



California Surf Lifesaving Association

Southwest Region - United States Lifesaving Association

P0 Box 366 - Huntington Beach, California 92648

World Wide Web: www.cslsa.org

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

County of Orange Lifeguard Association

Dana Point Yacht Club

April 24 & 25, 2003

MINUTES

Thursday, April 24, 2003

I. Meeting called to order by Mr. McGowan at 9:21 AM.

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

CHAPTER	Members	Delegates	Delegates Present	Proxies	TOTAL VOTES
California State	95	4	4	-	4
Camp Pendleton	15	2	1	1	2
Capitola	13	2	0	-	0
Coronado	0	0	0	-	0
Del Mar	48	3	1	-	1
Encinitas	7	2	1	-	1
Hawaii	0	0	0	-	0
Huntington Beach	130	5	5	-	5
Imperial Beach	16	3	1	-	1
LA City	41	3	3	-	3
LA County Lakes	59	4	1	1	2
LACOLA	284	8	6	2	8
Laguna Beach	77	4	2	2	4
Long Beach	47	3	2	1	3
Mission Viejo	17	3	3	-	3
Newport Beach	122	5	4	1	5
Oceanside	15	2	2	-	2
Port Hueneme	26	3	0	-	0
San Clemente	31	3	2	0	2
San Luis Obispo	62	4	1	-	1
San Diego	69	4	1	1	2
Santa Barbara	22	3	0	-	0
Santa Cruz	44	3	0	-	0
Seal Beach	44	3	2	1	3

Solana Beach	19	3	0	-	0
Tucson	0	0	0	-	0
US Ocean Safety	44	3	3	-	3
Ventura County	18	3	0	-	0
Members-at-large	1	0	0	-	0
TOTAL	1366	85	45	10	55

II. Approval of Minutes — Del Mar Lifesaving Association Meeting (October 17 & 18, 2002)

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Rohrer 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. Rohrer	ATTACHMENT MEMBER LIST	B B-1
C.	Secretary	Mr. Beuerlein	ATTACHMENT EMAIL LIST	C C2
D.	Treasurer	Mr. Moore	ATTACHMENT	D
E.	Recurrent Rep	Mr. Lombardi	ATTACHMENT	E
F.	Advisor	Mr. Richardson	ATTACHMENT	F

IV. Committee Reports

A.	Certification	Mr. Brewster	ATTACHMENT	G
B.	Competition	Mr. Parks	ATTACHMENT	H
C.	Exchanges	Mr. Graham	ATTACHMENT	I
D.	Heroic Acts	Mr. Richardson	VERBAL REPORT	
	1. One e-mail, but no official submission on a construction worker in Laguna Beach who rescued a woman and her little child who were swept off the rocks.			
E.	Int'l Lifesaving	Mr. Brewster	ATTACHMENT	G-1, G2
F.	Junior Lifeguards	Mrs. Boyer	ATTACHMENT	J
G.	Legislation	Mr. Brewster	ATTACHMENT	G-3

H.	Membership	Mr. Rohrer	ATTACHMENT	B
I.	Newsletter	Mr. Sandy	ATTACHMENT	K
J.	Public Education	Mr. Williams	ATTACHMENT	L
K.	Training	Mr. Diederich	VERBAL REPORT	

1. Ross Pounds is the CSLSA Training Committee Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Southern California Training Officer's Association (SCTOA).
2. SCTOA met yesterday. All Training Officers are encouraged to attend the next meeting on May 20th at 10 a.m. at the Seal Beach Lifeguard Headquarters.
3. SCTOA has been focusing on advanced lifeguard training (supervision, lifeguard careers, etc.).

V. Heroic Acts Presentation

- A. USLA President Don Rohrer and CSLSA President Rob McGowan presented four (4) awards for surfers rescuing two fishermen from a capsized vessel in 5'-7' surf with jagged rocks in 51 degree water near K-38 (Rosarito Beach, Mexico).

VI. Committee Workshops (as directed)

Meeting adjourned for the day at 4:52 P.M.

Meeting reconvened on Friday, April 25th at 9:17 AM.

VII. Committee Reports from Workshops

A.	Competition	Mr. Parks	ATTACHMENT	M
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MOTION: Moved by Mr. Lombardi to approve the report as submitted.

SECOND: Mr. Rohrer

DISCUSSION: Mr. Parks amended his report to mention that Mr. Weinert had said Orange County could host the national competition if the Pacific Northwest Region decides not to.

ACTION: MPU

B.	Heroic Acts	Mr. Richardson	VERBAL REPORT	
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1. On Wednesday, April 2, 2003 while working on a deck in Crescent Bay, a construction worker spotted a mother and two daughters who had been swept off the rocks in 3'-5' surf. He rescued the victims and administered CPR, even though he had never been trained to do so.
2. Mr. Richardson recommended that the above mentioned rescue be nominated for a non-lifeguard heroic act to be presented at the next

CSLSA General Meeting.

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

C. Junior Lifeguards Mrs. Boyer ATTACHMENT N

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

D. Newsletter Mr. Lombardi ATTACHMENT O

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

E. Public Education Mr. Williams ATTACHMENT P

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Moore to approve the report as submitted.
SECOND: Mr. Gray
DISCUSSION: Mr. Moore commended Mr. Williams on the new bookmarks. Mr. McGowan asked if the purchase of display booths was part of the request for SHP. Mr. Williams replied in the affirmative and indicated that the committee was not asking the Board for any funding at this time.
ACTION: MPU

F. Public Education Mr. Williams ATTACHMENT Q

VIII. Old Business

A. Approval of Treasurer's report from Thursday, April 24, 2003.

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

B. USLA Website

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Lombardi to have CSLSA support the expenditure of USLA funds (\$8,000) to update and improve the USLA website.
SECOND: Mr. Scott
DISCUSSION: Discussion regarding specifics from Mr. Brewster's report. Mr. Gray asked that the motion be amended to give the CSLSA Executive Board

the discretion to support the expenditure of USLA funds to update and improve the USLA website based on the facts presented at the USLA meeting in Hawaii.

ACTION: MPU

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Moore to have CSLSA support the pending collaborative opportunity between the USLA and the National Weather Service.

SECOND: Mr. Williams

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: MPU

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Moore to have CSLSA recognize the San Diego Lifeguard Service for their flood rescue training efforts in Bolivia.

SECOND: Mr. Williams

DISCUSSION: Mr. McGowan said that he had commended the SDLS in his President's Report. Mr. Moore suggested that verbal recognition of the SDLS efforts be added to these minutes.

ACTION: MPU

IX. New Business

A. CSLSA/SHP

1. Mr. Richardson recommended that in lieu of a CSLSA Executive Board Meeting, the CSLSA Board of Directors adapt an official position to direct the CSLSA Executive Board on how to respond to this matter.
2. Mr. Richardson recommended that CSLSA go to Hawaii with a positive and professional attitude and "stand our ground" based on the advice of CSLSA's attorney.

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Gray to have the CSLSA adapt the official position that CSLSA has a valid contract with SHP that we are bound to honor.

SECOND: Mr. Silvestri

DISCUSSION: Extensive discussion ensued. Mrs. Boyer asked that the motion be amended to appoint Mr. Richardson as the CSLSA spokesman on the CSLSA/SHP contract issue at the Hawaii meeting.

ACTION: MPU

- B. Mrs. Boyer noted that reports are submitted in advance at the national meetings and presented only once. This saves time and allows for educational opportunities like the excellent one presented by COLA at this meeting.

C. Future Meetings

1. USLA Meeting Dates & Locations

- a. Spring - 2003
 - 1) Location: Honolulu, Hawaii
 - 2) Dates: 5/08/03-5/10/03
- b. Fall - 2003

- 1) Location: New York, NY (Mid-Atlantic Region)
- 2) Dates: 11/06/03 - 11/08/03

2. CSLSA Meeting Dates & Locations

- a. Fall - 2003
 - 1) Location: Imperial Beach
 - 2) Dates: 10/16/03 & 10/17/03
- b. Spring - 2003
 - 1) Location: Laguna Beach, LA Co. Lakes, Santa Clarita, Long Beach
 - 2) Dates: 4/22/04 & 4/23/04

X. Privilege of the Chair

- A. Mr. McGowan thanked the County of Orange Lifeguard Association for hosting an outstanding meeting at such a great site.
- B. Mr. McGowan encouraged future meeting hosts to include an educational I component similar to what COLA did at this meeting.

XI. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved to adjourn by Mr. Richardson.
SECOND: Mr. Gray
DISCUSSION: None
ACTION: MPU; Meeting adjourned at 12:26 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael A Beuerlein
CSLSA Secretary



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING PRESIDENT'S REPORT

April 24, 2003

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(Alternate)

I would like to start out dedicating this meeting in memory of Melissa Miller Jeffries, daughter of one of our founding fathers, Dick Miller, and wife of Grant Jeffries of the Long Beach Lifeguard Service. Melissa succumbed to cancer last week, and our prayers go out to her husband and her family. I wish to thank Api Weinert and the COLA Chapter for hosting this meeting.

The members of your Executive Board have been very busy since our last meeting in Del Mar. Our region is hosting the USLA Board of Directors Meeting next month in Hawaii, and the Executive Board has been meeting monthly to plan for that meeting. Chris Graham has done an outstanding job of coordinating and planning the meeting, and thanks to the generosity of Scott Hubbell of SHP, Inc., our regional fundraiser, and our other sponsors, the meeting should be a huge success without bankrupting our regional treasury. Thanks too to Ralph Goto and the Hawaiian Lifeguards. Without their help and support, the Hawaii meeting would not be possible. I hope a few of you have planned to attend the meeting and see what transpires at a USLA National meeting.

Your Executive Board has been working to bring our marketing contract with SHP, Inc. into conformance with the USLA by-laws. It is the opinion of the USLA legal advisor that the CSLSA, as a region of the USLA, did not have the authority to enter into an independent marketing agreement like the one we have with SHP without the consent of the national body. Bill Richardson has been working directly with SHP's attorney to resolve the contract issues in a manner that is acceptable to all parties concerned. We have also contacted another attorney and Bill worked with him to determine the CSLSA's rights in the contract matters. Furthermore, SHP is interested in entering into a marketing agreement with the entire USLA, so hopefully the issues can be resolved and we can move forward. It seems like a win-win situation for the USLA and SHP if logic and a spirit of compromise can prevail, but at this point in time, the issues remain unresolved.

