa Barbara
7/21&22 San Clemente Surf Festival-San Clemente Pier
7/28 CSLSA Regionals-Huntington City Beach
8/4 Judge Taplin Relays- Hermosa Beach Pier
8/9-11 USLA National Championships - Myrtle Beach. South Carolina
8/18 Great Catalina Dory race
8/26 Catalina Classic Paddleboard Race
12/1 International Surf Challenge-Bondi Beach, Australia
7/18/ 2008 Rescue 2008 Lifesaving World Championships Germany from 18 July until 2 August 2008. Pool events held in Berlin, and Beach and Surf competitions held in Warnemunde.
7/15, 2008 20th Wieland Shield Competition, held in Southern California
August 7,8, & 9 2008 USLA Nationals- hosted by LACOLA-Location to be determined Venice or Santa Monica

Respectively Submitted,

Jay Butki
CSLSA Competition Committee Chair



CALIFORNIA SURF LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION

Junior Lifeguard Committee

2007 Spring Activity Report

REGIONAL COMPETITION

The 2007 Competition will be hosted by Santa Barbara on July 20th and the mandatory Coordinators meeting will be the evening of July 19th. Your reminder post card was great.....THANKS! All competition information is posted on the CSLSA web site!

CAL STATE GAMES

The Competition will be hosted by The City of San Diego at Mission Beach on July 13th. Thanks to San Diego JG's!

SANTA BARBARA FIESTA

The Competition will be hosted in Santa Barbara on July 27th. This is a wonderful event for all JG's!

SAN DIEGO COMPETITION

Date of Competition news at our Committee Meeting.

NATIONAL COMPETITION

In South Carolina on August 9th check the USLA web site for more information.

2007 CSLSA JG CONTEST

The entries will be judged at the Fall Committee Meeting. Rules and Information to be determined at our Committee Meeting.

2006 JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS OF THE YEAR

JG Coordinators will judge the one page Bio and picture due at our Fall Committee all award winners programs will be presented with a \$100 prize for entries. Each JG Program can award the \$100 as appropriate to the recipients. (NO late entries!)

TIDE BOOKS

Tide Books will be distributed at our Committee Meeting.....THANKS to Mike S.!

JG STICKERS

Stickers will be distributed at our Committee Meeting.....THANKS to Charlotte G.!

USLA JG MEMBERSHIP

2007 JG Information and registration fees are mailed directly to USLA Membership Office. New product promotion and ordering for JG's by DA FIN! Additional information at our Committee Meeting.

WEB INFORMATION UP DATE

Please e mail or report any changes to the JG Chairperson.

HOT TOPICS

2008 Regional Competition Location?

ROUND TABLE



CALIFORNIA SURF LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION

Junior Lifeguard Committee

2007 Spring Agenda

- 1. REGIONAL COMPETITION**
- 2. CAL STATE GAMES**
- 3. SANTA BARBARA FIESTA**
- 4. SAN DIEGO COMPETITION**
- 5. NATIONAL COMPETITION**
- 6. 2007 JG CONTEST**

7. **2007 JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS OF THE YEAR**
8. **TIDE BOOKS & STICKERS**
9. **USLA JG MEMBERSHIP & PROPOSAL**
10. **WEB INFORMATION UP DATE**
11. **HOT TOPICS & ROUND TABLE**

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Legislative Sub-Committee Meeting Report April 12, 2007 Redondo Beach, California

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At the beginning of the meeting the Fourth Executive Delegate, and sub-committee chair, Alex Peabody led the group in a quick review of currently active legislative issues. The following legislative bills were discussed:

- **AB 124 Meal Breaks (Price)** has been amended by the bills author and specifies that this legislation would only affect *pool lifeguards* and stage assistants:

226.8. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, pool lifeguards and stage assistants employed by the state or any political subdivision thereof, including any city, county, or special district, may not be required by their employer to work during any meal or rest period provided for in Section 512 *required for non-exempt employees by Section 512 or by an order of the Industrial Welfare Commission.*

Recommendation: CSLSA to be neutral on this bill.

- **AB 1458 Vessel Operator Certificates and Funding (Villines)** has been amended, but continues to remain problematic for California State Parks and the funding the department receives to support is vessel recreation facilities and operations throughout the state park system. The appeal for most public safety agencies that deal with vessel operations on reservoirs and along the coast is that the bill would require a vessel operator certification for vessel operators.

Recommendation: Due to the negative fiscal impact on member organization, California State Parks, the CSLSA should be against this legislation until such time as the fiscal impact is eliminated from the bill

- **AB 1355 County Sheriff Duties and Authority (Houston)** would give the sheriff of each county, “the sole and exclusive authority to provide security and safety for the coastlines, harbors, and inland waterways, if any, as specified, except in counties that, prior to July 1, 2008, have vested the duties associated with the security and safety of the county’s coastlines, harbors, and inland waterways to a law enforcement or public safety entity other than the sheriff.”

Under current law, the “sheriff of each county is required to give all possible aid and assistance to vessels stranded on its coast, and to the persons on board.”

The proposed legislation seems intent on extending the authority of the county sheriff as identified in the following from the bill:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the sheriff of each county in this state, as the chief law enforcement officer of the county, **shall have the sole and exclusive authority** for the security and safety of the county’s coastlines, harbors, and inland waterways.

The legislation may be problematic for some agencies in that it does not cite nor recognize the authority extended to the some agencies in situations where there may be concurrent jurisdiction.

It was brought up during the meeting that there were a number of California police agencies against this bill and that it is believed that the bill will not be successful.

