



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

Capitola Community Center  
 4400 Jade St. Capitola 95010  
 9:00 AM, April 11-12, 2024

**Thursday, April 11**

- I. **Call to Order** - Meeting called to order by Mr. Avila at 9:12 AM.
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance - Mr. Graham
  - B. Welcome and Introductions - Mr. Avila
    - 1) Mr. Avila welcomed everyone and introduced Christine Brown, Mayor of Capitola
    - 2) Opening Ceremony (Mr. Hughes and Mr. Beuerlein) – Each chapter was asked to provide sand from their beaches for a mixing of the sands ceremony to represent unity for the organization.
  - C. Roll Call of Delegates - Mr. Hughes & Mr. Beuerlein

2 - 15 Members: 2 Delegates		151 - 200 Members: 6 Delegates		Roll Call of Delegates	
16 - 50 Members: 3 Delegates		201 - 250 Members: 7 Delegates			
51 - 100 Members: 4 Delegates		251 – Members & up: 8 Delegates			
101 - 150 Members: 5 Delegates		As of March 30, 2023			
Chapter	No. of Members	Possible No. of Delegates	Delegates Present	Proxies	Total Votes
California State	243	7	7		7
Capitola	11	2	2		2
Carpinteria	0	0			0
Coronado	14	2	2		2
Del Mar	9	2	0		0
Encinitas	9	2	0		0
Huntington Beach	147	5	1	1	2
Imperial Beach	4	0	0		0
Laguna Beach	149	5	1	1	2
Lake Mission Viejo	4	2	0		0
Los Angeles City	15	2	1		1
Los Angeles County Beaches	177	6	4	2	6
Los Angeles County Lakes	25	3	3		3
Long Beach	48	3	2	1	3
Newport Beach	38	3	0		0
OC Lifeguards -C.O.L.A.	11	2	0		0
Oceanside	19	3	2		2
Pendleton Coast	12	2	0		0
Pismo Beach	1	0	0		0
Port Hueneme	8	2	0		0
San Clemente	50	3	0		0

San Diego	155	6	0		0
San Luis Obispo County	20	3	0		0
Santa Barbara City	22	2	1	1	2
Santa Barbara County (Campus Pt.)	13	2	2	0	2
Santa Cruz	62	4	3		3
Santa Monica Harbor Patrol	10	2	0		0
Seal Beach	52	4	2		2
Solana Beach	0	0	0		0
Tucson, AZ	1	0	0		0
Ventura County	1	0	0		0
Ventura Harbor Patrol	1	0	0		0
Independent/Unaffiliated	0	0	0		0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1331</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>39</b>

II. **Approval of Minutes** – Coronado CA October 5-6, 2023

**Motion:** Moved by Mr. Gray to approve the minutes

**Second:** Mr. Ragsdale

**Discussion:** Mr. Moore asked if Mr. Hughes received the corrections he had sent. Mr. Hughes said those changes were applied during the last email exchange and update, around December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Action:** MPU

III. **Officer's Reports**

A. President - Mr. Avila

Mr. Avila has been involved in the following activities:

1. Continues to track and follow the CSLSA athletes that have trained and competed in Australia this winter.
2. Obtaining information from the USLA regarding a proposed Host Agreement for 2025 and 2026 Lifeguard Nationals.
3. Working with the Open and Youth Team staff in organizing workouts on both the east and west coasts.
4. Led a discussion by our Region related to the approval of the Empower media agreement. We were the only Region that voted "NO", with 2 people that failed to vote.
5. Reviewed an email from the City of Oceanside's April Pools Day.
6. Working with Kay Smiley to prepare a plan for implementing SAFESPORT into the USLA structure.
7. Reviewed and responded to a number of emails regarding the proposed Bylaw change that was proposed during New Business at the Coronado meeting.
8. Reviewed a proposed list of Committee chairs.
9. Reviewed updates to the proposed Host Agreement for the 2024 CSLSA Regional Championships

B. Vice President - Mr. Graham

Mr. Graham has been involved in the following activities:

1. Attended numerous meetings of the executive board and of USLA committees.
2. Worked with Mr. Sholl and Mr. Beuerlein to update the host agreement for the regional championships.
3. Met with Chris Egan multiple times to discuss the fee structure.
4. Worked with Mr. Prosser to get the updated rules and guidelines for the junior lifeguard and U19 championships on the website.
5. Finalized the guidance document for the junior lifeguard committee and it is now posted.
6. Communicated at length with the representatives from the Maroochy SLSC who are planning their California tour this summer.

7. Contacted staff from the High-Performance Squad. There have been a number of HPS training opportunities over the course of the last six months.
  8. Worked with the staff to finalize details for the Lifesaving World Championships youth national team.
- C. [Secretary](#) - Mr. Hughes  
Mr. Hughes has been involved in the following activities:
1. Prepared meeting agendas and minutes.
  2. Attended and participated in the USLA BOD meeting in Ashville, North Carolina.
  3. Attended two zoom meetings, one on January 30th and another on March 15th with the USLA Membership Committee.
  4. Committed to creating a video compilation of the USLA founding members.
  5. Continue to work on compiling the Committee Guidance Document.
- D. [Treasurer](#) - Mr. Sholl  
Mr. Sholl has been involved in the following activities:
1. Acted on behalf of the CSLSA on financial matters.
  2. Attended the USLA Fall meeting.
  3. Collaborated to update the CSLSA Championships Host agreement for EB review.
  4. Reviewed the CSLSA Policy & Procedure manual proposing the following amendments and additions:  
Section II-M: Dues Distribution. (Amendment)  
Section V-C: Date(s) of the Regional Lifeguard Championships. (Addition)  
Section V-D: Fee(s) of the Regional Lifeguard Championships. (Addition)
  5. Ways & Means will commence tomorrow morning at 8:30 AM. [AGENDA](#)
- E. [Past President/Advisor](#) - Mr. Beuerlein  
Mr. Beuerlein has been involved in the following activities:
1. Working with and congratulating The City of Capitola Lifeguard Service for achieving USLA Lifeguard Agency Certification.
  2. Assisting with the recruitment of new committee chairs. Most of the committee chairs from last term will be staying on. We are still looking for some help with the Fundraising Committee.
  3. Working with Chip More and Adam Sandler on how to best garner support for United States House of Representatives Concurrent Resolution 41 to have Open Water Lifeguards recognized as First Responders in federal legislation.
  4. Helping the USLA President with special assignments and USLA Committee Coordination & Meetings
  5. Working with the USLA Executive Committee, Conference Planning Committee, Certification Committee, Public Education Committee, Bylaw Committee, Heroic Acts Committee and the Fundraising Project Group.
  6. Continuing to review CSLSA Agendas & Minutes and submit recommendations to the President & Secretary prior to their distribution to the Executive Board and Board of Directors.
  7. Continuing to provide counsel and advise to the CSLSA President as needed.
- F. [1<sup>st</sup> Executive Delegate](#) - Mr. Butki  
Mr. Butki has been involved in the following activities:
1. Coordinating and financing the California Lifeguard Teams heading to the SLSA Super Surf Teams League, the Summer of Surf Competitions at Manly & Freshwater, and the 26th Wieland Shield tour of New South Wales and Victoria in January 2024.
  2. Mr. Butki gave a detailed historical overview of the Weiland Shield and the recent activities of the California competitive teams.
  3. 27th Wieland Shield Tour: July/August 2025 LSV to tour Southern California. WS Competition August 1st & 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  4. 28th Wieland Shield Tour: January 2027 Californians tour of Life Saving Victoria.
  5. 29th Wieland Shield Tour: July/August 2028 -WS Competition August 4th & 5th, 2028.