We have continued to work with SHP to supplement our membership kits for the upcoming year. The USLA is providing us with T-shirts and sun care products from Panama Jack, and SHP will be supplying bags and visors courtesy of Arrowhead Spring Water. SHP will also be subsidizing our California Surf Lifesaving Championships, hosted again by Los Angeles County. This year the Junior Lifeguard Championships will be held at Dockweiler State Beach, on

Friday, July 25, followed by the California Surf Lifesaving Championships at Zuma Beach on Saturday, July 26

With the great membership kits we hope to increase our membership numbers over last years total of more than 1400 lifeguard members. I know the JG numbers will be up, because thanks to the efforts of Kyle Daniels and Bob Moore, the Los Angeles County JG's will include membership in the program registration fee. This alone will boost our JG membership by about 2000 members! Thanks to membership committee chairman Don Rohrer, and to Gordon Gray for once again volunteering to use his garage to warehouse and distribute the membership materials. We will be distributing some of the kit materials at the meeting today, but some may not arrive on time and will have to be shipped to the chapters. Please be sure that Don has a contact person and address from you chapter before you leave this meeting.

Although he will not be present at this meeting due to a conflict with the ILS Meeting in St. Lucia, Chris Brewster has continued to do a lot of work for the USLA. He has submitted a written report that will be distributed. Most significantly, Chris finished editing the second edition of the USLA textbook, *Open Water Lifesaving — The United States Lifesaving Association Manual*. The book is at the publishers now and I believe Chris said it should be out by early summer. There are a couple of items in his report that Chris has requested our support on. He also asked me to commend the volunteers from the San Diego Lifeguard Service who went to Bolivia to provide flood rescue training. The following is an excerpt from a report Chris wrote about the trip. "The team leader was Sgt. Albers, an 18-year lifeguard veteran and River Rescue Team Squad Leader. (Albers is a recipient of the United States Lifesaving Association Medal of Valor.) Retired Lt. Marshall Parks, a former River Rescue Team Leader and recipient of the 1999 Higgins and Langley Lifetime Achievement Award volunteered to go, as did Darrell Esparza, also a veteran lifeguard and 10 year River Rescue Team member. Marc Brown, a San Diego lifeguard for 10 years and a River Rescue Team member for two, was to be the fourth instructor. A fifth was also prepared to participate, but a last minute illness intervened. One challenge, particularly considering the highly technical nature of the instruction, involved the fact that very few in Bolivia speak English and none of the team members have strong Spanish skills. Mark Korch, a San Diego lifeguard with eight years of experience and strong Spanish skills stepped forward. Not surprisingly, his skills turned out to be critical to the expeditions success." The weeklong training was basically a train-the-trainer session for sixteen members of the Bolivian Air Force, two police officers, and two civic defense workers. The training team provided the equipment and left it for future use. The group has been nominated for a Higgins and Langley Memorial Award in the field of swift water rescue. On behalf of the CSLSA, I would like to commend these individuals for their volunteer efforts in lifesaving. Perhaps Marshall will give us a more in depth report.

Marshall has been working hard as your competition committee chairman. At the national level he has been heading up a sub committee to revise the officiating organization at Nationals. He is also a member of a sub committee that is looking

at the feasibility of changing the age groups to five-year increments, instead of the current ten year groups. Hopefully he will update us on his progress today.

Vince Lombardi and Eric Sandy continue to provide us with up to date and informative issues of *Cal Surf News*. We are hoping to have some advance copies of the next issue at our meeting today. Vince is also our Webmaster and Recurrent Representative. He has updated the test dates section of the website and continues to post upcoming events. A big thanks is due to Pat Francis for doing the continuing maintenance and upgrades to www.cslsa.org at a very reasonable rate.

Thanks also to Reenee Boyer and Rob Williams for their contributions by attending the monthly Executive Board meetings, and especially for hosting the last one at Newport. I'm sure they will be giving us an update on their committee's happenings. And last, but certainly not least, thank you to Mike Beuerlein, our secretary for keeping track of and recording everything we do (Minutes from past meetings are available in the "Events" section of the website), Treasurer Bob Moore for keeping track of our finances, and Executive Delegate extraordinaire and publisher of *American Lifeguard*, Mike Bartlett. Welcome to Ross Pounds and Terry Murphy, the new co-chairs of the Training Committee, who took over when Scott Diederich stepped down last October.

We will have several presentations today. The returning New Zealand exchange lifeguards, Lindsay Ortega from Huntington City, and Rebecca Levine of Huntington State will be covering the highlights of their trip to New Zealand last January, and we will be presenting heroic acts awards to Chris and Scott Bredesen, and Bill and Brad Davidson for their rescue of two ponga fishermen at k-38 in Baja California. Bill Humphreys will be showing us the scheduling program he created using Excel for the City of San Clemente Lifeguard Service. All and all, this should be a very informative and educational meeting.

Respectfully submitted



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President

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Vice President Activity Report

Spring 2003 Meeting



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Vice President Activities and Communication. Handled communication and other CSLSA/USLA related tasks with members of the public, governmental departments, agencies within our region, and the National level. I fielded a number of items that required information and contacts to be forwarded to other officers and agencies.

Membership. 2002 CSLSA Chapters total over 1400 in membership (see attachment). Plans and incentives are already in place to commence the 2003 membership drive. Membership materials have been prepared and will be distributed at this Spring CSLSA Meeting. If there are problems with Chapter membership materials, please contact me as soon as possible. *The goal is to top 2002 membership.* Let's try to be timely on the submission of membership so that we can avoid problems with competition at CSLSA and USLA related events and ensure that each member receive all of our journals and information.

Passing on good wishes. On behalf of USLA, *Mahalo* to CSLSA, the Hawaiian Lifeguard Association, and SHP Inc. for the effort and time to make the USLA Spring 2003 Board of Directors' Meeting an experience to remember. I look forward to seeing all of you next month.

Don Rohrer
USLA President

CALIFORNIA SURF LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION

YEAR 2002 CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

CHAPTER	2002	2001	2000	1999
CALIFORNIA STATE LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION	95	93	104	88
CAPITOLA BEACH LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION	13	0	5	0
CORONADO BEACH LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION	0	0	8	4
DEL MAR LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION	48	48	42	24
ENCINITAS LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION	7	7	7	2
HAWAIIAN LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION	0	0	4	4
HUNTINGTON BEACH SURF LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION	130	127	116	109
IMPERIAL BEACH LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION	18	19	25	0
LAGUNA BEACH LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION	77	78	72	50
LAKE MISSION VIEJO LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION	17	0	9	31
LOS ANGELES CITY LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION	41	31	39	26
LOS ANGELES COUNTY LAKE LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION	59	34	27	30
LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION	284	214	158	195
LONG BEACH LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION	47	40	39	45
NEWPORT BEACH OCEAN LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION	122	76	55	101
OCEANSIDE LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION	15	20	20	17
PENDLETON COAST LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION	15	15	27	19
PORT HUENEME LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION	26	2	1	0
SAN CLEMENTE LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION	31	31	35	14
SAN DIEGO LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION	69	50	97	76
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION	62	47	50	48
SANTA BARBARA LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION	22	4	3	6
SANTA CRUZ SURF LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION	44	41	41	27
SEAL BEACH LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION	44	44	42	38
SOLANA BEACH LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION	19	17	15	7
TUCSON CHAPTER OF USLA	0	1	1	1
US OCEAN SAFETY	44	32	14	0
VENTURA COUNTY LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION	18	25	22	1
MEMBERS-AT-LARGE	1	0	10	0
TOTAL	1366	1096	1086	945



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Since the Fall 2002 CSLSA General Board Meeting in Del Mar, I have been busy with the following projects:

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President

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Vice President

Mike Beuerlein
Secretary

Robert Moore
Treasurer

William Richardson
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1. Completing and distributing the minutes from Fall 2002 CSLSA General Board Meeting.
2. Representing CSLSA at the Fall 2002 USLA meeting in Chicago.
3. Attending and participating in CSLSA Executive Board Meetings.
4. Completing and distributing the minutes and agendas from CSLSA Executive Board Meetings.
5. Collecting and distributing CSLSA mail.

Chris Okamoto of the Hoag Cancer Center has asked me to distribute nomination forms for the Project Wipeout, Year 2003, "Excellence in Lifeguarding Award". This award will recognize a permanent or recurrent lifeguard for outstanding public service and exemplary professional demeanor, achievements and commitment to the lifeguarding profession. The award will be presented at the 24th Annual Project Wipeout Seminar on Wednesday, July 24th.

In an effort to facilitate communication, I would like to ask that all General Board members complete the sign-in sheet and include their current e-mail address. I would also like to request that all Executive Board Members and all Committee Chairs e-mail their reports to the Secretary at bermline@surfside.net. 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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April 24-25, 2003

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President

Treasurer's Report

By Robert A. Moore

Don Rohrer
Vice President

January 1, 2003 to 4/24/03

Mike Beuerlein
Secretary

Balance as of 4/24/03

Robert Moore
Treasurer

Assets

William Richardson
Past President/Advisor

Cash and Bank Accounts

Checking (B of A)

\$ 3,995.41

PaineWebber

\$30,114.97

Vincent Lombardi
Recurrent Rep

HBCECU

\$ 801.19

Mike Bartlett
Executive Delegate

TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts

\$34,911.57

B. Chris Brewster
Executive Delegate

TOTAL ASSETS

\$34,911.57

Chris Graham
Executive Delegate
(Alternate)

BOARD OF DIRECTOR ALLOCATIONS

Competition Trailer

\$ 3,000.00

Junior Lifeguard Account (\$2 per member)

\$ 4,280.26

New Zealand Exchange (Host \$500, Travel \$1,000)

\$ 1,500.00

Public Education (Bookmarks)

\$ 2,000.00

Website (CSLSA.org) SCOF Grant

\$ 1,000.00

2003 Spring USLA Bd. Of Dir. Mtg. Hosting

\$ 1,301.35

TOTAL Board of Director Allocations

\$13,081.61

Independent Storage Accounts (Camp Pendleton/LA Co.)