Recommendation: CSLSA to remain neutral at this time and continue to monitor the bill.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to reviewing statistical gathering forms and techniques of the agencies in attendance. Rick Gould, who developed the USLA statistics program was present to discuss his views of the challenges in gathering national lifeguard statistics. Carl Drake, retired from California State Parks and experienced in statistics issues was also present.

The following areas of concern were identified by the sub-committee:

- The importance of a national data base of aquatic safety statistics that is accurate and verifiable
- Variations in attendance calculations
- Variations in definitions of statistic criteria
- Lack of data on aquatic rescues and documentation
- Agencies (nationally) that fail to report drownings
- The need to incorporate statistics training into the educational conference portion of the USLA Board of Directors meeting
- The need for the USLA to post statistical forms on the USLA website

Action Items:

- Mr. Peabody to review the submitted forms and report back to the CSLSA executive board.
- That the CSLSA recommend at the USLA Spring BOD meeting:
 - Post statistics forms on the USLA website
 - Request a statistics training component at the next BOD meeting

Meeting adjourned.



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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT APRIL 12, 2007

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The 2006 Membership year proved to be the most successful one in the past 5 years, no doubt due at least in part to the Lifeguard Nationals returning to the West Coast and the significant benefit of our sponsorship by Patagonia. Now, with the roll out of the details of the Patagonia Pro Deal for CSLSA members, and with the return of Lifeguard Nationals to our coast next summer, I am looking forward to even greater increases in our membership numbers over the next few years. As a result, I hope to be able to establish a consistent and accurate list of chapter contacts for membership purposes.

When picking up membership kits today, please list at least one individual from your chapter who can be a primary contact for membership questions on our checkout sheet. This person does not have to be in charge of your membership, but should be the best person to contact throughout the year, and someone who could direct information or questions to the person handling membership. I will once again primarily use email to collect chapter lists and disseminate new information this year. I respectfully request that chapter representatives not send me a stack of member applications, but rather email me your chapter database, and then just mail me one hardcopy of the database with *one single payment* of membership dues from all members in your chapter.

As we head into the 2007 membership year, I would like to again note that there have been some additions made to our membership applications. The USLA is moving towards conversion of our membership database to a fully computerized system, one which makes tracking info and making additions or changes much easier both nationally and regionally. As a result we have been asked to request some additional information from our members, including age, gender, ethnicity and email addresses. The USLA is requesting this information to better track who our membership is, in order to present this to potential sponsors looking for particular market dynamics.

These categories have been added to our 2007 applications and should be added to your chapter's computer database as well. Please note that the Membership Committee felt that these should all be optional categories, but I would encourage you to acquire as much info as possible. Also, it must be noted that the only way for members to receive the Patagonia Pro Deal information is via their email address. I have made samples of the new membership applications for each chapter to use this year, and will pass them out with a list of the 2007 Membership Incentives and an updated list of your chapter's 2006 Members. More details will be discussed when you pick up your membership kits today, so be sure to send a chapter rep over.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Graham

Vice President, Membership Chair
California Surf Lifesaving Association

2007/08 USLA & CSLSA MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES

For the 2007/08 membership year, the USLA and our local region the CSLSA have put together the following incentives:

USLA:

- Kit by mail, which includes your 07/08 membership card
- 3 issues of *American Lifeguard Magazine*
- Patagonia gear at a 50% discount
- DaFin swim fins at wholesale price (about a 50% discount)
- SportsStar Pro discounts on sunglasses, watches, binos, etc. including Suunto, Serengeti, Bolle, Bushnell, Ray-Ban brands
- Hertz Rental Car discounts

Information about these discounts will be sent by mail or by email, and the discounts will be accessed using your membership number or an individual code number.

CSLSA:

- 2 issues of *Cal Surf News*
- CSLSA window decal
- 16 oz. Travel Mug
- SPF 15 Lip Balm with a Carabineer clip
- Long sleeve CSLSA T-shirt

REMEMBER:

You must be a USLA member in order to compete in the CSLSA Lifeguard Regional Championships, which will be held on Saturday, July 28th in **Huntington Beach**, and in the USLA Lifeguard National Championships, which will be held August 9th - 11th in **Myrtle Beach, South Carolina**. For more information about these events, go to www.uslanationals.org.

All California lifeguards are encouraged to join the only nationwide association for professional open water lifeguards. Your membership dues help the USLA fulfill its primary purpose: BEACH AND OCEAN SAFETY AWARENESS THROUGH PUBLIC EDUCATION! Please visit our websites: www.usla.org and www.cslsa.org for more information.



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JOIN or RENEW TODAY

The USLA membership year extends from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. To become a new USLA member or to renew your existing membership, the cost is \$25.00 per year. You will receive a one-year subscription to *American Lifeguard Magazine* and *Cal Surf News*, a USLA decal, membership card and other membership incentives. Please make checks payable to "**CSLSA**" or to your own chapter. Complete the attached membership form and return with your check to **your local chapter representative**, or to Charlotte Graham, CSLSA Membership Chair at the address listed at the bottom.

By returning your application to your Chapter rep, you will be sure to receive your 2007 CSLSA membership kit. [redacted] = NEW INFO BEING REQUESTED

(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY OR TYPE, USE PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS)

Name SAMPLE FORM D.O.B. [redacted] M F

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address [redacted]
 (required to receive the Patagonia Pro membership incentive)

USLA Region Southwest (CSLSA) USLA Chapter _____

Employing Agency _____ Ethnicity (optional) [redacted]

Membership Category (Check One)

FY 2007 (Check One)

Professional*

Alumni

NEW Member

Junior Lifeguard

Associate

RENEWAL

* A Professional Member must be a member of an open water lifesaving service and have worked a minimum of eight hours for that service in the current membership year.

