



# California Surf Lifesaving Association

Southwest Region - United States Lifesaving Association

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## **GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

Laguna Beach Lifeguard Association

Aliso Creek Inn

April 15 & 16, 2004

## **MINUTES**

Thursday, April 15, 2004

I. Meeting called to order by Mr. McGowan at 9:26 AM.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance - Mr. Lombardi
- B. Welcome and Introductions - Mr. McGowan
- C. Roll Call of Delegates - Mr. Beuerlein

CHAPTER	Members	Delegates	Delegates Present	Proxies	TOTAL VOTES
California State	102	5	3	2	5
Camp Pendleton	22	3	2	1	3
Capitola	0	0	0	-	0
Coronado	0	0	0	-	0
DelMar	48	3	1	1	2
Encinitas	4	2	1	-	1
Hawaii	0	0	0	-	0
Huntington Beach	143	5	4	1	5
Imperial Beach	21	3	1	1	2
LACity	36	3	3	1	4
LA County Lakes	30	3	2	-	2
LACOLA	137	5	5	-	5
Laguna Beach	77	4	4	-	4
LongBeach	30	3	3	-	3
Mission Viejo	11	2	2	-	2
Newport Beach	108	5	5	-	5
Oceanside	0	0	0	-	0
Port Hueneme	28	3	0	-	0
San Clemente	20	3	2	1	3
San Luis Obispo Co.	76	4	0	-	0
SanDiego	39	3	0	-	0
SantaBarbara	9	2	2	-	2
SantaCruz	42	3	1	-	1
SealBeach	43	3	2	-	2
Solana Beach	7	2	0	-	0
Tucson	1	0	0	-	0
US Ocean Safety	6	2	2	-	2
Ventura County	14	2	0	-	0
Members-at-large	0	0	0	-	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1075</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>53</b>

II. Approval of Minutes — Imperial Beach Lifesaving Association Meeting (October 16 & 17, 2003)

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

III. Officer's Reports

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

IV. Committee Reports

A.	Competition	Mr. Butki	ATTACHMENT	H
B.	Exchanges	Mr. Graham	ATTACHMENT	I
C.	Heroic Acts	Mr. Rohrer	VERBAL REPORT	
	1.	Mr. Rohrer circulated the newly designed USLA Medal of Valor for the Board of Directors to inspect.		
D.	Junior Lifeguards	Mrs. Boyer	ATTACHMENT	J
E.	Legislation	Mr. Drake	VERBAL REPORT	
	1.	Mr. Drake has established a legislation link on the CSLSA website.		
	2.	A.B. 1961 has been referred to the California Assembly Judiciary Committee for hearing on May 4th.		
F.	Membership	Mr. Lombardi	ATTACHMENT	B
	1.	Membership kits will include a shirt and bag.		
	2.	The possibility of adding a coffee mug to kit will be discussed in committee.		
G.	Newsletter	Mr. Sandy	ATTACHMENT	K
H.	Public Education	Mr. Williams	ATTACHMENT	L

I.	Training	Mr. Pounds	ATTACHMENT	M
J.	Website	Mr. Moore	ATTACHMENT	N

V. Committee of the Whole

A. California State Lifeguard/USLA Certification Issue

1. Current CA State swim standard is 1,000 yards in less than 20 minutes. This is in conflict with the USLA swim standard of 500 meters in less 10 minutes. CA State has lost their USLA Certification due to their inability to conform to the USLA standard.
2. Mr. Drake will propose a new conversion formula to the USLA Certification Committee in San Francisco in an attempt to qualify the CA State swim standard for USLA certification.
3. Mr. Brewster stated that there is a strong desire on the national Level to get CA State USLA certification. At the same time, Mr. Brewster pointed out that there is also a strong desire for the USLA to maintain an objective benchmark to preserve the integrity of USLA certification.

B. California Lifesaving Standards Act (A.B. 1961)

ATTACHMENT 0

1. Mr. Bauer distributed copies of A.B. 1961 which would require that all lifeguards in natural aquatic areas meet USLA standards.
2. Mr. Bauer noted that most California Lifeguard Agencies currently comply with USLA standards.
3. Mr. Bauer said that the CSLSA Executive Board of Directors had already endorsed A.B. 1961 in concept.
4. Mr. Davy said LACOLA was concerned about USLA setting standards that some CA agencies do not meet. He also stated concern regarding the necessity for agencies to comply with changes as dictated by USLA (“moving targets”).
5. Mr. Moore suggested that the president appoint a committee consisting of Mr. Brewster, Mr. Bauer, Mr. Drake, Mr. Davy, Mr. Avila to come up with language that would be agreeable to all committee members. Mr. McGowan appointed the committee and asked the committee to report back to the Board of Directors prior to the conclusion of the meeting.