\$ 4,423.40

GENERAL FUND TOTAL minus Board of Director Allocations

\$17,406.56

Cash Flow Report

1/1/03 Through 4/24/03

Category Description	1/1/03- 4/24/03
INFLOWS	
2003 Spr USLA Bd of Dir Mtg	2,350.00
Cal Surf Newsletter	700.00
CSLSA 2002-03 Membership	1785.00
HBCECU	3.93
PaineWebber	56.11
Reimbursement	125.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	5,020.04
OUTFLOWS	
2003 Spr USLA Bd of Dir Mtg	1,048.65
Cal Surf News	500.00
Donation Contribution	250.00
Executive Board Meetings	129.71
Junior Lifeguard Committee	500.00
Newsletter Committee	71.32
Promoter Fundraiser	150.00
Rec and File	30.00
2003 Spring Bd of Dir Mtg	1,607.90
USLA National Dues	539.00
Website CSLSA.org	1,000.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	5,826.58
OVERALL TOTAL	-806.54

Net Worth Report

As of 4/24/03

Acct	4/24/03 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking	3,995.41
Money Market	30,114.97
Savings	801.19
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	34,911.57
TOTAL ASSETS	34,911.57
LIABILITIES	
Other Liabilities	
2002 Spr. CSLSA Mtg. C.P. Fund	899.00
2002-03 CSLSA JG Regs., LA CO	2,026.93
2002-03 CSLSA LG Regs., LA CO	1,497.47
2003 Spring USLA Bd of Dir Mtg	1,301.35
Competition Trailer	3,000.00
Junior Lifeguard Account	4,280.26
New Zealand Exchange	1,500.00
Public Education Materials	2,000.00
Website inc. Website Grants	1,000.00
TOTAL Other Liabilities	17,505.01
TOTAL LIABILITIES	17,505.01
OVERALL TOTAL	17406.56



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December 31, 2002

Treasurer's Report - Revised

By Robert A. Moore

Robert McGowan
President

Don Rohrer
Vice President

January 1, 2002 to 12/31/02

Mike Beuerlein
Secretary

Balance as of 1/1/03

Robert Moore
Treasurer

Assets

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking (B of A)	\$ 4,861.99
PaineWebber	\$30,058.86
HBCECU	<u>\$ 797.26</u>

William Richardson
Past President/Advisor

Vincent Lombardi
Recurrent Rep

TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts \$35,718.11

Mike Bartlett
Executive Delegate

TOTAL ASSETS **\$35,718.11**

B. Chris Brewster
Executive Delegate

BOARD OF DIRECTOR ALLOCATIONS

Chris Graham
*Executive Delegate
(Alternate)*

Competition Committee (Equipment Trailer)	\$ 3,000.00
Junior Lifeguard Account (\$2 per member)	\$ 4,456.26
New Zealand Exchange (Host \$500, Travel \$1,000)	\$ 0.00
Public Education Materials \$ 2,000.00	
Website (CSLSA.org)	\$ 1,950.80

TOTAL Board of Director Allocations **\$11,407.06**

Independent Storage Accounts (Camp Pendleton/LA Co.) \$ 4,423.40

GENERAL FUND TOTAL minus Board of Director Allocations **\$ 19,887.65**

C.S. L. S. A. FYR 2002
1/1/02 Through 12/31/02

<u>Category Description</u>	<u>1/1/02- 12/31/02</u>
INFLOWS	
2002 Spr. Bd. Of Dir. Mtg.	827.75
2002-03 JG Regs. Acct. L.A. Co.	2,026.93
2002-03 LG Regs. Acct. L.A. Co.	1,497.47
Cal Surf Newsletter	500.00
CSLSA 2002-03 Membership	37,702.00
CSLSA Regionals 2001	250.00
HBCECU	15.71
PaineWebber	426.83
Reimbursement1	25.00
Secretary of State	20.00
United Way	106.88
USLA 2002 Bd of Dir Mtg	250.00
Water Safety Prod.	3.60
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TOTAL INFLOWS	43,752.17
OUTFLOWS	
Competition Committee	529.29
Delegate	257.67
Executive Board Meetings	692.16
Junior Lifeguard Committee	3,371.45
Membership Committee	963.43
New Zealand Exchange Committee	1,164.00
Newsletter Committee	4,234.80
PaineWebber Acct150.00	
Presentations	137.26
Public Education Committee	1,654.22
Rec and File	30.00
Treasurer	36.12
2002 Fall Bd of Dir Mtg	3,018.91
2002 Spring Bd of Dir Mtg.	3,447.51
USLA National Dues	11,563.00
Website CSLSA.org	399.40
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TOTAL OUTFLOWS	31,449.22
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OVERALL TOTAL	12,302.95
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Net Worth Report	
As of 12/31/02	
<u>Acct</u>	<u>12/31/02 Balance</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking	4,861.99
Money Market	30,058.86
Savings	797.26
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TOTAL Cash and Bank Accts	35,718.11
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TOTAL ASSETS	35,718.11
LIABILITIES	
Other Liabilities	
02 Spr. CSLSA Mtg. C.P. Fund	899.00
02-03 CSLSA JG Regs LACO	2,026.93
02-03 CSLSA LG Regs LACO	1,497.47
Competition Trailer	3,000.00
Junior Lifeguard Account	4,456.26
New Zealand Exchange	0.00
Public Education Materials	2,000.00
Website inc. Website Grants	1,950.80
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TOTAL Other Liabilities	15,830.46
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	15,830.46
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OVERALL TOTAL	19,887.65
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CSLSA 2003 Spring Meeting- Dana Point—COLA Recurrent Representative's Report by Vincent Lombardi April 24, 2003

2003 CSLSA Recurrent Lifeguard Exam Survey

This year's compilation of the exam survey was met with less than exemplary results. We had about a 50% response from our 28 chapters in the region. Chapters not responding to the survey were: Capitola, Coronado, Del Mar, Encinitas, Honolulu, Imperial Beach, LA County Lakes, Pismo Beach, Port San Luis, Santa Barbara, Tucson, USGS & Ventura County. The exam survey is a necessary component for interested candidates to receive information about our agencies testing dates and relevant pay information. With potential hiring groups shrinking, we all need to utilize every facet possible to send the message about our agencies, chapters & region. / hope to see your support for next year's exam survey.

Agency Patches/CSLSA Banner Flag

I still need patches for the banner/flag project. I am requesting two patches from each chapter so we can contribute to the design of the flag and also create another flag. If you can, please mail patches to: CSLSA, C/O Vincent Lombardi, PG Box 366, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. I have not received patches from Solana Beach, CA State, Santa Cruz, Capitola, Port San Luis, Pismo Beach, Tucson, Hawaii & Arizona.

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Updates to the website have been made in relation to updates to competition information, posting of meeting minutes, meeting dates & information (CSLSA/USLA) and updates to chapter/agency information. I will be passing out a chapter/agency contact information listing for updates. Please review your information!

USLA Statistics Submission—2002

If you haven't submitted your 2002 agency statistics to USLA, please do so. The Southwest Region usually has the highest percentage of agencies reporting, so please step up and submit!



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Lifeguard starting hourly pay rates:

* Updated March 2003

(Not all agencies have responded with their payrate information. it will be posted as soon as it is available.)

Agency	Payrate
*California State	\$13.38 to \$16.57
*Camp Pendleton	\$11.27 to \$11.83
Capitola	To be announced
Coronado	\$12.06 to \$15.39
Del Mar	\$10.29 to \$15.86
Encinitas	\$10.85 to \$14.55
Honolulu	\$12.21
*Huntington Beach	\$13.70 to \$26.52
Imperial Beach	\$12.05
*LA City	\$17.35
*LA County	\$18.40 to \$22.80 (EMT= \$20.18-\$25.03)
LA Co. Lakes	\$14.46 (EMT= \$15.83)
*Laguna Beach	\$13.78 to \$18.05 (\$.50 for EMT)
*Lake Mission Viejo	\$9.11 (part-time, \$10.46 to \$25)
* Long Beach	\$14.39 (EMT= \$15.12)
*Newport Beach	\$13.06 to \$19.18
Oakland	\$9.75 to \$15.35
* Oceanside	\$11.77 to \$13.63 (5% for EMT)
Pismo Beach	\$9.50 (EMT\$10.00)
Port San Luis	\$9.29

*San Clemente	\$12.72
*San Diego	\$14.01 to \$16.81 (5% for EMT)
Santa Barbara	\$10.50 to \$11.50
*Santa Cruz	\$11.84 to \$16.89
*SeaI Beach	\$12.01 (.50 EMT bonus)
Solana Beach	\$10.13
Tuscon	\$7.89 to \$10.34
U.S. Ocean Safety	\$8.25 to \$11.00

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Lifeguard Test Dates:

Lifeguard Exams By Agency * Updated Jan. 2003

(Not all agencies have responded with their testing information. It will be posted as soon as it is available.)

Agency	Exam Date
* California State	Year 2003 2/22 (Millerton Lake) 3/15 (Huntington) 3/23 (Carlsbad) 3/30 (San Buena Vista) 4/5 (San Clemente & Manresa) 4/12 (Point Magu & Monterey) 4/27 & 5/10 (Moreno Beach, Lake Perris) 5/18 (Granite Bay, Lake Folsom)
* Camp Pendleton	Year 2003 3/15, 4/19, 4/26, 4/30 (at 0800)
Capitola	Testing dates to be announced
Coronado	Testing dates to be announced
Del Mar	No positions available
Encinitas	4/14/02 (0800 at Moonlight Beach)
Honolulu	No exam dates submitted
* Huntington Beach	3/23/03 (0800)

Imperial Beach	2/23, 3/9, 3/23, 4/6, 5/18, 6/1, 8/10, 8/24 See Also: San Diego Regional Lifeguard Academy
*LA City	No exam to be held for 2003
LA County	9/20/03 (for 04 season)
LA Co. Lakes	2/23/02 (at Puddingstone)
*Laguna Beach	3/2/03 (0800 for sign-ups)
* Lake Mission Viejo	4/1 2/03 & 4/19/03 (at 0830)
* Long Beach	3/23/03
* Newport Beach	3/16/03
Oakland	No exam dates submitted
*Oceanside	3/22/03 (at 0800)
Pismo Beach	4/11-13 at 0800 (applications due by 4/05/02)
Port San Luis	4/6/02 (0900 at Avila Beach)
*San Clemente	3/8/03 (0730)
*San Diego	Year 2003 1/9, 1/10, 1/11, 1/17, 1/18 (at 0900, Ventura Cove, Mission Bay) Regional Lifeguard Academy 3/8, 3/22, 4/5, 4/19 (at 1100, Ventura Cove)
Santa Barbara	4/13, 4/20/02 (at 0930)
* Santa Cruz	2/14/03 & 3/29/03
*Seal Beach	5/24/03
*Solana Beach	See San Diego Regional Lifeguard Academy
Tuscon	3/2, 4/6, 5/4/02
U.S. Ocean Safety	3/30, 4/13

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MEMORANDUM

TO: CSLSA Board of Directors
 FROM: Bill Richardson, Advisor
 DATE: April 24, 2003
 SUBJECT: Advisor's Report of Activity

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1. Hawaii USLA Meeting

- ✓ Prepared the meeting brochures and mailed copies to each member of the USLA Executive Committee. From the brochure format the material to be placed on the USLA/CSLSA websites was also created.
- ✓ Created and printed the "Certificates of Participation" for the USLA Educational Conference.
- ✓ Created, printed and laminated the name tags for all known participants to the USLA Board Meeting. Obtained shell lei lanyards to be used with the name tags.
- ✓ Assigned to obtain a meeting committee vehicle in Hawaii to be used for airport transportation and meeting logistics transportation issues. The costs for the rental were well below original projected and budgeted costs.