6. The John Wayne Cancer Foundation x CSLSA “Block the Blaze” So Cal Paddle Down is planned to travel down the coast from Gaviota to San Diego. Two new paddleboards need to be requisitioned.

G. [2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Delegate](#) - Mr. Prosser

1. Attended the USLA 2024 Fall BOD meeting in Asheville, NC in November and listed the CSLSA members who were elected/appointed to leadership positions on the national level.
2. Outlined several key issues that need attention at the upcoming USLA meeting.
3. Encouraged members to review the USLA meeting minutes online.

H. [3<sup>rd</sup> Executive Delegate](#) - Mr. Carey

Mr. Carey has been involved in the following activities:

1. Attended the Fall USLA Board of Directors Meeting in Asheville, North Carolina and was confirmed as the San Diego County Agency certification officer by the USLA.
2. Mailed a letter to Congressman Juan Vargas on CSLSA letterhead urging him to support House Resolution 41 which would identify Open Water Lifeguards as First Responders and Emergency Response Providers.
3. Volunteered to be a scholarship judge for the Triple V Foundation.
4. Sent meeting flyers to my SD County chapter contacts again to encourage attendance on multiple occasions.
5. Attended two community forums last month regarding water quality issues in Imperial Beach and Coronado.
6. Attended several San Diego Lifeguard Advisory Committee (SLAC) meetings.
7. Connected Ed Vodraska with Mr. Hughes regarding visiting Lifeguard “Juice” and possibly including his story in the Cal Surf News.

I. [4<sup>th</sup> Executive Delegate](#) - Ms. Kemp

Ms. Kemp has been involved in the following activities:

1. Spent the end of 2023, and early 2024 on the East Coast of Australia training and competing with the surf lifesaving sport as part of the 26th Wieland Shield Tour.
2. Continues to work for the LACoFD Lifeguard Division within the Junior Lifeguard Program as the Advanced Programs Coordinator. This work entails preparation and implementation of two advanced programs: The Cadet Program and The Surf Racing Team.
3. Spoke at the SoCal Water Safety Summit in “Rapid Presentation” on behalf of the LA County Lifeguards as they tour Southern California.
4. Currently on the Board of Directors for the Los Angeles County Surf Lifesaving Association
5. Chairing the Public Relations Committee and strategizing ways to communicate our mission and promote the committees of CSLSA and showcase individual chapters on platforms such as Instagram.
6. Will be conducting a Clinic at Cowell’s Beach for lifesaving athletes in the Capitola and Santa Cruz area.
7. As Vice Chair for the Lifesaving Sport Committee under Ed Zebrowski III, the focus will be on improving language within the policies and procedures.
8. Working remotely with Volusia SLSA member, April O’Gorman, to build the social media presence of the USLA Surf Lifesaving Sport Page.
9. Assisted the US National Youth and Open Teams Management and Coaching staff to organize a pool rescue clinic in Costa Mesa for any interested Juniors, Professionals and Alumni.

IV. **Committee Reports**

A. [Bylaws/Policies & Procedures](#) - Mr. Moore and Mr. Richardson

1. There was a Bylaw proposal by Mr. Baginski made under New Business per direction of the Bylaws/Policies & Procedures Committee Co-Chair at the last meeting. The President will call for the vote at this meeting on this proposed Bylaw change during the appropriate time under Old Business.
2. Mr. Bill Richardson submitted his comments on the Bylaw changes ([see letter](#))
3. There will be no discussion under Old Business on Friday. All discussion and will take place at the committee meeting today.
4. There have been three additional Policy & Procedures proposals submitted by the Treasurer. One proposal is a proposed Policy change. And two proposals are proposed new Policies.

- B. [Certification](#) - Mr. Lombardi (Absent)  
 Report read by Mr. Carey.
1. Rick Gould, Sean Carey and Mr. Lombardi continue to serve as CSLSA's Certification Officers reporting our activity to the USLA.
  2. Nine agencies were approved for USLA certification in the Spring of 2024.
  3. Two agencies are currently in the application or re-application process.
- C. Exchanges (verbal report) - Mr. Fiamengo (absent) & Ms. Schwene (Absent)
1. Jackson Lawrence from Seal Beach and Vianne Kelly from LA City gave a PowerPoint presentation on their exchange tour of Australia.
- D. Fundraising (No Report) - Ms. Cummings (Absent)
- E. [Grants](#) - Ms. Bryant
1. Ms. Bryant reviewed past CSLSA minutes through Fall of 2021 to identify any current issues that could be addressed with grant opportunities.
  2. One common trend was a desire for more Chapters or Agencies to apply for the available grants the CSLSA distributes each year.
  3. Ms. Bryant proposes this committee embark upon the development of a grant application template that could be a tool for agencies to apply for available funds outside of CSLSA.
  4. Ms. Bryant invites any interested parties to please share ideas or interests for further development of this goal.
- F. Junior Lifeguards - Mr. Graham & Mr. Egan
1. (Covered under [Vice President Report](#))
- G. [Legislation](#) - Mr. Sandler (Absent)  
 Report read by Mr. Beuerlein.
- H. [Lifesaving Sport & Fitness](#) - Mr. Butki & Mr. Prosser
1. Mr. Butki reviewed the Rule Change Proposals that were made at the Fall 2023 USLA BoD meeting in Asheville, NC. The proposals will be voted on in Pittsburgh at the Fall USLA BoD meeting.
  2. 2024 CSLSA California Surf Lifesaving Championships and JG Championships review.
  3. 2024 "Jersey Mikes" USLA National Lifesaving Championships and JG Championships review.
  4. Holly Maine and Tim Burdiak are the current west coast CSLSA Lifesaving Athlete representatives to the USLA Athletes Committee.
  5. Mr. Butki also presented a list of locations that were past venues for the CSLSA - California Surf Lifesaving Championships – from 1980 to present.
- I. [Membership](#) - Ms. Graham
1. Final adult membership for the Southwest Region was 1,331 Adult Members.
  2. There were 810 Gold Junior Guard members, and 163 regular Junior Guard members.
  3. Any chapter that is able to drive individual member registrations or renewals through the USLA, is encouraged to do so.
  4. Chapters who collect member dues through payroll deductions or chapter enrollment in order to submit bulk member registration will be provided a template for member renewals and addition of new members.
  5. The USLA membership committee will be continuing to work out some of the kinks in the Gold Member level.
  6. The USLA Membership Committee was able to procure a high-quality, full-size TOWEL as the membership gift item for this 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.
  7. Chapter reps are reminded to let members know about the multiple pro-deal discounts available to current members through the USLA website.
  8. With hard work by Mike Silvestri, the CSLSA is able to offer members an outstanding list of Pro-Deals with discounts of up to 60% off.
- J. Newsletter - Mr. Hughes  
 Mr. Hughes distributed a printed version of the CalSurf Newsletter <https://cslsa.org/Cal-Surf-News.html>
- K. [Professional Standards](#) - Mr. Carey

1. The committee has been focusing on developing standards for a singular issue: that being how to protect lifeguards exposed to contaminants in the water during the execution of their duties.
2. A first draft was prepared and presented to the committee and discussed during a zoom meeting on March 22.
3. The second draft of the proposed standard is attached to this report and will be available on the website.
4. A study is also being conducted at UCSD regarding Lifeguards exposed to contaminated water on the job and associated illnesses from such exposures.