CSLSA MEMBERSHIP

CHAPTER	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
California State	93	95	102	98	96	158
Capitola	0	13	0	9	0	2
Coronado	0	0	0	5	4	2
Del Mar	48	48	48	45	64	55
Encinitas	7	7	4	9	6	8
Huntington Beach	127	130	143	149	140	152
Imperial Beach	19	16	21	21	22	29
LA City	31	41	36	36	26	25
LA County Lakes	34	59	30	29	28	28
LACOLA	214	284	137	166	173	225
Laguna Beach	78	77	77	81	85	103
Lake Mission Viejo	8	17	11	9	9	9
Long Beach	40	47	30	97	62	35
Newport Beach	75	122	108	85	96	91
Oceanside	20	15	0	6	9	15
Pendleton Coast	15	15	22	27	28	22
Pismo Beach	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	24	25
Port Hueneme	2	26	28	1	36	37
San Clemente	31	31	20	12	37	48
San Diego	50	69	39	56	41	61
San Luis Obispo Co	30	62	76	4	22	25
Santa Barbara	0	22	9	37	36	34
Santa Cruz	41	44	42	31	35	35
Seal Beach	44	44	43	42	44	34
Solana Beach	17	19	7	13	16	17
Tucson	1	0	1	0	0	1
US Ocean Safety (COLA)	33	44	6	72	13	15
Ventura County	25	18	14	1		11
Independents	0	1	1	5		3
TOTAL MEMBERS	1083	1366	1055	1146	1152	1305



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NEWSLETTER REPORT **2007 Spring Meeting**

In the CalSurf world, the last six months have been a little exciting, really interesting, and a slightly depressing.

The excitement came with the receipt of several articles; all with little or no arm-twisting or begging. The interesting part was the content of the articles submitted and researching the subject articles that I wrote. I was particularly impressed with the hard work of the supervisors and instructors of the Refugio junior guard program. They basically created an extremely successful program in the middle of nowhere. Thanks to Al Fimlaid for his contribution. And I felt humbled as I corresponded with Jim Birdsell to write the article about his efforts to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The depression set in when confronted with my biannual nemesis – advertisers. Interest letters were sent to 45 potential advertisers, 31 of them local (Central Coast to San Diego). I targeted companies that had a direct relationship to lifeguards: surfshops, dive shops, boat builders, clothing stores and manufacturers, and medical suppliers. In spite of the temptation of color advertising, a whopping 2%, or one, bought advertisement. I had a nibble from a local business owned by an ex-lifeguard, but alas, no bite. With the budget ax looming, a solution of some sorts must be found

I apologize for the lack of sample issues. A miscommunication between myself and the typesetter has resulted in a delay. However, with the home delivery approved by the Board last fall, members should receive their issues via their mailbox shortly.

As usual, I want to thank my assistant in the south, Rich Hidalgo, and Rob McGowan for their regular submissions and assistance. I also want to express my gratitude to Al Fimlaid of Cal State for the JG article and Jim Birdsell of San Diego for the inspiring information about Lifeguards for Louisiana. I also want to say thanks, again and always, to Mike Bartlett for his continual support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

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Public Education Committee Report - Spring 2007 April 12, 2007

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Over the past six months, the Public Education Committee has been working on the following projects:

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1. Last spring, Duke's Big Wednesday Fundraiser was a tremendous success raising nearly \$8,000. Once again, a big "Thank You" to Steve Reuter of Huntington Beach for not only suggesting the program, but implementing and coordinating the entire series of events; as well as to Melissa Murphy for designing the "Be Safe, Be Seen" poster. As a result of this project, all chapters will receive copies of this poster today for posting in the headquarters, at local businesses, giving away at public education presentations, and to leave with local teachers in an effort to reach as many people as possible with this important message

2. Mike Silvestri has overseen the production of 11,000 book covers utilizing artwork from the Junior Lifeguards. Chapters will receive copies for distribution today. Thanks to Mike for taking on this project!

3. Public Education Vice Chairman Kade Boisseranc has stepped down from his position in CSLSA after hanging up his fins for a computer job with the City of San Clemente. Thank you to Kade for your assistance!

4. National Beach Safety Week (NBSW) begins the Monday before Memorial Day (which is the last Monday in May – May 21st this year) and ends seven (7) days later on Memorial Day. Sample proclamations are available on the USLA website (USLA.org). Unfortunately, participation in this program has been very limited. Our goal is to increase participation in this process, in order to reach more people with the important messages regarding beach and water safety. Please forward this information to your Lifeguard Chiefs or their equivalent who will have the ability to take proclamations to their local Councils, Boards, or Commissions for enactment.

5. A reminder that local cable companies are typically under contract with local agencies to provide free Public Service Announcements. This is an excellent way to reach many viewers with free beach safety presentations. Anyone interested in learning how to set up a program for their community is invited to contact me.

The following items will be discussed in Committee today:

1. Update on Public Education fund balances and potential projects.
2. Public Education Inventory matrix.
3. Roundtable – Including proposal from LA Riptides Lacrosse for participation by CSLSA at their lacrosse games

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Humphreys, Public Education Chairman



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Website Committee

By Robert A. Moore, Committee Chair

Changes and revisions to the CSLSA website since the Fall Board of Director's meeting.