2. Scott Hubbell Productions Agreement

- ✓ History
 - o CSLSA signed an agreement with Scott Hubbell Productions, Inc. (SHP) for retention of marketing services in August of 2001.
 - o At the USLA BOD meeting in Idaho, November 2001, Rob McGowan reported the signing of the contract and CSLSA's intent to utilize two sponsors obtained by SHP for kits and operation of the CSLSA Championships in July of 2002.

- o CSLSA, in an attempt to do the right thing for the good of the national organization agreed to advise SHP to hold off until national sponsorship issues were resolved.
- o The USLA President assigned myself and the USLA Legal Advisor (Chip More) to develop some specific “reporting protocols” to avoid future potential conflicts and to attempt to defray the perceived conflict of CSLSA with USLA in marketing matters. The product we developed was voted in as the “Reporting Protocols” to be implemented as a Policy and Procedure at the meeting in November of 2001, with a sunset clause set for the next regularly scheduled USLA Board Meeting at which time the Policy and Procedure would be voted on to become a Bylaw amendment. That action occurred in May of 2002.
- o In November of 2002, the issue was again brought to the floor by Mr. Moore who advised the USLA Board that CSLSA was still in conflict with USLA and advised the following:
 - The CSLSA/SHP contract is void as a matter of law.
 - CSLSA innocently acted beyond the scope of its authority by entering into an exclusive agreement which binds the Region and is in conflict with the nationals (interests).
 - The (SHP) contract is in violation of the Bylaws, Policies and Procedures of USLA.
- o As a result of a vote of the USLA BOD the CSLSA was directed to meet with SHP to quickly rectify this conflict.
- o After about four months of bickering and ineffective communication, I was assigned to contact John Fletcher, SHP’s attorney, to see if the agreement could be amended in any way to meet the concerns of USLA, while at the same time not tying SHP’s hands so as to be ineffective for CSLSA.
- o Two additional months of communication ensued and I felt we were making some inroads to successfully resolving the problem. Unfortunately my evaluation of the situation was incorrect and SHP’s final position was that we have a valid contract and wanted to continue to operate under that agreement.
- o The CSLSA Executive Committee met and decided to seek legal advice from an independent corporate attorney to answer the following three questions:

- a. As a separately incorporated entity, can CSLSA negotiate contracts or agreements on its own behalf.
 - b. Does CSLSA have a valid agreement with SHP?
 - c. Is it true that because the “Reporting Protocols” in the USLA Bylaws were created after the signing of the SHP agreement, that the enforcement of them in regard to that agreement would be an ex post facto application of the bylaw?
 - o Mr. Kenneth Bayer, Attorney at Law, from Utah, was contacted and the issues were discussed. Mr. Bayer asked for and was sent numerous items relevant to the contract, the USLA’s position and the USLA Legal Advisor’s recommendations for changes in the agreement, copies of the CSLSA Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Policies and Procedures as well as the USLA Bylaws and Policies and procedures and all relevant communication I had a hand about the matter.
 - o Mr. Bayer reported in a nine page letter that the answer to all the foregoing questions was YES, and backed up his opinion with case law.
 - ✓ The bottom line is that we are currently at status quo. As I see the problem currently, the only issue is with regard to exclusivity and the parties interpretation of that clause in the agreement.
 - ✓ As a result of this independent CSLSA believes it has the authority to negotiate this type of contract, has a valid agreement with SHP and that USLA is acting outside their authority in asking CSLSA to modify or negate the agreement with SHP.
 - ✓ Where we go from here is up to the Executive Committee to discuss before we leave this meeting. The consensus, however is to maintain the SHP contract.
3. Laura Slane, former YMCA Director of Aquatics contacted me to ascertain if USLA would be interested in a cooperative effort between YMCA, American Red Cross and USLA to set specific minimum guidelines for lifeguards, both open water and pools, upon which all three organizations will lend their approval to. She proposed a meeting with each organization sending two reps to a location to be determined in the last week of June.
 4. My next project will be to complete the necessary paperwork and processes to obtain a not-for-profit tax ID number for CSLSA, with a deadline of completion to be no later than the next CSLSA BOD meeting in October.



Executive Delegate's Report

Spring 2003 CSLSA
Board of Directors Meeting

ILS Board of Directors

- I regret being unable to attend this meeting due to a conflict with the ILS Board of Directors meeting, which is being hosted on the Caribbean island of St. Lucia. The location was selected in an effort to help spur development of national lifesaving federations from the Caribbean that can become members of ILS. In conjunction with the Board meeting, a Caribbean Life Saving Conference and lifesaving sport development event, with a lifesaving championship under international rules, are scheduled.

USLA National Certification Program

- I continue to chair the USLA National Certification Program. The program is thriving, with over 100 agencies certified.

USLA Textbook Committee

- The second edition was completed and mailed to the publisher on March 15, 2003 (roughly two weeks past the intended deadline). Extensive work on the part of the Textbook Committee went into this edition. Thanks to Dan McCormick for his editing of the photographs and for having some photographs of certain techniques photographed. It was a lot of work. Thanks also to members of the Textbook Committee (and others) who provided timely and thorough reviews of the chapters. In particular, Dave Shotwell and Eric Bauer provided feedback within a day or two in most cases. That was very helpful. Every chapter was first presented to all members of the Textbook Committee for input. Final versions of each chapter were then sent to the Textbook Committee. As in the past, this has helped ensure a national approach to the manual. Content of the book is greatly improved over the prior edition and many new elements were included that should prove very useful. The second edition title will be, "Open Water Lifesaving--The United States Lifesaving Association Manual" This will hopefully be a little easier for people.
- Carl Martinez will be spearheading development of the additional learning elements for which we are responsible. Specifically, this will include a Test Manager (being handled by Duke Brown), a PowerPoint presentation (being handled by Bob Ogoreuc), and an Instructor's Guide (being coordinated by Mr. Martinez).
- Through December 2002, a total of 12,829 copies of the first edition had been sold. USLA received a royalty check for \$1,252.68 for the period of July through December.

Total earnings to date are \$15,719.22. Our royalty is 10% for regular sales in the United States. Books sold to other countries or via mail order have a fixed 5% royalty.

World Congress on Drowning 2002

- **A publication with papers from an extraordinary array of worldwide experts on drowning and rescue is expected later this year. I am editing a section of the publication related to rescue. Attached you will please find the Final Recommendations of the World Congress on Drowning 2002.**

National Weather Service Collaboration

- **The National Weather Service has voiced a strong interest in collaborating with USLA and Sea Grant to produce rip current posters and brochures. They realize that rip current information produced by NWS has been internally inconsistent, so they created a rip current standardization team. They are not looking to issue watches or warnings, but would like to communicate to the public the hazard level (i.e. low, moderate, or high) and would like to have nationally reviewed and approved posters and brochures produced to explain both rip currents and the daily information on them that would be available from NWS. If NWS, USLA, and Sea Grant could collaborate on a single product, including the logo of all of our organizations, then national standardization and a higher resulting public comprehension might result. Importantly, NWS sees our dissemination routes (i.e. posters and brochures at lifeguard stations, as well as updated tide boards with current hazard level) as ideal routes. Thus, there is the possibility that they would fund the materials, and they certainly would develop the artwork. They are most interested in setting up a team approach that could result in a tremendous boost to the efficiency with which our message is broadcast and the national profile of USLA. Pending approval of the USLA Board of Directors, the target date for completion is May 2004.**

Bolivia

- **In January 2003, under the auspices of the International Life Saving Federation Americas Region flood rescue training in Bolivia was organized and funded. This was a train the trainers program involving a team of flood rescue experts from the San Diego Lifeguard Service, who volunteered their time. Several organizations contributed lifesaving equipment, which was used in the training and left in Bolivia for use by the rescuers. Twenty people from teams throughout Bolivia were trained. Over US \$8,000 in equipment was donated to Bolivia for flood rescue training.**

Mexico

- **Work continues in an effort to organize the various lifesaving efforts in Mexico into a single national federation, similar to USLA and other national lifesaving organizations. This is being led by Victor Zavala of Ensenada, with the strong support of Bob**

Burnside and others. I lend support wherever possible.

American Samoa

- **A group on American Samoa is endeavoring to improve aquatic safety in that area. Drownings there occur for a number of reasons, including lack of swimming skills, strong currents in offshore reefs, and lack of an organized rescue response. Assistance being offered includes advice and public education materials.**

USLA.QRG Upgrade Proposal

- **A proposal has been submitted for a comprehensive upgrade of the USLA site. As Chair of the USLA Website Committee, I am recommending that this proposal be adopted in full. I would appreciate support of the CSLSA Board of Directors. Cost is estimated at \$8,000. As the CSLSA Board of Directors well knows, the USLA website has been and continues to be of great value to USLA and lifeguards throughout the US, as well as the rest of the world. It was one of the first lifesaving sites on the web and is highly visited. Currently the site receives, on average, 55,000 page views per month. This is a high level of traffic that goes beyond many commercial sites, even though we primarily provide a library of information. This upgrade is needed for several reasons:**
 - Adtell, which designed the original site, has dissolved and is no longer providing support.
 - The technology used to create the site is outdated and routine updates are costly in that they must be done by a third party (contractor). This delays updates and increases their cost.
 - Certain elements of the site are not working at all, including membership and statistics submission.
 - The current design of the site does not allow us to take advantage of a variety of new technologies, such as modern banner advertising, which could help generate income.
 - Use of our bulletin boards does not require registration, which might be used to discourage anonymous and inappropriate posts.
- **The full proposal which has been submitted has a number of significant advantages:**
 - It will allow the website editor to make most routine updates immediately and without cost. Examples include USLA contacts (i.e. email addresses, etc. of officers), lifesaving links, certified agencies, etc.
 - It will allow password protecting the bulletin boards.
 - It will allow significant improvements the statistics section, essentially providing agencies the opportunity to use the USLA site to store their own statistics on the USLA site, and to search and query them. USLA would benefit by having real time information on statistics throughout the year. This element of the site was designed by the proposers in concert with Rick Gould.
 - It will allow an updated membership process that will immediately (after credit card verification)

give the applicant a receipt and a membership number. The registrant will be entered into a membership database available to designated USLA officials. This will eliminate concerns about delays in receiving a membership card, but a regular membership kit will be sent as usual. Even the day of a competition, a competitor could conceivably become a member almost instantly through the web-site. If desired, regions could also use this process for mass sign-ups.