L. [Public Education](#) - Ms. Swank

1. The Public Ed committee voted to transfer their budget to the website budget in hopes to have the CSLSA website more innovative, education orientated, wanting to reach a wider audience, and capture our Junior Guard community.
2. The committee is promoting National Beach Safety Week and leveraging technology to enhance our educational offerings.
3. The Public Education Committee remains dedicated to its mission, “educating the general public is the key to preventing injuries and incidents at our public beaches and pools”.
4. Mr. Beuerlein clarified that the budget transfer in question was for the 2023 budget and should be examined by the Treasurer to determine if it is included in the current budget.

M. [PIO](#) - Mr. Sandler (Absent)

Report read by Mr. Beuerlein.

N. Public Relations - Ms. Kemp

Covered under ([Fourth Delegate Report](#))

O. Social Media (No Report) - Mr. Mullen (Absent)

P. [Special Awards & Presentations](#) - Mr. Trinkle

1. Six submissions have been approved since our last meeting.
2. Three submissions have been received for review.
3. Riley Rhodes and Max Hunter, both California State Lifeguards and will be receiving his Awards today.

Q. [Statistics](#) - Mr. Burton (Absent)

Report read by Mr. Beuerlein

R. [Training](#) - Nicolas Giugni (Absent)

1. Report read by Mr. Brennan Howard.

S. Ways & Means - Mr. Sholl

1. Mr. Sholl encouraged members to review the [Treasurer’s report](#).
2. Mr. Sholl will chair the Ways & Means committee tomorrow at 8:30 AM. ([Agenda](#))

T. [Website](#) - Mr. Himes

1. Mr. Himes reviewed the items addressed since the last meeting regarding the website.
2. A form has been created on today’s event webpage where members can join the Website Committee online.
3. Money has been appropriated for website administrator. However, not much progress has been made on finding a web master at this time. Suggestions are welcome.
4. The CSLSA website is an Information-based resource using social media to guide viewers to the site.

V. **Awards and Presentations**

1. Riley Rhodes - California State Lifeguard will be awarded the Meritorious Act Awards approved by CSLSA and USLA
2. Max Hunter and Riley Rhodes California State Lifeguards will be awarded the Medals of Valor approved by CSLSA and USLA

VI. **Committee Workshops (as directed)**

(Meeting recessed at approximately 12:00 PM and reconvened on Friday, April 12, 2024)

**Friday October 6, 2023** (Meeting called to order at 10:10 AM)

VII. Committee Reports from Workshops

A. [Bylaws/Policies & Procedures](#) Mr. Moore and Mr. Richardson

1. Regarding the proposed Bylaw change to Article V MEMBERSHIP SECTION 2 – Individual Membership A. Professional Member, Mr. Moore stated this is a Bylaw change and must have a 2/3 majority vote. This will be an up/down vote that will take place under Old Business without discussion.
  2. Regarding the three Policy proposals made by the Treasurer, these are Policies & Procedures that can be changed and voted on at any time.
  3. The Secretary was requested to place P&P's proposal II-M (Dues Distribution) as Item A. under New Business; P&P's proposal V-C Item B. under New Business; and P&P's proposal V-D Item C. under New Business.
- B. Certification (No Report) - Mr. Lombardi (Absent)
- C. Exchanges (No Report) - Mr. Fiamengo (Absent)
- D. Fundraising (No Report) Ms. Cummings (Absent)
- E. [Grants](#) - Ms. Bryant
- F. [Junior Lifeguards](#) - Mr. Graham & Mr. Egan
1. There were no actions taken by the committee nor recommendations for actions by the board.
  2. The committee reviewed rule and guideline changes for the A, B, C divisions at the regional championships as outlined in the report.
- G. Legislation (No Report) - Mr. Sandler (Absent)
- H. Lifesaving Sport & Fitness (verbal report) Mr. Butki
1. Two of the top female competitors from Australia will be touring California starting in June.
  2. There were approximately 15 members who attended the committee meeting.
  3. The committee voted to approve Dockweiler Beach in LA County for the 2024 CSLSA Regional Championships.
  4. Discussed rule-change motions brought up at the USLA meeting by other regions but stayed loyal to the Southwest's proposals.
  5. The John Wayne California Paddledown is slated for the end of May, traveling from Gaviota to Imperial Beach.
  6. The committee voted to approve a \$200 reimbursement per athlete for 18 Weiland Shield athletes for a total of \$3,600.
  7. During the round table, the use of the CSLSA logo by entities such as Super Surf and Weiland Shield, was discussed.
  8. Working on the "Composite Team" concept athletes from different chapters to compete on the same team.
  9. Mitch Kahn will be asked to MC the Regional Championships.
  10. The issue of having the Regional Championships on a weekday was discussed, but past experience has shown that there is little impact on the attendance and there are more benefits having it on a weekend.
- I. [Membership](#) - Mrs. Graham
1. The USLA membership gift of Towels are coming soon. We will coordinate with Chapter reps to pick them up or deliver them.
  2. The chair will continue to encourage the USLA Committee to order the large gift items much earlier, so we can have the item at our Spring meeting.
  3. The committee will explore adding a larger gift item from our Region in the alternating years when the USLA gift is smaller and mailed out in the member envelopes. We received a good contact for custom items like hats or beanies.
  4. The committee needs to continue to seek sponsors who can provide items for our members.
  5. The delegates recommend that we ask the USLA to provide the majority of the funding for future anniversary years and the extra costs that come with them.
  6. The committee reviewed the Two-tier Junior Guard membership again, including the benefits that each type receives.
  7. There were a few issues with the Gold JG Member type last year, and the USLA hopes to have all those bugs worked out before the big push at Regionals this summer.

8. JG Coordinators can register their Gold Members first, and then send in their Free JG members later.
- J. Newsletter (No Report) - Mr. Hughes
- K. [Professional Standards](#) - Mr. Carey
1. The Professional Standards Committee discussed the draft guideline regarding Lifeguards exposed to contaminants on duty.
  2. The general consensus was that we need to keep the guidelines ambiguous enough to be adopted by as many agencies as possible but specific enough to include all considerations of this complex issue.
- L. Public Education (verbal report) - Ms. Swank
1. Ms. Swank emphasized that the Pub Ed committee should work as a team with the [Social Media Committee](#) and the Website Committee.
  2. A QR code will be displayed at the table tent during events.
  3. Would like to connect with Studio 11 to enhance website services.
  4. Has created a ten-point questionnaire for people checking out paddleboards, etc.
  5. Discussed getting involved with Fire Safety Week activities.
  6. Working with school districts and others to promote Beach Safety Week.
- M. Public Relations (verbal report) - Ms. Kemp
1. The Public Relations, Social Media and Website Committees are all interrelated, therefore we met with that in mind at the beginning of our meeting.
  2. Some of the action goals of the committee involve the website and there is great interest in enhancing the website.
  3. The work of Isiah Mullen has greatly enhanced our social media presence.
  4. Ms. Kemp outlined many of the opportunities to put out information on the website and social media and asked for input from all committees.
- N. Social Media (No Report) - Mr. Mullen (Absent)
- O. [Special Awards & Presentations](#) - Mr. Trinkle
1. Two submissions were submitted for **Heroic Act Award**.
  2. Two submissions were submitted for **Meritorious Act Award**.
  3. All were approved.
- P. Statistics (No Report) - Mr. Burton
- Q. [Training](#) - Nicolas Giugni
1. Report read by Brennan Howard.
- R. [Ways & Means](#) - Mr. Sholl
1. The committee discussed the 2023 Year End Budget and the 2024 Year to Date Budget.
  2. No actions were initiated by the Ways & Means Committee.
- S. Website (No Report) - Mr. Prosser & Mr. Himes