1. Posting of materials:

- a. About CSLSA
 - (1) CSLSA Bylaws and Policies/Procedures sections added to page.
 - (2) Summaries for both, with links to the Manual and Bylaws documents.
 - (3) Regional Map page added.
- b. Board of Directors meetings
 - (1) Spring 07 Agenda, Hotel Listing, Registration/Meeting Info, and Golf Flyer
 - (2) Fall 06 Minutes and all attachments.
 - (3) Spring 06 Minutes and all attachments.
- c. Certification
 - (1) 2007 Compensation Study
- d. Employment (Test Dates)
 - (1) Cal State and Port Hueneme information flyers
- e. Heroic Acts/Medal of Valor
 - (1) 2006 summaries of Medal of Valor awardees
- f. Junior Lifeguards
 - (1) Junior Guards of the Year for 2006.
 - (2) New section for 2007 JG Regionals, including posted documents (Coordinators' Packet and Public info.)
- g. Legislation
 - (1) New section: "Legislation in Progress".
 - (2) AB 124 summary, status and links.
 - (3) AB 1458 summary, status and link.
- h. Membership
 - (1) Membership by Chapter (01-07) – downloadable.
 - (2) New Application form – downloadable.
- i. News Items (homepage)
 - (1) Upcoming LG tests, Competition results, Board Meetings, EMT class, CA/NZ Exchange, Wieland Shield Raffle, Beach Safety Week, Board Meetings, Memorials, and many others.
- j. Training
 - (1) Summaries of Feb. 24 and May 31, 06 meetings.
 - (2) Posting of Feb. 13, 07 meeting.
 - (3) New section - Training Dates with links.
- k. Public Education
 - (1) Image and summary for National Beach Safety Week.

2. Updates/revisions/additions to website

- a. CSLSA Agencies/Chapters
 - (1) Updated LA County, Laguna, Huntington Bch, Mission Viejo, etc.
- b. CSLSA Board Meetings
 - (1) Archived Minutes of past meetings.
 - (2) Revised information for Spring 2007 meeting.
- c. Domain Name
 - (1) Renewed for one year - \$34.55 (Jan., 07)
- d. Employment
 - (1) Tests/Payrate - Updated Cal State (linked), Huntington Beach, Oceanside, Newport, Laguna, Pendleton, San Clemente (linked), LACO, Port Hueneme.
 - (2) Changed asterisks and layout.
- e. Events and Homepage Announcements
 - (1) Continuous updates of news and upcoming events.
- f. Exchange
 - (1) Updated incorrect names on list.
 - (2) Updated Exchange Notice, historical listing and posted Fall dates.
- g. Junior Guards
 - (1) Updated membership.
- h. Legislation
 - (1) Researched status of lifeguard laws and bills listed on page and updated.
 - (2) Removed "dead bills".
 - (3) Updated status of AB 124.
- i. Membership
 - (1) Updated membership number, information and instructions to representatives.
- j. Spam Control
 - (1) Contacted Interland (web host) about increased spam with our email. We have spam controls in place. Because of today's volume, a few will slip through.
- k. Training
 - (1) Removed outdated info. and added meeting dates.
- l. Website Layout
 - (1) New drop-down menu on all pages - with subheadings.
 - (2) Removed 'About' from top and added to blue menu drop-downs.
 - (3) Added Bylaws/Policies to pages with top-right sub-headings.

As always, if you see anything that is not current or inaccurate, please bring it to my attention. Committee Chairs please notify me via e-mail any items that have been decided at this meeting and need posted on the website so I may review and forward to the Webmaster. Any new photos would be appreciated i.e. JG, competition, etc. Let's keep things up-to-date!

A reminder to all Committee Chairs, please submit your committee reports electronically to the Secretary ASAP so he may post the minutes within 30 days of the meeting, adhering to the CSLSA Bylaws.

Our Webmaster, Pat Francis, is the best. She usually posts the same day of my submittal and has many positive suggestions on how to make things better. She has our interests at heart and believes in our goals. She is a pleasure to work with on this worthy cause. MANY THANKS PAT!



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TO: CSLSA Board of Directors
FROM: Jay Butki
SUBJECT: Spring 2007 Competition Committee Report
DATE: April 13, 2007

A hearty "Thank You" for the 19th Wieland Shield Tour assistance to the California Team goes to CSLSA, LACOLA, LACOLA Trust Fund, SDSLA and over 200 individual donors for their monetary donations, and to Patagonia, Surftech, Quiksilver Edition, Surftech Australia, Xcel, Bennett Surfboards, Sangria Restaurant, Surf Lifesaving Victoria, Ocean Grove Surf Lifesaving Club, Anglesea Surf Lifesaving Club, Torquay Surf Lifesaving Club and others for their assistance with the 2007 tour.

Agenda Items for the 2007 Spring USLA National Board of Directors Meeting

Southwest Region USLA Competition Rule Change Proposals-

1. Add ILS Open Women's Board Rescue-maximum of 4 Teams per Chapter-this is an ILS event and raced everywhere else and our Women have been disadvantaged as it is not practiced by the USLA-Event to be held after the Men's Open Board Rescue on Day 2. Pre-lim heats as necessary on Thursday.
2. Add ILS Open Men and Open Women 3 person Surfski Relay-maximum of 4 Teams per Chapter-Open only held on Day 1-Friday. Prelim heats as necessary on Thursday.
3. Add ILS Open Men and Open Women 3 person Board Relay-maximum of 4 Teams per Chapter-Open Only held on Day 2-Saturday. Prelim heats as necessary on Thursday.
4. Establish an Open Point Score Championship-a second category in addition to the Overall-where points are accumulated only through Open events-no age groups. This would mirror ILS, and other Surf Life Saving Countries Championships.