- As noted, the cost for full implementation would be \$8,000. It is important to remember that the initial cost of the site was \$5,000. The proposer estimates actual value of the proposal at over \$21,000. Moreover, this proposal will allow savings of updating costs and speedier changes, along with streamlined membership, a significant service with respect to statistics, and many other features. The proposer estimates the potential for advertising income from the site at several thousand dollars per month.
- The company offering this work is composed of lifeguards with some significant experience in the area. They are therefore offering a substantial discount to USLA. They have also done work for California State Parks and Warner Brothers. I have personally reviewed a site designed for the employer of these lifeguards which includes interactive on-line scheduling and extensive reporting of employee activity.
- My thanks to Rick Gould for making the contacts required to get this proposal moving.

Lifesaving Advocacy

- As Chair of the National Certification Program, at the request of the mayor of Destin, Florida, Southeast Region President Jim McCrady and I visited this Florida Panhandle community to review beach safety issues and make recommendations. We met with a wide variety of officials, including the mayor, fire chief, sheriff's department, and tourist development council. This is a relatively affluent community, but provides no lifeguards. Beach ownership and historical experience have led them in that direction. We intend to issue a comprehensive report.

Lifesaving Hall of Fame

- No further communications have been received from Hall of Fame President Dr. Sam Freas PhD since my letter of October 2002, previously copied to the USLA Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,



B. Chris Brewster
Executive Delegate

attachment G2: Final Recommendations of the World Congress on Drowning 2002

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Final Recommendations of the World Congress on Drowning Amsterdam 26—28 June 2002

The *Maatschappij tot Redding van Drenkelingen* was established in 1767 to promote awareness of drowning in the Netherlands. The organization has initiated the World Congress project in 1998 to facilitate involved experts, institutions and organizations to further develop insight in methods to reduce drowning and improve the outcome after drowning. The activities merged together during an interdisciplinary, international and interactive convention in Amsterdam in June 2002.

An important result of the World Congress on Drowning, that was attended by more than 500 experts from all over the world, was the establishment of recommendations. The recommendations were prepared by task-forces in the preceding years and extensively discussed by experts during the congress.

Implementation of each recommendation is expected to contribute to a reduction of the annual number of drowning (some 500,000 drowning deaths each year worldwide) and to the improvement of treatment.

On behalf of all participating experts of the World Congress on Drowning, we would like to inform you about these recommendations. We would advocate to study all the recommendations, select those of importance for your organization and include the implementation of the relevant recommendations in your action plans for the coming three years. It is beyond the capacities of our national organization to take care of the implementations worldwide.

The *Maatschappij tot Redding van Drenkelingen* will contact experts and other organizations involved again at the end of 2005 to be informed on the progress and difficulties in the implementation. At that time, the *Maatschappij tot Redding van Drenkelingen* would like to know if the initiative has created new activities and concerted actions in your organization. Based on this evaluation, a new initiative may be taken to give all involved experts, institutions and organizations the opportunity and facilities to meet each other again.

Please do not hesitate to contact the *Maatschappij tot Redding van Drenkelingen* when you have any questions, remarks or suggestions.

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Chairman Maatschappij tot Redding van Drenkelingen

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Project coordinator World Congress on Drowning

Final recommendations of the World Congress on Drowning Amsterdam 26—28 June 2002

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As a result of an interactive process that was initiated in 1998 by nine task forces, including some 80 experts, and finalized during plenary sessions, expert meetings and research meetings in 2002 at the World Congress on Drowning, recommendations were made in the field of drowning prevention, rescue and treatment. This was the first time that many of these subjects were addressed in a global forum.

The congress was attended by more than 500 persons. Although not every participant was directly involved in the development of each recommendation, these recommendations can be considered to be the most authoritative recommendations on the issue of drowning prevention, rescue and treatment at this moment.

Many of the foremost authorities have been involved in the preparations during the four years prior to the congress and have been actively involved during the congress. The draft version of the 13 final recommendations was presented at the plenary closing ceremony of the congress. That preliminary version of the recommendations was distributed by e-mail and adapted as a result of the comments received. An additional series of detailed recommendations in the areas of rescue and diving (breath hold, scuba and hose diving) were agreed upon within the nominated task forces.

This final version of the recommendations was then agreed upon by the members of the scientific steering group and the chairs of the nine task forces (epidemiology, prevention, rescue, resuscitation, hospital treatment, brain and spinal protection, immersion hypothermia, diving and drowning and water-related disasters).

All recommendations, together with the preparatory documents as consensus papers, reports of expert and research meetings, will be published in 2003 in the Handbook on Drowning.

A list of names of the members of the scientific steering group, task forces and attendees of the World Congress on Drowning is included.

1. A new, more appropriate, world-wide uniform definition of drowning must be adopted.

A uniform definition of drowning is important for purposes of registration, diagnosis and research.

The following definition was accepted: “Drowning is the process of experiencing respiratory impairment from submersion/immersion in liquid.”

All organizations involved in epidemiological research and vital statistical data collection as well as rescue organizations and the medical community should consider and preferably accept this new definition as a basis for useful communication and include it in their glossary. Further consultation of drowning experts is needed to uniformly classify morbidity and mortality due to drowning.

2. There is a great need of adequate and reliable international registrations of drowning incidents

International and national registration procedures of the number of drowning victims, immersion hypothermia victims, rescues, and hospital data are needed to better appreciate the world-wide burden of drowning. Also clinical data, for example on resuscitations and rewarming techniques, are needed to improve treatment.

International organizations, such as The World Health Organization (WHO), the International Red Cross and Red Crescent organizations (IRCRC), the International Life Saving Federation (ILS), the International Life Boat Institute (ILF) and Diver's Alert Network (DAN), as well as national organizations, institutions and medical research consortiums are advised to set up and coordinate data-collection.

3. More data must be collected and knowledge gained about drowning in low-income countries and societies

According to repeated WHO reports, over 80% of all drownings occur in low-income countries or in low-income groups in high income countries. Nevertheless only few epidemiological data about these risk groups are available. The WHO, IRCRC, ILS, ILF and the European Consumer Safety Institute (ECOSA) are encouraged to expand the research on drowning risk factors in these low-income groups because this is expected to have a major impact in reducing the risk of drowning.

4. Preventive strategies and collaboration are needed

The vast majority of drownings can be prevented and prevention (rather than rescue or resuscitation) is the most important method by which to reduce the number of drownings. The circumstances and events in drowning differ across many different situations and in different countries world wide. Considerable differences exist in the locations of drowning and among different cultures. Therefore, all agencies concerned with drowning prevention — legislative bodies, consumer groups, research institutions, local authorities and designers, manufacturers and retailers - must collaborate to set up national and local prevention initiatives. These will depend on good intelligence and insightful research, and must include environmental design and equipment designs as a first route, in conjunction with education, training programs and policies which address specific groups at risk, such as children. The programs must be evaluated and the results of the evaluations must be published.

5. All individuals, and particularly police officers and fire fighters, must learn to swim

Knowing how to swim is a major skill to prevent drowning for individuals at risk. International organizations such as WHO, IRCF and ILS, and their national branches must emphasize the importance of swimming lessons and drowning survival skills at all levels for as many persons as possible. The relationships between swimming lessons, swimming ability and drowning in children needs to be studied. In addition, certain public officials who frequently come in close contact with persons at risk for drowning, such as police officers and fire fighters, must be able to swim for their own safety and for the safety of the public.

6. Rescue techniques must be investigated

Most of the current rescue techniques have evolved by trial and error, with little scientific investigation. Rescue organizations such as the ILS, ILF, IRCRC but also the International

Maritime Organization (IMO) must be encouraged to evaluate the self-rescue and rescue techniques in their training programs in accordance with current scientific data on the effectiveness and efficiency. Based on the data, the best rescue techniques must be selected for education and training programs.

7. Basic resuscitation skills must be learned by all volunteer and professional rescuers as well as lay persons who frequent aquatic areas or supervise others in water environment

The instant institution of optimal first aid and resuscitation techniques is the most important factor to survive after drowning has occurred. Resuscitation organizations, such as organizations, in particular those related to International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR), as well as professional rescue organizations and other groups who frequent aquatic areas, must promote training programs in first aid and Basic Life Support for anyone who frequently visits or is assigned to work in the aquatic or other water environment.

8. Uniform glossary of definitions and a uniform reporting of drowning resuscitation must be developed and used

To increase the understanding of the dying process and the resuscitation potential in drowning, a uniform reporting system must be developed and used for the registration of resuscitation of drowning.

International resuscitation organizations, such as JLCQR-related organizations and medical groups, must establish a uniform reporting system, facilitate its use, be involved in the analysis of the data and support of recommendations based on the studies.

9. Hospital treatment of the severe drowning victim must be concentrated

The optimal treatment of drowning victims includes dealing with specific severe complications such as the Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome, pneumonia, hypoxic brain damage, hypothermia and cervical spine injuries. Due to the limited exposure and experience of most physicians with drowning victims, these victims should ideally be treated in specialised intensive care centres for optimal treatment and promotion of clinical research.

10. Treatment of the patient with brain injury resulting from cardiopulmonary arrest attributable to drowning must be based on scientific evidence. Due to the absence of interventional outcome studies in human drowning victims, current therapeutic strategies must be extrapolated from studies of humans or animals having similar forms of acute brain injury

The following recommendations for care of drowning victims who remain unresponsive due to anoxic encephalopathy are made on the basis of best available scientific evidence. The highest priority is restoration of spontaneous circulation. Subsequent to this, continuous monitoring of core and/or brain (tympanic) temperature is mandatory in the emergency department and intensive care unit (and in the prehospital setting to the extent possible). Drowning victims with restoration of adequate spontaneous circulation who remain comatose should not be actively rewarmed to temperature values $>32-34^{\circ}\text{C}$. If core temperature exceeds 34°C , hypothermia ($32-34^{\circ}\text{C}$) should be achieved as soon as possible and sustained for 12-24 hours. Hyperthermia should be prevented at all times in the acute recovery period. There is insufficient evidence to support the use of any neuro-resuscitative pharmacologic therapy. Seizures should be appropriately treated. Blood glucose concentration should be frequently monitored and

normoglycemic values maintained. Although there is insufficient evidence to support a specific target PaCO₂ or oxygen saturation during and after resuscitation, hypoxemia should be avoided. Hypotension should also be avoided. Research is needed to evaluate specific efficacy of neuroresuscitative therapies in drowning victims.