## VIII. **Old Business**

- A. Committee Guidance Documents Update
1. Mr. Hughes has collected about 75% of the Committee Guidance Document.
  2. We are Missing Grants, Legislation, Liaison, Membership, Public Relations, PIO and Website
  3. Mr. Hughes will follow up with emails to the specific committee chairs.
- B. California Marine Safety Chiefs Association Update
1. Mr. Carey stated that they met yesterday, and their minutes will be available on their website shortly.
  2. Nothing new to report.
- C. Membership Drive (Previously discussed)
- D. 2024 CSLSA Regional Championships July 26-27, 2024, in Dockweiler State Beach, Playa Del Rey, CA (no new discussion).
- E. 2024 USLA National Championships August 8-10, 2024, in South Padre Island, TX (no new discussion).
- F. Website Updates (Previously discussed)
- G. [Bylaws - Voting Rights](#)
1. Membership:



**Article V**

**MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 2 – Individual Membership**

**A. Professional Member**

1. To qualify as a Professional Member, an individual must:
  - a. “Be a direct, active, seasonal or retired employee, including a chief, director or equivalent, of an ocean, bay, lake, river or open water lifesaving or rescue service **or Junior Lifeguard Program**; and...”

**Motion:** Shall the Board of Directors approve the aforementioned bylaw change?

Yes 4

No 32

Abstentions 2

**Motion Fails**

**H. UCSD Study “Incidence of Infections among Lifeguards Secondary to Marine Pollution Exposure.”**

(Previously discussed)

**I. “World’s Safest Lifeguards Competition” (No new information)**

**IX. New Business**

**A. Proposed Policy change II-M Dues Distribution**

*1. Dues Distribution* Lifeguard Membership Dues

50% to USLA

50% to CSLSA

*2. Dues Distribution* Junior Lifeguard Membership Dues

~~80% to USLA~~ **50% to USLA**

~~20% to CSLSA~~ **50% to CSLSA**

MOTION: by Ms. Graham to approve language that matches the USLA

Second: Mr. Howard (motion withdrawn)

MOTION: by Mr. Beuerlein to table this issue

Second: Ms. Graham

MPU

**Tabled** (to be revisited at the Fall 2024 BOD Mtg.)

**Proposed Policy change II-M Dues Distribution (Version 2)**

*1. Dues Distribution*

Lifeguard Membership Dues

*USLA fulfillment costs deducted prior to USLA/CSLSA percentage split.*

*50% to USLA after fulfillment deduction*

*50% to CSLSA after fulfillment deduction*

*2. Dues Distribution*

Junior Lifeguard Membership Dues

*USLA fulfillment costs deducted prior to USLA/CSLSA percentage split.*

~~80% to USLA~~ **50% to USLA after fulfillment deduction**

~~20% to CSLSA~~ **50% to CSLSA after fulfillment deduction**

MOTION by Mr. Beuerlein to table this issue.

Second: Mr. Allen

MPU

**Tabled** (to be revisited at the Fall 2024 BOD Mtg.)

**B. Number: V-C SUBJECT: DATE(S) OF THE CALIFORNIA SURF LIFESAVING LIFEGUARD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Number:** V-C

**Adopted:**

**Authority:**

**SUBJECT: DATE(S) OF THE CALIFORNIA SURF LIFESAVING LIFEGUARD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**PURPOSE:** To establish the official dates(s) of the California Surf Lifesaving, Championships, California Surf Lifesaving U-19, and the California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships

The California Surf Lifesaving Championships, California Surf Lifesaving U-19 Championships, and the California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships shall be held on the following annual date(s)

- A. California Surf Lifesaving Championships  
The fourth Saturday of July
- B. California Surf Lifesaving U-19 Championships  
The Friday prior to the California Surf Lifesaving Championships
- C. California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships  
The Friday prior to the California Surf Lifesaving Championships

The date(s) may be changed with a vote from the Board of Directors.

At no time shall the California Surf Lifesaving Championships conflict with the International Surf Festival lifeguard competitions which are held on the first partial or whole weekend in August.

MOTION: by Mr. Moore to approve the aforementioned new Policy/Procedure  
Second: Mr. Ragsdale  
Yes 22  
No 6  
Motion Passes

**C. Number: V-D SUBJECT: FEE(S) OF THE CALIFORNIA SURF LIFESAVING LIFEGUARD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Number:** V-D

**Adopted:**

**Authority:**

**SUBJECT: FEES OF THE REGIONAL LIFEGUARD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**PURPOSE:** To establish the official fees of the California Surf Lifesaving Championships, California Surf Lifesaving U-19 Championships, and the California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships

There will be a competition entry fee for all competitors competing in the California Surf Lifesaving Championships, California Surf Lifesaving U-19, and the California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships. A portion of the monies will be distributed as outlined in the California Surf Lifesaving Association Policies & Procedures manual II-N.

The official fees for the California Surf Lifesaving Championships, California Surf Lifesaving U-19, and the California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships shall be proposed, discussed, and voted on by the Board of Directors at the Fall Board of Directors meeting.

There shall be two fees for each competition: Early Registration and Late Registration. When establishing fees and date(s) of Late Registration, the Board of Directors shall adhere to the following guideline:

#### A. California Surf Lifesaving Championships

##### 1. Early Registration

- a. The fee shall not be equal to the membership fee for the USLA.
- b. The fee shall be equal to or not exceed 25% of the fee of the previous year's California Surf Lifesaving Championships fee.
- c. Early Registration will end no sooner than fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the competition or a date agreed on by the Board of Directors.

##### 2. Late Registration

- a. The fee shall not be equal to the membership fee for the USLA.
- b. The fee shall be equal to or not exceed 25% of the late fee of the previous year's California Surf Lifesaving Championships fee.
- c. Late Registration will begin no sooner than thirteen (13) days prior to the start of the competition or a date agreed on by the Board of Directors.

#### B. California Surf Lifesaving U-19 Championships

##### 1. Early Registration

- a. The fee shall not be equal to the membership fee for the USLA.
- b. The fee shall be equal to or not exceed 25% of the fee of the previous year's California Surf Lifesaving U-19 Championships fee.
- c. Early Registration will end ~~no sooner than fourteen (14) days~~ at noon on the day prior to the start of the competition or a date agreed on by the Board of Directors.

##### 2. Late Registration

- a. The fee shall not be equal to the membership fee for the USLA.
- b. The fee shall be equal to or not exceed 25% of the late fee of the previous year's California Surf Lifesaving U-19 Championships fee.
- c. Late Registration will begin ~~no sooner than fourteen (14) days~~ at noon on the day prior to the start of the competition or a date agreed on by the Board of Directors.

#### C. California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships

##### 1. Early Registration

- a. The fee shall not be equal to the membership fee for the USLA.
- b. The fee shall be equal to or not exceed 25% of the fee of the previous year's California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships fee.
- c. Early Registration will end ~~no sooner than five (5) days~~ at noon on the day prior to the start of the competition or a date agreed on by the Board of Directors.

MOTION: By Mr. Sholl to approve the aforementioned new Policy/Procedure.