Discuss the required changes to the current course set up in order to meet agreed upon ILS Standards.

Competition Caps- Current USLA rules state "no numbers, writing or letters" - however we have Chapters that have writing on their current caps. ILS allows writing on the caps, but no advertising. We need to adopt ILS standards and get all our chapters caps in a data base. I've been asked by the ILS and SLA to get a final list of Competition Cap designs from all the USLA chapters. The goal

is to get them all the Cap designs from all the Chapters / clubs in the ILS member nations so they can be recognized and up on the web site. After this summer there will be no more duplication of design, only original designs / colors will be accepted by the ILS.

It's been a pet peeve of mine and I've tried over the past few National BoD meetings to get the regions to submit their Comp Cap designs, so we can set up a cheat sheet to aid the announcers at Nationals. We need to get this done and raise our game. I have a presentation to show when this topic comes up.

Discuss the Rescue Race changes-ILS Rules make this event into a 4 person open Men's and Open women's event adding two Rescuers on the beach to bring the victim on shore and across the finish line. All the other International Countries and the ILS use a Rescue Tube for this event clipping the victim in on the offshore side of the flag / buoy line, USLA currently uses a "Mini or maxi Rescue Can. Which should we be using at USLA events? Also discuss merits of adding ILS Rescue Tube Race for the Age Groups to replace the USLA Rescue Race.

Judges / Referee Clinic-only 5 officials currently from Southwest Region

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Rule Change Proposals for the USLA National Board of Directors Meeting Chicago Competition meeting:

4 Competition Committee Proposals-

2007 Spring USLA Rule clarification / edit proposals from the Southwest Region:

- 1.9 Comp Categories,
- 4.3 Comp Caps,
- 4.4 Heats / Final numbers, and
- 5.10 Surfboats

1.) Edit USLA Competition Category 1.9 definitions and insert the following:

1.9 Competition Categories

USLA competition events shall be conducted as one of the 5 following age group / gender categories:

Open-Any bona fide and certified member of a USLA Chapter may compete

Open Men-Open to only bona fide and certified Male members of a USLA Chapter

Open Women-Open to only bona fide and certified Female members of a USLA Chapter

Masters Men: Restricted to 30 years plus Male age groups in 5 year increments to 65 (30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65 and above)

Masters Women: restricted to 30 years plus Female age groups in 5 year increments to 65 (30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65 and above)

2 Open Events:

1. Landline Rescue Race-4 Teams per Chapter
2. Taplin relay-4 Teams per Chapter

12 Open Men's events-

1. Surf Race
2. Run-Swim-Run
3. Rescue Board Race
4. Ironman
5. American Ironman
6. Surfski Race
7. Surfboat Race
8. 2 Kilometer Beach Run
9. Beach Flags
10. Beach Relay-4 Teams per Chapter
11. Rescue Race-4 Teams per Chapter
12. Board Rescue race-4 Teams per Chapter

12 Open Women's Events:

1. Surf Race
2. Run-Swim-Run
3. Rescue Board Race
4. Ironwoman
5. American Ironwoman
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8. 2 Kilometer Beach Run
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9 Masters Age Group events:

1. Surf Race
2. Run-Swim-Run
3. Rescue Board Race
4. Ironman / Ironwoman
5. American Ironman / Ironwoman
6. Surfski Race
7. Surfboat Race
8. Beach Flags
9. 2 Kilometer Beach Run

4.7 GROUPS

All Open Men's, Open Women's and Masters age groups events will be run independently of each other.

Masters age groups may be run together and are run as **FINALS IN THE MORNING**. Other groups can be combined only with the consent of the affected competitors, or when two groups combined total no more than 16 competitors for craft events, and 42 for Surf Race or Run-Swim Run. (see 4.4 "Heats / Finals Competitor Limits").

All groups will always be placed and scored separately.

The usual order will be: Open Men first, Open Women second, 30-34, 35-39 Men third, 30-34, 35-39 Women fourth, 40-44, 45-49 Men sixth, 40-44, 45-49 Women seventh, etc."

2.) Edit USLA Comp rules 4.3 definitions and insert the proposed verbage:

HISTORY:

Competition Caps-

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CURRENT VERBAGE:

4.3 BEANIES/HELMETS/JERSEYS" -- Each individual Chapter will be responsible to designate a color that will represent their Chapter. The Chapter's designated beanie must be worn on the head of the competitors at the start and finish of each event. Competitors must wear their current OFFICIAL Chapter's_beanie, not that of any other Chapter. Beanies will be required in every event except the Surfboat event. In the Surfboat event helmets MUST BE WORN, color not important, due to boat identification. Designation of Chapter beanies, colors and design shall be subject to approval of the USLA Competition Chairman. Chapter beanies shall have no numbers, writing, or letters. Exception is made for chapters that wish to number beanies on the back with a height of no more than one inch. Competitors must wear their respective Chapter's beanie. All finalists must wear competition jerseys, if provided, in all events except the Surf Swim, Run-Swim-Run, Rescue Race and Landline swimmer.

PROPOSED NEW VERBAGE:

4.3 COMPETITION CAPS / HELMETS

Competition cap colors and designs must be approved and registered with the USLA Competition Committee. Designation of Chapter Caps, colors and design shall be subject to approval of the USLA Competition Chairman. Only registered colors and caps shall be permitted to be worn.