11. Wearing of appropriate and insulating life jackets must be promoted

Without floating aids, a subject generally drowns within minutes due to swimming failure in cold water. Therefore, the development of insulating and safe garments for aquatic activities is needed. Life jackets should always be worn when immersion can occur to prevent submersion in an early stage. When only non-insulating floating aids can be used, the victim should consider whether swimming ashore is achievable.

12. The balance between safety and profitability of recreational diving must remain critically observed

It was agreed that self-regulation within the world-wide recreational diving industry continues to be the practical route for further improvement but that there is a need to counter the perception that there is a conflict between commercial interest and safety.

13. Safety of diving fishermen needs more attention

Subsistence fishermen, who are predominantly found in the poor countries around the world, use equipment that is minimal and their training, regulations and medical support appear to be zero. To improve diving-fishermen safety and reduce drowning there is a need to collect data on accidents and drowning among representative samples of diving fishermen around the world. This should be followed up with international non-governmental organizations, other charities and appropriate UN development initiatives so that existing academic societies, training organizations and others could deliver suitable medical and diving advice and training for fishermen compatible with the limits of available local resources.

Several more specific recommendations have been proposed and need the full support of related organizations

These recommendations refer to the further development of existing research projects such as:

- Global uniformity of beach signs and safety flags
- Risk assessment of beach hazards
- Determination of optimal visual scanning techniques
- Construction of the most adequate rescue boats, including alternatives such as jet boats, hovercrafts, with minimum risk of injuries for the drivers

Other recommendations were made to improve practical aspects related to:

- Legal aspects of drowning incidents
- Evacuation planning of large passenger ships
- Uniformity in training programs for lifeguards
- Fund raising for aquatic safety activities

All recommendations, together with the preparatory documents as consensus papers, reports of expert and research meetings, will be published in the Handbook on Drowning. The Handbook will be available in 2003.

A large number of additional recommendations were elaborated before and during the World Congress on Drowning by the members of the task forces rescue and diving (breath hold, scuba and hose diving). These detailed recommendations are included in the appendices.

All recommendations need full support from governments, organizations, institutions and individuals to enable reduction of the last remaining field of neglected injuries. Each year some 500,000 persons world-wide are still dying from drowning. This is too much.

Appendices to Recommendations of the World Congress on Drowning Amsterdam 26 - 28 June 2002

Overview recommendations task force Rescue

During the preparation of the World Congress on Drowning, experts have prepared documents on a wide variety of topics. These topics have been further elaborated at the congress by the members of the task force rescue. Because of practical limitations in time, and the wide variety of subjects to be covered, there were no opportunities to include these recommendations in the final procedures.

Recommendations aimed at all national and international governmental bodies, including IMO, Search and Rescue organizations, the International Lifeboat Institution and prevention institutions

1. The existing standard for the evaluation of hazard presented at beaches should be implemented as the world-wide standard to enable the development of appropriate drowning prevention strategies at beaches.
2. Communities throughout the world which can expect to face flooding, must prepare themselves and the emergency workers they designate, to effectively respond to flood rescue.
3. Search and rescue response must be ensured in areas around the world where there is significant maritime traffic, whether it be cruise liners, cargo ships, fishing boats or leisure craft.
4. The International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue Manual should be reviewed and incorporated by the sea rescue organizations of all of the nations of the world to ensure a coordinated and effective approach to maritime emergencies.
5. The Incident Command System, which has been developed to allow for effective

oversight and organization of emergency responses, should be adopted by all aquatic rescue organizations worldwide.

Recommendations aimed at all national and international bodies in the area of rescue, including the International Red Cross and Red Crescent organizations, the International Lifeboat Institutions and the International Life Saving Federation

1. Scientific study should be undertaken to form a basis for determining the skills and minimum competencies required to rescue another human in an aquatic emergency.
2. Further research is needed in the area of surveillance, scanning and vigilance by lifeguards from a physiological and psychological perspective to determine the best methods of instruction and practice.
3. Further research should be undertaken to identify appropriate use and training of the personal watercraft (PWC) in aquatic rescue.
4. Rescue communications must provide dependable, robust, integrated, and effective command and control for all involved segments of the response system, not simply point to point communications.
5. Sea rescue providers should ensure that their rescue craft keep pace with available technology, evaluating and embracing effective new types of surface rescue craft and air rescue craft.
6. It is recommended that common terms for spinal injury immobilization techniques be adopted by all lifesaving organizations and that the terms should be vice grip, body hug, and the extended arm grip. Studies should be conducted on each of these methods to establish the best possible methods of extrication.
7. All lifesavers should be taught the standing backboard technique, to allow for immediate stabilization of the spine of a person who walks up to the lifeguard complaining of spinal pain post trauma.
8. An international study of fund-raising activities by aquatic lifesaving organizations should be commenced to identify the most effective methods.

Appendices to Recommendations of the World Congress on Drowning Amsterdam 26 - 28 June 2002

Overview recommendations task force task force Diving (breath hold, scuba and hose diving)

During the World Congress on Drowning, experts of the task force Breath hold, scuba and hose diving have finalized a consensus document on a variety of topics.

It was agreed that

1. Well-constructed national regulations have been effective where enforced and that any significant improvements in health and safety would arise only from a more inclusive definition of working divers and a wider application of existing procedures.
2. Self-regulation within the world-wide recreational diving industry continues to be the practical route for further improvement but that there is a need to counter a perception that there is a conflict between commercial interests and safety.
3. The training agencies comply with international quality assurance and control procedures (QA/QC) such as the International Standard ISO 9000 series and also encourage independent monitoring to assure the effective and safe use of existing and new procedures.
4. Subsistence fishermen who are predominantly found in the poor countries around the world, use equipment that is minimal and that their training, regulations and medical support appear to be zero.
To improve diving-fishermen safety and reduce drowning there is a need to collect data on accidents and drowning among representative samples of diving fishermen around the world.
This should be followed up with international non-governmental organisations (NGOs), other charities and appropriate UN development initiatives so that existing academic societies, training organisations and others could deliver suitable medical and diving advice and training for fishermen compatible with the limits of available local resources.
5. The collection of diver morbidity and mortality data and the associated contributory factors for each incident is a necessary first step in reducing drowning incidents among divers. Also needed are the denominator data that will allow the calculation of risk.

6. Recreational divers are free to dive when, where and how they like but the diver also has an obligation to the public. Any underwater accident to a diver can put buddy divers and rescuers at considerable risk.
7. Greater stringency is needed in the assessment of the physical, mental and medical fitness of all who choose to dive. A single assessment of fitness for diving at the beginning of diver training should not be considered valid throughout the rest of the diver's life. Re-assessments are recommended at intervals that may diminish with advancing years and re-assessment may also be needed after illness or injury.
8. To give a medical opinion on a diver's fitness, the doctor should have prior knowledge of the unique hazards faced by a diver. Whenever possible, the medical assessment should be conducted by a doctor acknowledged as competent in this special subject. It is recommended the training of diving doctors, both for the medical examination of divers and also for the treatment of medical emergencies in diving, complies with guidance such as that published by the European Diving Technology Committee (ECHM) and the European Committee for Hyperbaric Medicine (EDTC). Periodical revision training is also important.
9. The mental, physical and medical standards of fitness in each category of diving should be harmonized internationally.
10. Greater emphasis should be placed at all levels of training on the causation and prevention of in-water fatalities.
11. After some 3 to 5 years without regular diving, the individual should be subject to a formal re-assessment of competence before re-entering the water.
12. The policy of training children as young as 8 years old to dive should emphasize the immaturity of mental outlook that many young persons may have when an emergency occurs.
13. Emergency procedures should be consistent with a variety of equipment in a variety of configurations.
14. Programs of refresher training should be established to maximize practical re-learning and updating of basic emergency skills. This is needed particularly after an individual's equipment has been modified.
15. Self-rescue and buddy-rescue procedures should be compatible with the equipment used and the environmental conditions.
16. Training of rescuers should include the procedures for recovery of the victim from the water into a boat and transfer of the patient from the deck of a boat to a helicopter or some other emergency transport vehicle.
17. Hand signals and basic procedures used in diving emergencies, whether at depth or on the surface, should be standardized and promoted through rescue and diving agencies throughout the world.

18. Rescuers must be made aware that the treatment of drowning in a diver might be complicated by other medical conditions such as carbon monoxide poisoning, envenomation and omitted decompression arising from that same dive.
19. National and international standards of medical care should be written for all medical emergencies in diving by suitable academic bodies.
20. Drowning is mostly a diagnosis of exclusion and often is a presumptive diagnosis based on purely circumstantial evidence. All diving-related deaths should be thoroughly investigated, including a complete autopsy, evaluation of the equipment and a review of the circumstances surrounding the fatality by knowledgeable investigators with appropriate training and experience.
The post-mortem examination of a drowned diver should be conducted by a pathologist who is knowledgeable about diving (or who is advised by a doctor who is knowledgeable about diving).

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TO: CSLSA Board of Directors
FROM: Marshall Parks
SUBJECT: Competition Committee Chair Report
DATE: April 24, 2003

2003 Competition Dates

CSLSA Championships: The Regional Championships will be hosted by the Los Angeles County Lifeguard Service at Zuma Beach on Saturday, July 26, 2003. The Junior Guards will compete at Dockweiler Beach on Friday, July 25, 2003.
www.cslsa.org

USLA National Championships: The 2003 USLA National and Junior Lifeguards Championships will be held in Cape May, New Jersey, August 7-9, 2003.
www.usla.org

May 23: Hermosa Street to Beach Fair, Hermosa Beach Pier*

June 21: San Diego Surf Challenge, South Mission Beach, San Diego*

June 28: Semana Nautica, East Beach, Santa Barbara*

July 19-20: San Clemente Ocean Festival, San Clemente www.oceanfestival.org

August: 1-3: International Surf Festival, South Bay Beaches*

August 2: Taplin Relay, Los Angeles*

August: 16-17: World Bodysurfing Championships, Oceanside Pier*

August: 24: Catalina Paddleboard Classic, Manhattan Beach Pier*

*contact 310-457-2321 for more information

Rescue 2004

The next World Lifesaving Championships are scheduled to take place September 13-28, 2004, in Viareggio, Italy. Open water events will be held in the Congress Centre "Principe di Piemonte" and pool events in the 50 meter pool of Marina di Massa, located 18 kilometers from Viareggio.

This international championship, held every two years, is comprised of several competitions including events for national teams, club teams and masters competitors in events such as ironman/ironwoman, board rescue, rescue medley, taplin relay and many more ocean, beach and pool events.

www.ilsf.org/sport/rescue2004

California State Games Update

The 2003 California State Games will not include adult lifeguard competition.