Second: Mr. Butki

MPU

#### D. Fundraising opportunity

1. Ryan Gates (CA State) detailed the wholesale pricing of the Waterman Stingray bags.
2. Mr. Beuerlein suggested that this would be an excellent project for the Fundraising Committee, however we really don't have any chairperson for that committee at this time. Mr. Beuerlein called for volunteers.
3. Brandi White and Byron Kine volunteered to co-chair the Fundraising committee.
4. Mr. Hughes will forward them their respective Committee Guidance Document.

X. Future Meetings

A. CSLSA Meetings and Dates

1. Fall 2024

a. Location: San Clemente City

b. Dates: October 10-11, 2024

2. Spring 2025

a. Location: Laguna/Crystal Cove (tentative)

b. Dates: April 2025 (TBA)

B. USLA Meetings and Dates

1. Spring 2024

a. Location: Pittsburgh, PA (Mid-Atlantic Region)

b. Dates: April 24-27, 2024

2. Fall 2024

a. Location: Oahu, Hawaii (Pacific Islands Region)

b. Dates: November 7-9, 2024

XI. **Privilege of the Chair** Mr. Humphreys

A. Mr. Avila expressed his gratitude for all the many people who contributed to the success of the meeting. In particular, he thanked the Capitola Lifeguards, especially Nikki Bryant and Brennan Howard. Avila thanked all in attendance and stated that it was his privilege to serve as President.

XII. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 11:11 AM

**Motion:** Moved by Ms. Graham

**Second:** Mr. Carey

**Action:** MPU



## *California Surf Lifesaving Association*

**TO:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Gustavo S. Avila, Esq.  
**DATE:** April 11, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** President's Report

Since our previous meeting, the following has taken place:

- I have continued to track and follow the CSLSA athletes that have trained and competed in Australia this winter. It appears that a number of California Open and Youth athletes will be considered for the US National Teams for the World Lifesaving Championships for 2024.
- I have been trying to obtain information from the USLA regarding a proposed Host Agreement for 2025 and 2026 Lifeguard Nationals, that that it can be reviewed by the HSBJLA, and to prepare a Draft agreement to present to the USLA at the next meeting. To date, I have not been successful in obtaining any information. I met with Tanya Woods to ask her if she was willing to help the HSBJLA BOD with the organization of the National Championships. She has told me that she would be willing to help organize and plan the events.
- I have been working with the Open and Youth Team staff in organizing workouts on both the east and west coasts. So far there has been 2 pool workouts in Florida, with 1 more to be announced. We held a pool camp in Costa Mesa on April 7, 2024 from 7:00 am to 10:00 am. There were participants from the Youth, Open and Age Groups. More camps will be scheduled in the near future. Some Canadian Pool officials have invited some of our coaches to attend training related to pool events, and the common violations that cause many swimmers to be disqualified during a race. It will be a Zoom training.
- I led a discussion by our Region related to the approval of the Empower media agreement. We were the only Region that voted "NO", with 2 people that failed to vote.
- Reviewed an email from the City of Oceanside's April Pools Day. It is supposed to be designed to promote water safety. A number of members of our Board have offered to help.
- SAFESPORT USA- I have been working with Kay Smiley to prepare a plan for implementing SAFESPORT into the USLA structure. I have completed the SAFESPORT training and have passed the required quiz. I have prepared and submitted recommendations to Kay for steps that should be taken by the USLA to ensure that that we are in compliance with the requirements. Some of the recommendations include: advising all participants that the USLA will not be the investigating agency or body for reported violations that reports of violations would be forwarded to SAFESPORT or the proper entity, which could include law enforcement. I also recommended that we identify a third party to receive the complaints on behalf of the USLA, and that the party should be made up of some individuals that are not USLA members.
- I have reviewed and responded to a number of emails regarding the proposed By-law change that was proposed during New Business at the Coronado meeting. Further discussion to take place this meeting.
- I have reviewed a proposed list of Committee chairs for the next 2 years. There have been some updates made recently. Further discussion to take place tonight. We hope to have the Committee Chairs approved at this meeting.
- I have received the emails regarding the changes and updates to the proposed Host Agreement for the 2024 CSLSA Regional Championships. Additional information will be provided at this meeting.
- I have reviewed the proposed Agenda for the Board of Directors meeting in Capitola.
- I have registered for the USLA Spring meeting.



# *California Surf Lifesaving Association*

**Southwest Region - United States Lifesaving Association**

PO Box 366 - Huntington Beach, California 92648

**To:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**From:** Casey Graham  
**Subject:** Vice President Report/ Junior Lifeguard Committee Report  
**Date:** April 11, 2024

It is fantastic to be here in Capitola for this meeting. I recall that when I became a member of the executive board in the role of fourth delegate, I asked a few of my predecessors where to start and which projects were worth a large amount of effort. Vince Lombardi and Charlotte Graham, I recall, told me the same thing. Find a project, run it by the president for guidance, and run with it. I sort of knew from my past as a competitor that there were three or more teams that competed at regionals that were not actually staffed nor supervised by lifeguards, or that their lifeguards were not being held to the standard of other agencies in California, which was the USLA minimum standard.

Capitola was one of those teams as was Carpinteria. Here we stand, about a decade later, and Capitola has truly moved in the right direction, in my opinion, and has arrived as a fully professionalized lifeguard service. They have gone through a number of changes and growing pains on their path to where they have gotten, to be sure, but I think we should commend them on their efforts and the result.

It should be no surprise to anyone here that I believe that robust educational programs, including of course, junior lifeguard programs, are critical components of a professional California lifeguard agency. I am glad to see that the long legacy of the junior lifeguard program here continues. Certainly, this coast has produced some amazing board paddlers and beach flaggers over the years.

The current and recent staff here in the City of Capitola are the ones who should share any sort of recognition for the progress made. On the CSLSA side, Mike Beuerlein is to thank. Mike was the CSLSA president at beginning of this journey, and he quickly took the lead on behalf of our association.

Since the last meeting of the board of directors, I have worked on the following on behalf of the association.

- **Meetings.** I have attended numerous meetings of our executive board and of USLA committees.

- **Host agreement subgroup.** I worked with Mr. Sholl and Mr. Beuerlein to update the host agreement for the regional championships.
- **Fee structure.** Chris Egan and I met multiple times to discuss the fee structure.
- **Updated rules on website.** I worked with Mr. Prosser to get the updated rules and guidelines for the junior lifeguard and U19 championships on the website.
- **Formal guidance document.** I finalized the guidance document for the junior lifeguard committee and it is now posted.
- **Maroochydore SLSC.** I met virtually and otherwise communicated at length with the representatives from the club who are planning their California tour this summer. I plan to introduce an idea for formalization of the exchange at the exchange committee meeting.
- **High Performance Squad.** There have been a number of HPS trainings over the course of the last six months. I have been in contact with staff from the senior team as well as senior team athletes who have run camps and less formal workouts in Florida. I have run a number of small workouts for athletes in my area. Very pleased that there will be a training tomorrow, focused on board paddlers and flaggers.
- **Lifesaving World Championships.** I have been working with the staff to finalize details for the youth national team, which I will again be head coaching. The staff has made a few confidential conditional offers to athletes to be part of the team so far and will continue to extend more of these offers in the near future.

Thank you,

Casey Graham



## *California Surf Lifesaving Association*

**TO:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Jim Hughes  
**DATE:** April 11, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** Secretary's Report

I continue to prepare minutes and set agendas for the Executive Board and Board of Directors meetings.