Competitors shall wear identical official Chapter competition caps in each event. The use of such caps assists in identification of competitors and teams and in event judging. In ocean events, caps are securely fastened under the chin and must be worn on the competitor's heads at the start of each event.

In all Surfboat events, competitors must wear safety helmets with the same conditions as Competition caps. Helmets may be of the same color and design as the Chapters competition cap and must be worn throughout any Surfboat event.

A competitor shall not be disqualified if the cap is lost after the start of an event provided that officials can identify that the competitor correctly completed the event.

Competition caps must not be removed from the head of the competitor until finish placings have been recorded, or permission is given by the Referee of the finish of the event.

In relay events this paragraph applies only to the final competitor of each team."

3.) Edit USLA Comp rules 4.4 definitions and insert the following:

4.4 Heats / Finals Competitor limits

The referee shall decide whether events shall be conducted in heats, semi-finals, or finals providing that the maximum number of competitors in a heat, or final race, shall

not exceed the following while also taking into account safety and the prevailing conditions:

Surf Race - 32 competitors

Run-Swim-Run - 32 competitors

Rescue Race - 10 teams of 4 competitors, 40 total per heat

Board Rescue - 10 teams of 2 competitors, 20 total per heat

Landline Rescue Relay - 10 teams of 4 competitors, 40 total per heat

Beach Flags - 16 competitors

Beach Relay - 10 teams of 4 competitors, 40 total per heat

Beach Run- 2 km - 50 competitors per heat

Surf Ski Race - 16 competitors

Surfboat Race - 10 teams of 2 competitors, 20 total per heat

Rescue Board Race - 16 competitors

Ironman / Ironwoman - 16 competitors

American Ironman / American Ironwoman - 16 competitors

Taplin Relay - 16 teams of 4 competitors, 64 total per heat “

4.) Edit USLA Event 5.10 “Surfboat” definitions as defined below:

Recommended Surfboat Rule Clarifications:

1. Boat Markings

Current Rules state:

“Boat markings: lettering and numbers on boats are required. Letters and numbers must be placed on the bow of the boat in block style and of a contrasting color. Minimum sizes--16 inches high, 12 inches wide, 3 inches in thickness.”

This rule statement needs to either be enforced, or edited, or deleted.

2. Control of surfboats near or at the Finish of the race

Current Rules state:

Finish - At the completion of the third lap, the surfboat must pass the last buoy, after which time any member of the crew may complete the lap. One member of the crew must leave the surfboat and run up the beach, and pass through the funnel finish in an upright position.”

ISSUES:

No mention is made of control of the surfboat.

In every other surf racing craft discipline, control of the craft and contact are an implicit part of safely and correctly finishing / completing the course.

In the surfboat, both members of the crew can flip the surfboat, abandon ship and let the Surfboat “ghost ride” into the shore break. Safety and control of the craft must be part of the discipline.

The Surfboat Race is historically derived from the old US Lifesaving Service and should mirror their rescue efforts to remain upright, and in control, and safely bring their Surfboat to the Shoreline.

A statement should be added to the Finish rules such as:

One Member of the crew must remain in contact with the Surfboat and attempt to maintain control of the Surfboat until after his/her teammate has passed through the funnel and across the Finish line.”

Future Competition Calendar - check updates at www.CSLSA.org

Seal Beach to be a possible site for the 2008 CSLSA Regional Competition and Junior Lifeguard Regionals-July 25 & 26

ILS World Championships, Warnemunde Germany-July 18-August 2, 2008

20th Wieland Shield Competition, at So Cal venues to be announced-August 1,2 2008

USLA National Championships at Venice Beach-August 7, 8, 9 2008

Respectively Submitted,

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CSLSA Competition Committee Chair



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Date: April 13, 2007

To: CSLSA Secretary

For: Exchange Committee Report

Good Morning Everyone! We had a great committee Meeting with a lot of enthusiasm. The exchange is Alive and Well!

There were 5 members present at our meeting.

Main Topics included a review of the last year's trip with Ryan and Doug in regards to preparation and finances as well as mailing out "Thank You Cards" for all who assisted with their trip.

Also, we discussed the training they did over in New Zealand which included a great deal of IRB, swims, runs, paddles, and Helicopter orientation.

The most important discussion was about this upcoming exchange and the interest several of the members expressed in hosting the Kiwi's this summer. I would like to thank Richard Hidalgo from IB, Mark from SB, Nicolas Giugni and Alex Scurr for their expressed interest in the exchange. I will be in the process of contacting individuals and agencies and making the itinerary so that this year's exchange guards will see as much of CA as possible. This interest and variety is what really makes this exchange WORK!

Please remember to direct individuals from your agency who is interested in the exchange to visit the CSLSA web-site for flyers and e-mail information.

Lastly, Thanks once again to Chris Graham for all his hard work in keeping this exchange running smoothly.

This concludes my exchange committee report.