C. Los Angeles County Lakes Lifeguard Reductions

1. Mr. Hughes chronicled the history of the LA County Lakes lifeguard reductions.
2. Castaic Lake is a 2,000 acre lake with 4 swim beaches, 400-800 boat launches per day and 80-100 lifeguards (6-30 per day). Budget reductions have reduced the lifeguard positions to 2 (1 per day).
3. Mr. Hughes asked for letters of support from CSLSA and USLA.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Gray to draft and send letters from CSLSA and USLA calling for the reestablishment of appropriate lifeguard staffing levels at Lake Castaic, and the separation of LA County Lake Lifeguards from Parks and Recreation, and urging incorporation of Lake Lifeguards with the Fire Department.

**SECOND:** Mr. Bauer

**DISCUSSION:** Members of the board of directors discussed the motion at length.

**ACTION:** MPU

VI. Committee Workshops (as directed)

Meeting adjourned for the day at 4:53 P.M.

Meeting reconvened on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:32 AM.

VII. Committee Reports from Workshops

A. Competition Mr. Butki ATTACHMENT P

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

**SECOND:** Mr. Gray

**DISCUSSION:** None

**ACTION:** MPU

B. Exchanges Mr. Graham ATTACHMENT Q

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

**SECOND:** Mr. Hughes

**DISCUSSION:** None

**ACTION:** MPU

C. Junior Lifeguards Mrs. Boyer ATTACHMENT R

**MOTION:** Moved by Mrs. Graham to approve the report as submitted.

**SECOND:** Mr. Griffin

**DISCUSSION:** None

**ACTION:** MPU

D. Membership Mr. Lombardi ATTACHMENT S

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

**SECOND:** Mr. Moore requested that Mr. Lombardi ask Mr. Hubbell to include the 1,500 coffee mugs in his membership kit next year with the understanding that CSLSA could buy the mugs if Mr. Hubbell is unable to acquire them.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**ACTION:** MPU

E. Public Education Mr. Williams ATTACHMENT T

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Graham to approve the report as submitted.  
**SECOND:** Mr. Lizotte  
**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Williams discussed past grant writing efforts (past and future).  
**ACTION:** MPU

VIII. USLA Activity Report Mr. Brewster ATTACHMENT U

IX. Old Business

A. Approval of Treasurer's report from Thursday, April 16, 2004.

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

B. A.B. 1961

1. Mr. Bauer announced that his committee, comprised of Mr. Brewster, Mr. Broussard, Mr. Davy, Mr. Avila, and Ms. Donnelley.
2. Committee agreed on a proposed language change that would include a date for USLA standards that agencies would have to conform to. This would address the "moving target" concern.

ATTACHMENT V

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Rohrer to back A.B. 1961 as rewritten by the CSLSA A.B. 1961 Committee.  
**SECOND:** Mr. Graham  
**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Moore asked that Mr. Bauer read the exact wording for the amendment to A.B. 1961. Mr. Bauer read the exact wording which stipulated that lifeguard agencies need to comply with USLA standards as of their last revision date, unless the agency is currently USLA certified, in which case, there would be a rebuttable presumption that said agency would comply with current USLA standards.  
**ACTION:** MPU

X. New Business

A. Port San Luis Harbor District/Avila Beach Chapter Application

1. Mr. Lombardi stated that Port San Luis Harbor District and Avila Beach had expressed interest in forming a chapter independent of Pismo Beach and San Luis Obispo County.
2. Mr. Lombardi gave a Port San Luis Harbor District/Avila Beach representative (Russell) an application for consideration at the Fall 2004 or Spring 2005 meeting.
3. Mr. Moore cautioned that both parties need to agree to separate before we can proceed.

B. USLA Travel Budget

1. Mrs. Boyer asked how many people CSLSA would be sending to the USLA meeting in San Francisco. Mr. McGowan said we would follow past practice and send the CSLSA Executive Board. In addition, Mr. McGowan said, Mr. Drake, Mrs. Boyer and Mr. Butki would also be in attendance.
2. Mr. Bauer asked that the Executive Board create a policy.

C. Operations

1. Mr. Humphries suggested that the Training Committee expand to include operations and equipment issues.
2. Mr. McGowan said he would change the committee name to Training and Operations.

D. Future Meetings

1. USLA Meeting Dates & Locations
  - a. Spring-2004
    - 1) Location: San Francisco
    - 2) Dates: 4/22/04-4/24/04
  - b. Fall 2004
    - 1) Location: Galveston, Texas
    - 2) Dates: T.B.A.
2. CSLSA Meeting Dates & Locations
  - a. Fall 2004
    - 1) Location: Santa Barbara
    - 2) Dates: 10/21/04 & 10/22/04
  - b. Spring -2005
    - 1) Location: LA Co. Lakes, Santa Clarita, Long Beach, Newport Beach
    - 2) Dates: 4/21/05 & 4/22/05

XI. Privilege of the Chair

- A. Mr. McGowan thanked the Laguna Beach Lifeguard Association for hosting an outstanding meeting at such a great site.
- B. Mr. McGowan said it was great to progress from the lows of Hawaii to the highs of Red Bank and the celebration of our 40th anniversary..

XII. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Moved to adjourn by Mr. Lombardi.  
**SECOND:** Mr. Gray  
**DISCUSSION:** None  
**ACTION:** MPU; Meeting adjourned at 10:46 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael A. Beuerlein  
CSLSA Secretary