I attended the USLA BOD meeting in Ashville North Carolina. I participated in the mixing of the sand's ceremony. I also participated in several committee meetings and continued as the chair of the Heritage committee.

I attended two zoom meetings, one on January 30<sup>th</sup> and another on March 15<sup>th</sup> with the USLA Membership Committee. The purchasing of commemorative towels and coins was discussed as well as other preparations for the 60th anniversary.

As part of the commemoration, I committed to creating a video compilation of the USLA founding members. With help from Bob Moore, Bill Richardson, Dave Story and Gary Crum, I was able to incorporate some old photos into the video as well.

The video is on a flash drive which I will give to Mr. Beuerlein to present at the national meeting in Pittsburgh, as I will not be able to attend. I am hoping that it will inspire our members in the other regions to provide old photos of their founding members to the video's existing storyboard, so a more comprehensive video can be presented at Oahu in the Fall of 2024.

I continue to work on compiling the Committee Guidance Document. Which I will give and update under New Business

### **CalSurf Newsletter**

The Spring 2024 edition will include the following:

- Cover photo: California Bears and Weiland Shield Teams (Adam Sandler)
- Story: Heric Act Award for Juliana Akoubian (Bill Richardson)
- Story: Bondi Beach Competition (Adam Sandler)
- Story: Polish Lifeguard Tour (Ed Vodrazka)
- Story: California Gold Challenge (Rena Jackson)
- Agency Bio: Coronado Lifeguards (Nikki Bryant)

A special thanks goes out to the contributors!

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary





## California Surf Lifesaving Association

**TO:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Joseph A. Sholl  
**DATE:** 04/11/2024  
**SUBJECT:** Treasurer's Report

Since the last BOD Meeting, I have completed the following tasks on behalf of the CSLSA:

- Act on behalf of the CSLSA on financial matters.
  - Provide bookkeeping services for the CSLSA.
  - Receive payments, reimbursements to members, submit payments for services...
  - Prepared the End of Year (2023) financial report
  - Filed delinquent CA D.O.J. filings on behalf of the CSLSA (2017, 2018, 2019, 2021 & 2022).
  - Requested our 2023 taxes to be prepared by our accountant
  - Submitted payment for insurance.
    - I did not include Workers Compensation insurance for this year based on the CSLSA not having any employees.
- Attended the USLA Fall meeting
  - Participated in various committees
  - Conference Planning Committee was the most notable due to proposed Bylaw change.
- Collaborated with the CSLSA Vice President, CSLSA Past President Advisor, and the CSLSA JG Committee Co-Chair to update the CSLSA Championships Host agreement for EB review, discussion, edits, and approval.
- Reviewed the CSLSA Policy & Procedure manual.
  - Based on my review, I am proposing the following amendments and additions:
    - Section II-M: Dues Distribution. *(Amendment)*
    - Section V-C: Date(s) of the Regional Lifeguard Championships. *(Addition)*
    - Section V-D: Fee(s) of the Regional Lifeguard Championships. *(Addition)*
  - I collaborated with the EB, Lifesaving Sport Chairs, JG Chairs and Bylaws/Policy & Procedure Chairs to ensure the language in the proposals is inline with USLA policies and adheres to the spirit of the CSLSA.
- Participated in various virtual USLA Committee Meetings leading up to the Spring BOD meeting
  - Ways & Means Committee
  - Membership Committee
  - Conference Planning Committee

Respectfully  
 Joseph A. Sholl  
 CSLSA Treasurer

2023 Adopted Budget			
Date	Bank Account	Amount	
12/31/2023	Bank of America - Checking	\$ 70,018.84	
	Bank of America - Savings	\$ 15,641.72	
Income/Revenue	2023 Adopted Budget	2023 Actuals	2023 Over/Unders
Events	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -
Donation Received	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,053.14	\$ 5,053.14
	John Wayne Foundation	\$ 5,000.00	
	Amazon Smile	\$ 53.14	
Lifesaving Sport Registration	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 22,295.00	-\$705.00
	Professional	\$ 9,364.00	
	Junior	\$ 12,931.00	
	Host Payment	-\$ 5,573.80	
Member Dues	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 45,638.65	\$18,638.65
	2023 Membership Dues	\$ 24,390.00	
	2022 Membership Payments	\$ 21,248.65	
Officer Travel Inflows	\$ 0.00	\$ 405.26	\$ 405.26
	Hotel Refund for 2023 USLA - Bill H.	\$ 225.26	
	LA County Lakes Reimbursement	\$ 180.00	
Events Banquet	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Sponsorship	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0.00	
	Beachsport.org		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 73,392.05</b>	<b>\$ 13,392.05</b>
Expenditures/Costs	2023 Adopted Budget	2023 Actuals	2023 Over/Unders
Donation Given	\$ 0.00		
Executive Board	\$ 2,900.00	-\$ 26.94	\$ 2,873.06
	Sand Mixing Bowl	-\$ 26.94	
Insurance	\$ 5,000.00	-\$ 4,813.00	\$ 187.00
	Philadelphia	-\$ 2,645.00	
	Travelers	-\$ 2,168.00	
Magazine	\$ 1,000.00	-\$ 624.01	\$ 375.99
	Spring Newsletter Printing	-\$ 277.01	
	Lifscribe Pen	-\$ 15.04	
	Fall Newsletter Printing	-\$ 331.96	
Membership Committee	\$ 6,000.00	-\$ 4,339.60	\$ 1,660.40
	2022 Membership Kits - JG	-\$ 127.00	
	2023 Membership Kits - Adults	-\$ 3,768.67	
	2023 Decals	-\$ 443.93	
Office Supplies	\$ 500.00	-\$ 714.59	\$ (214.59)
	General Office Supplies		
	2023 - PO Box Rental	-\$ 166.00	
	2024 - PO Box Rental	-\$ 176.00	
	Quickbooks	-\$ 360.00	
	Postage for M.B.	-\$ 12.59	
Professional Fees	\$ 900.00	-\$ 825.00	\$ 75.00
	Franchise Tax Board Fee	-\$ 25.00	
	Taxes	-\$ 800.00	
Special Awards & Presentations	\$ 500.00	-\$ 399.55	\$ 100.45
	Awards, Frames, Bubble Wrap	-\$ 327.10	
	Paper & Ink	-\$ 72.45	

Travel & Meetings	\$ 15,000.00		-\$ 16,096.79	\$ (1,096.79)
		Spring USLA Meeting	-\$ 5,657.10	
		Fall USLA Meeting	-\$ 10,439.69	
Exchange Committee	\$ 1,500.00		-\$ 902.00	\$ 598.00
		Stipend for presentation	-\$ 150.00	
		Exchange Stipend	-\$ 500.00	
		Reimbursement for Catalina Trip	-\$ 252.00	
Website	\$ 1,000.00		-\$ 739.50	\$ 260.50
		Gate.com	-\$ 199.50	
		Studio 11 Productions (3)	-\$ 540.00	
Social Media	\$ 200.00			\$ -
Public Relations	\$ 0.00			\$ -
Reconcillie Discrepancies	\$ 0.00			\$ -
<b>Total Expenditure Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 34,500.00</b>		<b>-\$ 28,578.98</b>	
<b>Restricted Accounts</b>				
	<b>2023 Adopted Budget</b>		<b>2023 Actuals</b>	<b>2023 Over/Unders</b>
	<b>Expenditures</b>			
Junior Lifeguards	\$ 13,000.00		-\$ 9,088.59	\$ 3,911.41
		2022 Regional Competition Supplies	-\$ 1,591.79	
		2023 Regional Awards	-\$ 5,107.35	
		2023 JG Grant - Morrow Bay	-\$ 947.85	
		2023 JG Membership Kits	-\$ 2,041.60	
		2022 JGOY Returns	\$ 600.00	
Lifesaving Sport	\$ 7,500.00		-\$ 3,228.73	\$ 4,271.27
		2022 Regional Competition Supplies	-\$ 1,591.79	
		2023 Regional Adult Awards	-\$ 1,636.94	
Public Education	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 0.00	\$ 5,000.00
<b>Total Restricted Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 25,500.00</b>		<b>-\$ 12,317.32</b>	<b>\$ 13,182.68</b>