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**CALIFORNIA SURF LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION
Junior Lifeguard Committee
2007 Spring Action**

1. **REGIONAL COMPETITION-Santa Barbara July 20th. Coordinators meeting July 19th. All information posted on the CSLSA web site.**
2. **CAL STATE GAMES-Mission Beach July 13th.**
3. **SANTA BARBARA FIESTA-Santa Barbara July 27th.**
4. **NATIONAL COMPETITION-South Carolina August 9th.**
5. **2007 JG CONTEST-Poster Contest, rules will be posted on the CSLSA web site. Bring to the Fall meeting for judging.**
6. **2007 JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS OF THE YEAR-Bring a picture and Bio to the Fall CSLSA meeting, no late entries!**
7. **TIDE BOOKS & STICKERS-Distributed at our Committee meeting. Thanks to Mike and Lotte.**
8. **USLA JG MEMBERSHIP & PROPOSAL-Da Fin Offer will be presented at the USLA meeting and posted on the USLA web site.**
9. **WEB INFORMATION UP DATE- None at this time.**
10. **HOT TOPICS & ROUND TABLE**
 - **Manuals – Thanks for sharing LACO.**
 - **JG Team – Possible JG team to Australia winter 2007. Jay will provide additional information.**
 - **Regional Competition 2008 – Possible interest from Seal Beach.**
 - **JG Revenue – The Committees feels that our JG fees should stay dedicated to this specific JG Committee and Public Education interests.**

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The following was discussed at the Public Education Committee meeting on April 12, 2007:

1. CSLSA Display Booth - Mike Bartlett from Huntington City currently has the display booth. Mike will evaluate condition of booth and send to manufacturer for repairs if necessary. Committee discussed the creation of a web based "tracking and reservation" page being added to the CSLSA web site. Goal is to create a simple tracking & reservation page that can be accessed and updated by individual chapters. Booth will be stored by the last chapter using the booth until another chapter needs it. Chapters have responsibility of reporting any damages or repairs needed, and noting on the web page that booth has been transferred to another chapter. Transfer of booth between chapters will be arranged by individual chapters involved. Bill Humphreys will work with Bob Moore, Web Committee Chair, to determine feasibility of creation of web based reservation/tracking program.

2. Over 6,000 "Be Safe, Be Seen" posters and over 7,000 Junior Lifeguard artwork book covers were distributed. Chapters not receiving posters or book covers can contact Bill Humphreys to make arrangements to pick up materials. Unused materials will be brought to the Spring 2008 meeting for distribution for next year. Thanks again to Steve Reuter and Mike Silvestri for their work on these respective projects.

3. Melissa Murphy from HB City presented an offer to sell rights to CSLSA for "bio-medical" posters (Jellyfish and Stingray) for \$1,000 each, for use in lifeguard headquarters first aid rooms. Committee recommended that Melissa produce posters on her own, retaining rights and attempt to sell for \$30 or \$40 each directly to agencies. Agency representatives felt confident that most would be willing to pay directly for such a poster, thus preserving CSLSA funds while allowing Melissa's artwork to reach the targeted groups and retain a profit.

4. Rob Williams from Newport has met with USLA and NOAA/Sea Grant representatives on joint public education program, initially focusing on rip currents. NOAA is producing posters, banners, and other material which will become available in fall of 2007. Rob will update committee in fall of 2007 regarding project. Some materials are currently available for download at <http://ripcurrents.noaa.gov/> or <http://usla.org/teachereducation/>.

5. Public Education Inventory and Needs Matrix - Committee discussed the progress on the development of an inventory and needs assessment matrix which will be used to: 1) provide chapters with a comprehensive list of materials available and how to obtain them; 2) serve as a record of projects completed by the committee; and 3) serve as a planning tool to identify areas for potential projects (e.g. create public safety

materials reaching specific groups that may have been overlooked). Bill Humphreys will work with Bob Moore, Web Committee Chair, to determine feasibility of adding this matrix to the CSLSA web site so all chapters will have direct access to materials and contact information for obtaining them. Some materials currently are available for download at <http://usla.org/teachereducation/> or <http://www.usla.org/ripcurrents/signsbrochures.asp>

6. Steve Reuter from Huntington Beach showed a DVD regarding a “Robotronics” proposal for a public education radio controlled “mascot” that can be used at large public education programs. Committee liked the concept but felt cost was too high (\$10,000) to recommend requesting allocation of CSLSA funding. Suggestion was to look into potential grant funding sources or a specific fund raising event if project is to be considered, in order for project to be funded outside of CSLSA line item budget.

7. Committee discussed proposal from LA Riptides Lacrosse team for potential partnership, group discounts to lacrosse games, etc. Committee did not see major benefit to CSLSA in regards to reaching a targeted audience with beach/ocean safety information considering time commitments, etc. Suggestion was made to encourage LA Riptides to take out a paid advertisement in CSLSA magazine offering discount coupons to lifeguards. Bill Humphreys will follow up with LA Riptides to convey the committee recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lifeguard Titles – Ad Hoc Committee Minutes - Spring 2007 April 13, 2007

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An ad hoc committee was formed to discuss the possibility of creating consistent job titles between CSLSA lifeguard agencies. The purpose of the project is to help advance the professionalism of lifesaving in an effort to better serve the public. Consistency in job titles will help improve effective working relationships between departments and various agencies in emergency situations - reducing possible confusion over command roles due to discrepancies between job titles. It is recognized that the Incident Command structure used by public safety helps to alleviate this problem. However, confusion over roles/titles often still exists.

The committee was chaired by Scott Davey, Section Chief for LA County lifeguards and Bill Humphreys, Marine Safety Chief for San Clemente lifeguards. The committee members included all present at the CSLSA Board of Director's meeting on April 13, 2007.

I. Discussion included:

A. Potential difficulties in creating uniform job titles. These include:

- i. Difficulty in reaching consensus between agencies.
- ii. Potential conflicts with union or association members.
- iii. Differences in agency size and job functions.
- iv. Differences in structural basis of agencies. For example, some agencies are based on a law enforcement structure (e.g. use terms such as Sergeant which come from law enforcement); some agencies are based on fire structures (e.g. "Battalion Chief"); while many agencies have evolved from a strictly lifeguard structure (e.g. "Marine Safety Officer").
- v. Difficulty in implementing recommended changes – especially with larger departments who have a set job title structure in place.