2002 Fall USLA National Board of Directors Meeting

A proposal to change age groups to five year increments was given to a sub-committee which will report at the 2003 Spring USLA meeting.

A proposal to add an "Under 18 Professional Division" classification at USLA Nationals was made. Would be non scoring and limited to swim, run-swim-run, rescue board and 2K run, Junior Lifeguards prohibited. Will be permitted on a trail basis at the 2003 Nationals.

An ILS rule change proposal was made which would allow Masters competitors to place their name in a "pool" in order to participate in relay events.

The CSLSA Competition Committees proposal to delete the following sentences in section 1.8 Eligibility, was accepted:

A Non-professional member must donate 24 hours a season to their USLA Chapter Lifeguard Agency in service not connected to competition.

An application for a non-professional member must be submitted to the USLA Competition Chairman.

Other rule changes voted upon during the fall meeting were:

#1: *Increase the women's surfboat race from one to two laps.*
Passed

#2: Change the American Iron women event to same distances and disciplines as men 's.

Failed

#3: Adjustment of land course to single lane finish to facilitate accurate officiating.

Failed

#4: Proposal of on-site Protest System mirroring the International Life Saving Federation model.

Withdrawn

Respectfully Submitted,
M.Stanley Parks
Competition Committee Chair

2003 CSLSA Western Regional Lifeguard Championships

Schedule of Events

First event will start at 8:00 a.m. sharp.

Events will run:

**Open
Women
Seniors
Senior Women
Masters
Veterans**

Order of Events:

**Beach Run
Surf Swim
Surf Ski
Surf Rescue Race
Paddleboard
Run-Swim-Run
International Ironman/ woman
Landline
American Ironman/ woman
Rescue Board Rescue Race
Beach Flags**

* Marshall also included in his report directions to the Western Regional competition, with parking information.



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Robert McGowan
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To: CSLSA Board of Directors

Don Rohrer
Vice President

From: Chris Graham,, Exchange Committee Chairperson

Mike Beuerlein
Secretary

Date: April 24, 2003

Robert Moore
Treasurer

Subject: California / New Zealand Lifeguard Exchange Report

William Richardson
Past President/Advisor

The following will topics will be discussed:

Vincent Lombardi
Recurrent Rep

- I would like to thank the CSLSA and the Board for the continual support of the California/Auckland Lifeguard Exchange. I would also like to thank those agencies that contributed hats, shirts, patches, etc. to the exchange lifeguards.

Mike Bartlett
Executive Delegate

- The 2003/2004 California Exchange announcements were mailed to the California Lifeguard Associations. I have flyers with me today regarding the exchange.

B. Chris Brewster
Executive Delegate

Chris Graham
Executive Delegate
(Alternate)

- I am preparing the 2003/2004 California New Zealand Lifeguard Exchange Itinerary. If any agency has a request please let me know today.
- I have been working closely with Dean Storey the Lifesaving Development Officer for Surf Lifesaving Northern Region (SLSNR) on the Lifeguard Exchange Itinerary's. The two delegates have been chosen to represent the Surf Lifesaving Northern Region. They are the following:
Pat Anderson — Muriwai
Brent Phillips — Sunset Beach

These two delegates will be arriving June 21.

- With us today is Lindsay Ortega from Huntington City and Rebecca Levine from Huntington State Beach. Lindsay and Rebecca are here to share their exchange experience. They will leave today with an exchange plaque to place in their agency for one year.

See you in Committee!



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CALIFORNIA / NEW ZEALAND 2003 - 2004 LIFEGUARD EXCHANGE

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

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

WHEN: *Approximately December 26, 2003 through February 13, 2004 (exact dates TBA)*

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

HOW TO APPLY:

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

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

DEADLINE: *All materials must be received (or post marked) by Wednesday, August 27, 2003.*

INTERVIEW: *Date, location and time of interview TBA*
Interview Results And Selections To Be Announced By September 15th

INFORMATION: *Contact Chris Graham at the above address, by phone ® (949) 770-1313 x203, (cslsa.org) or contact any past delegate listed below.*

2003/04: Lindsay Ortega (HR City) & Rebecca Levine(HB State)
2001/02: Gennifer Amthor (Seal Beach) & Casey Graham (Port Hueneme)
2000/01: Jon Mitchell (Newport Beach) & Rob Maier (Newport Beach)
1999/00: Shannon Svensen (CA State) & Charlie Doll (Newport Reach)
1998/99: Clint Dial (Oceanside) & David Jenkins (CA State)
1997/98: Shea Valero (Silver Strand State) & Robyn Jacobsen (Newport)
1996/97: Eric Roberts (Seal Beach) & Coila Anderson (Santo Cruz State)
1995/96: Todd Bartlett (Huntington City) & C SmitsvanOyen (Los Angeles)
1994/95: Chris Graham (Newport Reach) & David Royal (Santa Cruz City)
1993/94: Ryan Newman (Santa Cruz City) & Mike Lewis (San Diego City)

1992/03: Jennifer Price (San Diego City) & Eric Ching (Huntington City)
1991/02: Tim Ciccheto (San Diego City) & Elizabeth Kubis (S.Clemente St)
1990/01: Pat Graham (Huntington City) & Michael Bartlett (HBC)
1989/90: Cary Smith (Santa Cruz City) & Monya Delisis (LA. City)
1988/89: Kyle Linda (Huntington City) & Barrett Tester (Huntington State)
1987/88: Jeff Koller (Huntington City) & Herb White (Huntington State)
1986/87: Finn McClafferty (Huntington SI) & Steven Halus (S. Clemente)
1985/86: Kai Weisser (Huntington) & Michael Ashe (Lake Mission Viejo)
1984/85: Michael Gifford (Huntington) & Rick Gould (Santa Cruz City)



**CALIFORNIA SURF LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION
Junior Lifeguard Committee
2003 SPRING REPORT**

PHOTO CONTEST

This summer we will have a Junior Lifeguard photo contest. Contest rules will be distributed during our Committee Meeting.

CALIFORNIA STATE GAMES

The California State Games will be hosted by Imperial Beach on July 18th. Contact Hans Fernan 619-424-5147 for further information. Application forms for the event will be available at our Committee Meeting.

REGIONAL COMPETITION

The Junior Lifeguard Regional Competition will be hosted by LACO on July 25th at Dockweiler Beach. There is a mandatory JG Coordinators Meeting the evening prior to the Competition at the LACO Lifeguard Training Center in Manhattan Beach. Information for these events will be posted on the CSLSA web site.

NATIONAL COMPETITION

The Junior Lifeguard National Competition is scheduled for August 7th in Cape May, New Jersey.

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL RULE CHANGES

Thanks to Bill Richardson the JG Regional and National Rules have been updated. They will be posted on the appropriate web sites for this season.

JG PROGRAM MAILING LIST

The current CSLSA JG program mailing list will be at the Committee Meeting. Please update any JG program mailing or telephone information.

SOLANA BEACH JG PROGRAM

The City of Solana Beach has privatized their Junior Lifeguard Program. Turtle, the past and present JG Coordinator, will make a presentation and answer any questions during our Committee Meeting about her Program. Her request is to have Solana Beach Junior Lifeguards participate in CSLSA and USLA events and competitions.

TIDEBOOKS

At our Committee Meeting we will distribute the 2003 Tidebooks for all California JG's.

USLA JG MEMBERSHIP

USLA membership is required for Junior Lifeguards to participate at the Regional, National and California State Games Competitions. At our Committee Meeting the USLA Application and Information will be reviewed. It is encouraged that JG Programs register all participants. Many programs include this \$10 fee in their Registration costs. A reminder to all JG Coordinators, a current JG USLA Registration list will be posted at the California State Games, Regional Competition and National Competition. Programs that fail to pre Register participants will NOT be permitted to participate!

VIRTUAL JG PROGRAM

Don Rohrer, Bill Richardson and I had one meeting with the promoter of this idea. Don is the contact for this project.

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The winter edition of Cal Surf News was published and will be mailed to all chapters within the next week. We pushed our deadline forward as long as possible to ensure inclusion of all contributions. We thank and congratulate all those who contributed especially our new writers, It is our ongoing goal to continue bringing in new voices to keep your magazine fresh and growing. For the most part, our articles will continue to be original work although in a few outstanding cases, we will include reprints. We trust that some of you who are here today will become the next group of first-time writers. We also understand that for many of you, there is not a great deal of time to spend writing and so we ask only that you provide us with some great action photographs. We accept emailed photos or hard copy and assure you proper credit and careful return of your photos.

As always, we add a special thanks to Renee Story for her typesetting, design and infinite patience. We have a few advance copies here today.

At our last meeting we discussed again the idea of direct mailings but as yet have not made this major change. We have expanded and improved our circulation list and hope this will improve the distribution of your magazine. We look forward to your participation in our committee meeting today with ideas and comments for the next edition of your magazine.

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

Income		
Full-page ad		\$450.00
Expenses		
Print Network	estimated	\$1,900.00
Typesetting, Renee Story		325.00
Article incentive award.		25.00
Total Estimated Expenses		\$2,250.00
Expenses over Income		(\$1,800.00)

Respectfully submitted,

Eric W. Sandy
Co-Editor, Cal Surf News.



California Surf Lifesaving Association

Public Education Committee

Spring Committee Update Dana Point - April 24th, 2003

Bookmarks

Last fall, the committee voted to develop bookmarks for distribution material for summer 2003. The bookmarks are here today for pickup from each chapter. We spent \$1,993.02 (\$6.98 under budget). We received a total of 50,000. 42,000 of which are in English, with the remaining 8,000 in Spanish. The Spanish was decided on at the last Executive Board Meeting. Please pick up your chapters before leaving today.

Public Education Marketing

We worked a little with a CSUF marketing class this past fall. With the limited time, they concentrated on Spanish speaking ideas in Orange County. I have the proposal that they came up with if anyone is interested in looking at it. This semester, we were not able to have students work with us since the professor was out on a medical leave. She has promised that she will devote more time to us next fall.

Grant Money

We did not receive the Pacific Life Grant that we applied for last fall. I was planning to submit the proposal again this summer. I am also looking into other possible grants that would help us in funding some projects. I will welcome all help in this area.

Public Education with SHP

I have a meeting set up on Saturday with SHP to discuss possible projects that could be funded by sponsorships. I gave a preliminary wish list to SHP; however, I would like to have some more items from the committee to discuss.

OC Fair and Youth Expo

It is again time to commit your chapters in the staffing of these booths. (I am speaking mainly to the Orange County chapters, however, all are welcome to visit or help) The Youth Expo is next weekend, May 2nd - 4th. The OC Fair is July 11th - August 3rd. I will be soliciting chapters to sign up for staffing the booth, and/or giving us contact information of who can. These are great public education and community involvement for lifeguards and lifeguarding in general.