**2024 YTD Budget Report**

Date	Bank Account	Amount	
4/9/2024	Bank of America - Checking	\$ 68,596.81	
	Bank of America - Savings	\$ 15,642.89	
Income/Revenue	2024 Adopted Budget	2024 Actuals	2024 Over/Unders
Events	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -
Donation Received	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -
	John Wayne Foundation		
Lifesaving Sport Registration	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 0.00	-\$23,000.00
	Professional		
	Junior		
	Misc.		
Member Dues	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 2,780.00	-\$30,220.00
	2023 dues	\$ 2,780.00	
Officer Travel Inflows	\$ 0.00	\$ 939.93	\$ 939.93
	Returned Funds from USLA Fall Meeting Travel & Meeting (S.C.)	\$ 939.93	
Events Banquet	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Sponsorship	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 56,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,719.93</b>	<b>-\$ 52,280.07</b>
Expenditures/Costs	2024 Adopted Budget	2024 Actuals	2024 Over/Unders
Donation Given	\$ 0.00		
Executive Board	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,900.00
Insurance	\$ 5,000.00	-\$ 2,574.00	\$ 2,426.00
	Philadelphia Travelers	-\$ 2,574.00	
Magazine	\$ 800.00	-\$ 403.56	\$ 396.44
	Spring Newsletter Publishing	-\$ 403.56	
Membership Committee	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 590.00
	General Office Supplies		
	PO Box Rental		
	Quickbooks - Jan/Feb/Mar	\$ 90.00	
	Postage for M.B.		
Professional Fees	\$ 900.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 900.00
	Franchise Tax Board Fee		
	Taxes		
Special Awards & Presentations	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00
Travel & Meetings	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 14,500.00
	Spring USLA Meeting		
	Fall USLA Meeting		
Exchange Committee	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,300.00

Website	\$ 1,000.00	-\$ 374.40	\$ 625.60
		Gate.com -\$ 239.40	
		Studio 11 Productions -\$ 135.00	
Social Media	\$ 200.00		\$ -
Public Education	\$ 5,000.00	\$0.00	\$ 5,000.00
Public Relations	\$ 0.00		\$ -
Reconcilile Discrepancies	\$ 0.00		\$ -
<b>Total Expenditure Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 38,600.00</b>	<b>-\$ 3,261.96</b>	
<b>Restricted Accounts</b>			
	<b>2024 Adopted Budget</b>	<b>2024 Actuals</b>	<b>2024 Over/Unders</b>
	<b>Expenditures</b>		
Junior Lifeguards		\$ 9,360.94	\$ 7,660.94
		2023 JG of the Year \$ 1,700.00	
Lifesaving Sport		\$ 9,313.79	\$ 9,313.79
<b>Total Restricted Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,674.73</b>	<b>\$ 18,674.73</b>



## *California Surf Lifesaving Association* **Policies and Procedures Proposal**

**Number:** V-C

**Adopted:**

**Authority:**

**SUBJECT: DATE(S) OF THE REGIONAL LIFEGUARD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**PURPOSE:** To establish the official date(s) of the California Surf Lifesaving Championships, California Surf Lifesaving U-19, and the California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships.

The California Surf Lifesaving Championships, California Surf Lifesaving U-19, and the California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships shall be held on the following annual date(s):

- A. California Surf Lifesaving Championships
  - The fourth Saturday of July
- B. California Surf Lifesaving U-19 Championships
  - The Friday prior to the California Surf Lifesaving Championships
- C. California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships
  - The Friday prior to the California Surf Lifesaving Championships

The date(s) may be changed with a vote from the Board of Directors.



## *California Surf Lifesaving Association* **Policies and Procedures Proposal**

**Number:** V-D

**Adopted:**

**Authority:**

**SUBJECT:** FEES OF THE REGIONAL LIFEGUARD CHAMPIONSHIPS

**PURPOSE:** To establish the official fees of the California Surf Lifesaving Championships, California Surf Lifesaving U-19, and the California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships.

There will be a competition entry fee for all competitors competing in the California Surf Lifesaving Championships, California Surf Lifesaving U-19, and the California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships. A portion of the monies will be distributed as outlined in the California Surf Lifesaving Association Policies & Procedures manual II-N.

The official fees for the California Surf Lifesaving Championships, California Surf Lifesaving U-19, and the California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships shall be proposed, discussed, and voted on by the Board of Directors at the Fall Board of Directors meeting.

There shall be two fees for each competition: Early Registration and Late Registration. When establishing fees and date(s) of Late Registration, the Board of Directors shall adhere to the following guideline:

**A. California Surf Lifesaving Championships**

- **Early Registration**
  - The fee shall not be equal to the membership fee for the USLA.
  - The fee shall be equal to or not exceed 25% of the fee of the previous year's California Surf Lifesaving Championships fee.
  - Early Registration will end no sooner than fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the competition or a date agreed on by the Board of Directors.
- **Late Registration**
  - The fee shall not be equal to the membership fee for the USLA.
  - The fee shall be equal to or not exceed 25% of the late fee of the previous year's California Surf Lifesaving Championships fee.
  - Late Registration will begin no sooner than thirteen (13) days prior to the start of the competition or a date agreed on by the Board of Directors.

**B. California Surf Lifesaving U-19 Championships**

- **Early Registration**
  - The fee shall not be equal to the membership fee for the USLA.
  - The fee shall be equal to or not exceed 25% of the fee of the previous year's California Surf Lifesaving U-19 Championships fee.
  - Early Registration will end no sooner than fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the competition or a date agreed on by the Board of Directors.
- **Late Registration**
  - The fee shall not be equal to the membership fee for the USLA.
  - The fee shall be equal to or not exceed 25% of the late fee of the previous year's California Surf Lifesaving U-19 Championships fee.
  - Late Registration will begin no sooner than thirteen (13) days prior to the

start of the competition or a date agreed on by the Board of Directors.

C. California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships

- Early Registration
  - The fee shall not be equal to the membership fee for the USLA.
  - The fee shall be equal to or not exceed 25% of the fee of the previous year's California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships fee.
  - Early Registration will end no sooner than five (5) days prior to the start of the competition or a date agreed on by the Board of Directors.
- Late Registration
  - The fee shall not be equal to the membership fee for the USLA.
  - The fee shall be equal to or not exceed 25% of the fee of the previous year's California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships fee.
  - Late Registration will begin no sooner than four (4) days prior to the start of the competition or a date agreed on by the Board of Directors.