- B. It was recognized that uniform, consistent job titles between agencies is a worthwhile goal. However, the committee recognized that changing job titles may need to be a long-term goal due to difficulties described above. Examples were given from fire departments who have overcome these difficulties, establishing consistent job titles that work for large or small departments across the Country. For example, job titles are consistent with a 5,000 person department such as New York City, as well as small departments in the mid-west. Therefore, the committee determined that although difficult, the challenge is not insurmountable.

C. Suggestions on how to approach this task included:

- i. Categorization of agencies based on size or current structure. For example, agencies of a certain size or number of personnel could be Category A, smaller sized agencies Category B, and very small agencies Category C, etc. Job titles would be consistent between agencies within various categories. Another option would be to categorize agencies based on either Fire or Police structures based on their current structure. For example, State Lifeguards may stay with a Police structure for titles since their full time lifeguards are POST certified Peace Officers, while other departments may fall more readily under a fire structure – especially departments which are already divisions within a fire departments.
- ii. A decision was made to begin the process by working to reach consensus between agencies for comparable positions - utilizing current job titles. Initially, the process will focus on full time lifeguard positions. For example, the senior administrator or managers of various lifeguard divisions (Chief, Deputy Chief, etc.) would fall under a certain category such as Level 1. This person, regardless of title, is the person in charge of creation of policy and procedures, etc. Level 2 would be the next person, again regardless of title, who may be responsible for assistance with creation of policy or writing procedures, and may be in charge of all personnel matters, etc. Once this consensus is reached, agencies would push for acceptance of comparable job titles as equivalent positions, seeking agreement by their respective City, County, or State governing body, including their respective Personnel or Human Resource departments. It was recognized that reaching full consensus for such a large body of agencies (entire CSLSA) would be problematic. Therefore, the committee opted to work on building consensus between local agencies within certain counties. Once that goal is reached, consensus between counties will be addressed and later expanded to the entire state. For the purposes of this project, initial counties and their representatives will be:

- (1) LA County – Scott Davey SDavey@lacofd.org
- (2) San Diego County – Katherine Jackson KJackson@SanDiego.gov
- (3) Orange County – Bill Humphreys HumphreysB@San-Clemente.org

Project coordinators for each county will work to create a draft matrix over the next few months showing equivalent job titles by level for their respective county. This will be presented to the Board of Directors at the Fall 2007 CSLSA meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Davey, Committee Co-Chairman
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4th Executive Delegate Report on Legislation and Statistics

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Statistics! Everyone's favorite I know, but in these days and times in which we may be faced with providing critical, defensible data (quickly) in answer to budgetary, salary, and legal issues, we must look at our own statistical gathering methodology and process for aquatic safety statistics and ensure we are doing it right.

As often as the United States Lifesaving Association is cited for its national statistical data base for aquatic safety statistics, in order for that data base to be a reliable data source, it is critical that all contributing agencies develop a more uniformed and standardized process for their statistics gathering and reporting. For that reason we have asked all agencies attending this Spring meeting to bring their statistics forms so that we may look at how our own agencies and department's gather their statistics. This afternoon we will be conducting a special committee meeting on this subject and ask that all agencies have a representative attend with their statistics forms at the ready. Carl Drake and Rick Gould are planning to be in attendance.

Legislatively, this has been a fairly active legislative season. As always, if you are aware of any proposed, or introduced legislation that may affect California lifeguards, please contact me and give me a heads up and I can begin following the bill. At this point here are the primary active legislative bills that I am following:

- Legislative Bills:

- **AB 124 Meal Breaks (Price)** has been amended by the bills author and specifies that this legislation would only affect *pool lifeguards* and stage assistants:

226.8. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, pool lifeguards and stage assistants employed by the state or any political subdivision thereof, including any city, county, or special district, may not be required by their employer to work during any meal or rest period provided for in Section 512 required for non-exempt employees by Section 512 or by an order of the Industrial Welfare Commission.

- **AB 1458 Vessel Operator Certificates and Funding (Villines)** has been amended, but continues to remain problematic for California State Parks and the funding the department receives to support is vessel recreation facilities and operations throughout the state park system. The appeal for most public safety agencies

that deal with vessel operations on reservoirs and along the coast is that the bill would require a vessel operator certification for vessel operators.

- **AB 1355 County Sheriff Duties and Authority (Houston)** would give the sheriff of each county, “the sole and exclusive authority to provide security and safety for the coastlines, harbors, and inland waterways, if any, as specified, except in counties that, prior to July 1, 2008, have vested the duties associated with the security and safety of the county’s coastlines, harbors, and inland waterways to a law enforcement or public safety entity other than the sheriff.”

Under current law, the “sheriff of each county is required to give all possible aid and assistance to vessels stranded on its coast, and to the persons on board.”

The proposed legislation seems intent on extending the authority of the county sheriff as identified in the following from the bill:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the sheriff of each county in this state, as the chief law enforcement officer of the county, **shall have the sole and exclusive authority** for the security and safety of the county’s coastlines, harbors, and inland waterways.

The legislation may be problematic for some agencies in that it does not cite nor recognize the authority extended to the some agencies in situations where there may be concurrent jurisdiction.

As I have said before, the summer of 2006 was a summer to remember! Warm water, regular southern hemisphere swells, and one of the busiest Julys on record. We look forward to the summer of 2007 and I wish all of you the best this coming summer and keeping the waters of California safe.



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