501 (c)3

The executive board is starting the process of getting the non-profit tax-exempt status for the CSLSA. Hopefully I will not have to do this alone and that Bill Richardson will volunteer his services to complete the application.

Rob Williams--Committee Chair
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COMPETITION COMMITTEE REPORT

April 25, 2003

2003 Southwest Regional Championships

It was announced that the location of the 2003 Championships has been changed. The Lifeguard Championships will take place at Zuma Beach on Saturday, July 26, 2003 and the Junior Lifeguard Championships will take place at Dockweiler Beach on Friday, July 25, 2003.

2004-2005 Southwest Regional Championships

An offer by the Long Beach Lifeguard Association to serve as host of the 2004 and 2005 South-west Regional Championships was accepted.

A request to reconsider the issue of changing the day of lifeguard competition from a Saturday to a Thursday beginning in 2004 was raised by Eric Sandy of Del Mar. It was agreed that the Com-petition Chair and the President of the CSLSA will discuss the issue with the events sponsor.

Beach Run Distance and Configuration

The beach run is to be a 1 lap, 2 K event.

2003 USLA National Championships

The 2003 USLA National and Junior Lifeguards Championships are scheduled to take place in Cape May, New Jersey, August 7-9, 2003. Repeated efforts to obtain more information about the Championships from the Cape May Host Committee have proved fruitless and there was some concern expressed regarding the events status.

A San Diego Surf Lifesaving Association spokesman announced that their club has rooms reserved in Cape May for the Nationals which may be available to CSLSA competitors in need of a place to stay. Equipment transportation was also discussed.

2004 USLA National Championships

The 2004 National Championships are scheduled to be hosted by the Northwest Region of the USLA. In the event the honor is declined, the County of Orange Lifesaving Association has offered to stage the event. During discussion it was suggested this could be a collaborative effort on the part of several Orange County lifeguard agencies. COLA's offer to host the 2004 National Championships will be presented at the 2003 Spring USLA meeting in the event the Northwest Region declines.

5 Year Plan Proposal

The Committee discussed a proposal made at the 2002 fall USLA National Board of Directors meeting to change competition age group categories from 10 year to 5 year increments. The following feedback from the Committee's discussion on the issue will be presented to the National Competition Committee.

Background:

The majority of sports which have age group competitions use 5 year categories. This is done, in part, as an effort to minimize the impact aging may have on competitors and thus make for a more level playing field. The ILS Masters Individual World Lifesaving Championships are conducted in 5 year age categories beginning with age 30.

Proposal:

- Open age group to remain as is.
- The 5 year plan would begin with the current Senior age group and extend to accommodate all competitors; 30-34, 35-49, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, etc.
- Awards and points to top three finishers in each 5 year age group.
- Replace current age group descriptions; Senior, Master, Veteran and Super Veteran, with age group numbers; 30-34, 35-39, etc.

Impact:

Number of Awards

Awarding medals to the top three finishers per 5 year group instead of the current practice of the top five finishers per 10 year group, would increase the number of medals issued per gender by one every 10 years. This would result in an increase of up to eight medals per event.

Number of Points

Currently, points are scored in age group categories, Senior and above, as follows: 1st - 7pts, 2nd - 5 pts, 3rd - 3 pts, 4th - 2 pts, 5th -1 pt, for a total of 18 points per 10 year age group.

Under the 5 year plan, 1st would receive 5 pts, 2nd - 3 pts, 3rd -1 pt, for a total of 9 points per 5 years, no change from the current number of 18 points available per 10 years.

Number of Races

Because heats are already used in some Senior events to accommodate the large number of competitors, it may not be necessary to add additional races to accommodate the 30-34 and 35-39 categories.

For the most part, categories 40-44 and 45-49 could continue to race as one group, as would categories 50-54 and 55-59, and categories 60-64 and up, thus no increase from the current number of races.

Recommendation: The Competition Committee of the Southwest Region supports the 5 year plan proposal as presented above.

Respectively Submitted,
M. Stanley Parks
Southwest Region Competition Committee Chair

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**CALIFORNIA SURF LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION
Junior Lifeguard Committee
2003 SPRING Action REPORT**

PHOTO CONTEST

Encourage all JG's to participate. We seem to have a lot of enthusiasm for this project!

CALIFORNIA STATE GAMES

The California State Games will be hosted by Imperial Beach on July 18th. Contact Hans Fernan 619-628-1420 for further information. Hans will need to borrow the CSLSA buoys from LACO for the event.

REGIONAL COMPETITION

The Junior Lifeguard Regional Competition will be hosted by LACO on July 25th at Dockweiler Beach. There is a mandatory JG Coordinators Meeting the evening prior to the Competition at the LACO Lifeguard Training Center in Manhattan Beach. Information for these events will be posted on the CSLSA web site and LACQ will be mailing a packet to agencies by the end of May.

NATIONAL COMPETITION

The Junior Lifeguard National Competition is scheduled for August 7th in Cape May, New Jersey. (No additional Information.)

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL RULE CHANGES

Thanks to Bill Richardson, the JG Regional and National Rules have been updated. They will be posted on the appropriate web sites for this season. They are attached to this report for posting.

JG PROGRAM MAILING LIST

The current CSLSA JG program mailing list was up-dated at the Committee

Meeting. All current information was given to Vince for up-dates on the web.

SOLANA BEACH JG PROGRAM

Turtle, the Solana Beach JG Coordinator, gave a report on her private JG program. The committee was impressed with her presentation. Based on her presentation our Committee recommends to grant the Solana Beach Junior Lifeguards the OK to participate this summer at the Cal State, Regional and National Competitions. From this situation our Committee is aware of the need to develop JG Program guidelines if we have future requests from private JG programs to participate in Competitions. Kyle, LACO and Jon, Newport Beach have volunteered to develop these guidelines. (Turtle will be happy to assist with suggestions if appropriate.) The Solana Beach program will need to meet these guidelines to be granted future participation in JG Competitions.

TIDEBOOKS

At our Committee Meeting the 2003 Tidebooks were distributed to the programs present at the meeting. We were short of Tidebooks due to increased JG enrollment; LACO as well as Newport did not receive any at this time.

USLA JG MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to LACO, they will be registering all of their JG's this summer for membership! Your program is encouraged to do the same. Remember registration is required to compete. This summer we will have a membership list to verify membership prior to participation. Please print the USLA logo on all JG program information. This is our "goodhouse keeping" seal of approval.

VIRTUAL JG PROGRAM

Don Rohrer, continues to be the contact for this project.

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NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE REPORT

By Vincent Lombardi, Chairman/Co-Editor

April 25, 2003

The committee met in Dana Point on April 24th, and discussed two main topics: article assignments and newsletter appearance for the fall 2003 issue of Cal-Surf News.

I. Article Assignments:

- President's Report- Robert McGowan (LA County)
- Competition Update- Marshall Parks (San Diego)
- Junior Lifeguard Update- Renee Boyer (Newport Beach)
- New Zealand Exchange Update- Chris Graham (Lake Mission Viejo)
- Other articles to follow!

II. New Projects:

The committee will research the potential for mailing copies of the newsletter to the individual member rather than a mass mailing to chapters/agencies which is the current form of distribution. Other projects under consideration are creating a color-front for the newsletter, which will enhance the appearance for future sponsorship agreements.

The next issue of the CAL SURF NEWS is set for fall of 2003. Article assignments need to be submitted to the Editor(s) by June 15, 2003 along with any photos or advertisements. The distribution deadline is set for September 28, 2003. Please type articles and send photos as it relates to the story in order to qualify for the \$25 article incentive award.

Send articles and photos to: CSLSA Newsletter Chairman/Co- Editor, Vincent Lombardi, P0 Box 555020, Camp Pendleton, CA 92055-5020, 760-214-2312 (h), 760-763-0455 (fx). I would prefer articles sent via E-mail to: v3cpls@msn.com or Eric Sandy, Co-Editor: SurfSandy@aol.com.

Please contact the CAL SURF NEWS Co-Editors Vincent Lombardi at 760-214-2312 or Eric Sandy at 760-436-6485 for advertising in upcoming issues. Advertising revenue will assist us in offsetting our production costs. The advertising cost per issue is as follows:

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Vincent Lombardi
Co-Chairman, Cal Surf News



California Surf Lifesaving Association *Public Education Committee*

Spring Committee Report Dana Point -- April 25th , 2003

Library of Public Education Items

I will begin the process in asking all agencies to send me samples of public education materials that has been produced. I am also asking for any pictures and/or videos that might be useful in our public education marketing plan.

Coloring Books & Brochures from CSLSA

Mike Silvestri from Cal State has offered the coloring books, c-spine and rip current brochures they produced for any other chapter to use. They can be printed with the chapter's logo on it for a price. He also stated there is a possibility of a grant that would fund a number of materials that could be passed out to each chapter for educational use.

Grant Money

I will again look into grants to apply for. "Cush" from Seal Beach took a preliminary letter to the Department of Boating and Waterways for us to receive a grant application.

Public Education with SHP

The committee prioritized a wish list for SHP to begin looking into sponsorships for public education materials. The number one item was PSA's. SHP will now play a big part in the money for development of public education materials.

OC Fair and Youth Expo

Thank you for all the agencies that committed to providing lifeguards at these events. It is a great opportunity to show lifeguards to the community and promote beach safety.

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Bill Richardson has been given the application and will begin the process to hopefully receive the status for the CSLSA.

Bookmarks to Ensenada

Chris Graham asked and the committee approved donating some of the extra bookmarks to the Ensenada Lifeguards. 500 Spanish and 200 English bookmarks were given to Chris for delivery.

American Somoa

I will begin working with American Somoa to help their endeavor in Public Education. The committee also wanted to give them a "Care Package" of sample materials and ask them to be part of our membership.

Memo

To: CSLSA

From: Ross Pounds, Co-Chair, Southern California Training Officers

Date: 8/27/2003

Re: TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT

It is my pleasure to report to the Board and members of the CSLSA. Our group of training officers met this past week.

Recent developments include appointment new co-chairpersons for this group- Terry Murphy from the State of California and Ross Pounds from the City of Seal Beach. One other development is the termination of the college partnership contracts with Santa Ana College. It is our hope that the budget setbacks will eventually improve and these agreements can be reinstated.

With the help of Terry Murphy, a curriculum approved by the college enabled us to teach USLA approved training as well as advanced recurrent and full-time training courses. Although reimbursement has been terminated, the goal of the Southern California Training Officers is build upon this framework and gain recognition from the CSLSA and possibly the USLA, for the purpose of further standardization of advanced training.

Thank you.