## *California Surf Lifesaving Association*

**TO:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Tony Sholl, Way and Means Committee Chair  
**DATE:** 04/12/2024  
**SUBJECT:** **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

1. Review and discuss the 2023 Year End Budget.
2. Review and discuss the 2024 Year to Date Budget.



## *California Surf Lifesaving Association*

**TO:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Michael A. Beuerlein  
**DATE:** April 11, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** Advisor Report

### **Capitola**

Congratulations to The City of Capitola Lifeguard Service for achieving USLA Lifeguard Agency Certification. The USLA Certification program is one of the USLA's most important objectives. Capitola Recreation Division Manager Nikki Bryant and Capitola Lifeguard Captain Brennan Howard should be recognized for accomplishing this honor. We appreciate that they are hosting the CSLSA Board of Directors Meeting this Spring.

### **CSLSA Committee Chairs**

President Avila accepted my offer to assist with the recruitment of new committee chairs. Most of the committee chairs from last term will be staying on. We are still looking for some help with the **Fundraising** Committee. President Avila will have the opportunity to make the final appointments for approval by the Board of Directors.

### **USLA**

As USLA Advisor, I have been working with Chip More and Adam Sandler on how to best garner support for United States House of Representatives Concurrent Resolution 41 to have Open Water Lifeguards recognized as First Responders in federal legislation.

I have also been helping the USLA President with special assignments and USLA Committee Coordination & Meetings.

In addition, I have also been working with the Executive Committee, Conference Planning Committee, Certification Committee, Public Education Committee, Bylaw Committee, Heroic Acts Committee and the Fundraising Project Group.

### **CSLSA Agendas & Minutes**

At the CSLSA President's request, I continue to review CSLSA Agendas & Minutes and submit recommendations to the President & Secretary prior to their distribution to the Executive Board and Board of Directors.

### **Counsel & Advice**

I continue to provide counsel and advise to the CSLSA President as needed.



## *California Surf Lifesaving Association*

**TO:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Jay Butki, 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Delegate  
**DATE:** 4/11/2024  
**SUBJECT:** 26<sup>th</sup> Wieland Shield Exchange tour Report

Since our Fall meeting, I took a deep plunge into logistical coordinating and financing the California Lifeguard Teams heading to the SLSA Super Surf Teams League, the Summer of Surf Competitions at Manly & Freshwater, and the 26th Wieland Shield tour of New South Wales and Victoria in January 2024. The last LSV tour of California was in July/August 2015 and the last Wieland Shield tour Down Under by the California Lifeguard team was in January 2018.

The Wieland Shield exchange concept was created by Bob Burnside as an exchange between LA County Lifeguards & Life Saving Victoria (LSV) in the early 1960s. Life Saving Victoria now has over 500 employees and 37,000 volunteer members and services, 692 declared beaches and has 67 professional staffed Lifeguard stations. LSV works under the umbrella of Emergency Management Victoria (EMV) as part of the State's emergency management services and is recognized by the Victorian Government as a core agency that plays a role in delivering EMV's strategic emergency action plans. Our other key links with government are in the areas of health and sport, and recreation. LSV are a non-profit charity but also part of Emergency Services Victoria so they operate akin to our CHP or Cal Fire as the States Aquatic agency for Ocean, Lakes and River safety .

The 18 California Lifeguard Athlete representatives were selected off of their respective 2023 & 2022 CSLSA Regionals and USLA Nationals results and their results potentials and their availability.

### 2024 California Lifeguard Touring Team-SLSA Super Surf Teams League, Summer of Surf, 26th Wieland Shield Tour

**Sae Ackerstein** - Santa Cruz Fire Dept. Marine Safety Division  
**Kelsey Cummings** - LACoFD Lifeguard Division, Southern Section  
**Alex Higginson** - San Clemente Marine Safety Division Lifeguard Service  
**Claire Kelly** - Laguna Beach Dept. of Marine Safety  
**Coral Kemp** - LACoFD Lifeguard Division & Cal. State Parks, Crystal Cove & Laguna  
**Holly Maine** - LACoFD Lifeguard Division, Northern Section  
**Jenna Solberg** - LACoFD Lifeguard Division, Southern Section  
**Abbey Vince** - LACoFD Lifeguard Division & Long Beach  
**Brandi White** - Cal. State Parks, Orange Coast District, Crystal Cove

**Stephen Blaauw** - LACoFD Lifeguard Division, Northern Section  
**Matt Holt** - LACoFD Lifeguard Division, Central Section  
**David McKeeman** - Cal. State Parks, San Diego  
**Jake Miller** - LACoFD Lifeguard Division, Southern Section  
**Brian Murphy** - LACoFD Lifeguard Division, Southern Section  
**Lukas Pohlman** - LACoFD Lifeguard Division, Southern Section  
**Davy Thomas** - LACoFD Lifeguard Division, Southern Section  
**Ben Tran** - LACoFD Lifeguard Division, Northern Section & Cal State Parks, Malibu Coast

WS Tour Manager: **Jay Butki** - retired LACoFD LG Div. Paramedic Rescue Boat Captain  
 SSSL Manager / Coach: **Merrill Riley** - retired LACoFD LG Div. Captain  
 Assistant Manager: **Ryan Gates** - Cal. State Parks, Orange Coast District, Crystal Cove  
 WS Coach: **Shane Scoggins** - Cal. State Parks, Channel Coast District, Gaviota  
 Educational Officer: Captain **Greg Crum** - LACoFD Lifeguard Division, Southern Section

We initially had 24% (7 out of 29) of the CSLSA Chapters represented on the team: LA Co, Cal State, Laguna, Long Beach, San Clemente, Santa Cruz, and at one point Santa Barbara.

The 22 California Lifeguard team members flew to Sydney and visited Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club, Bondi SLSC, Wanda SLSC, Manly LSC, Freshwater SLSC, then head south to Melbourne, Victoria and visit with Half Moon Bay LSC, Ocean Grove SLSC, Anglesea SLSC, and Lorne SLSC in addition to a few other clubs and visits to SLSA HQ and Life Saving Victoria HQs for some Ops training and the LSV Helicopter Rescue Base at Barwon Heads as part of this educational and competitive lifesaving exchange.

This tour the California Lifeguard Team was invited to be the very first non-Australian Team competing against 16 Australian teams of 4 male & 4 female competitors representing areas of their respective states at the Super Surf Teams League event at Maroubra Jan 12-14 that is held in conjunction with Surf Life Saving Australia's Interstate Competition and 2 rounds of the 2023-2024 NutriGrain Ironman & Ironwoman Competition. The California Bears had a couple of top 10 finishes and the team was warmly welcomed and featured throughout SLSA Social Media, marketing and several interviews on the TV and live stream broadcasts. The California Bears were invited back to compete at the 2025 Super Surf Teams League slated for January 2025 on the Sunshine Coast.

After Maroubra on Thursday Jan 18<sup>th</sup> the California Lifeguard Team had a TV film day and competition between the California Lifeguards and the Waverly Council Bondi Lifeguards as part of the 18<sup>th</sup> season of the hit TV series "Bondi Rescue". The California Team won the Relay competition. The Bondi Rescue TV episode should be broadcast later this month.

On Friday Jan 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> the 18 athletes on the Team competed at the Shaw & Partners Summer of Surf Manly Open Surf Classic, and the Summer of Surf Freshwater 5000 Opens Carnival on Sunday Jan 21 and then the Wieland Shield Team of 12 representative athletes, a female alternate, and the 4 staff flew down to Victoria to begin the 26<sup>th</sup> Wieland Shield Tour.

After a stop at the UrbanSurf artificial wave near Melbourne Airport on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> the Team were guests of Half Moon Bay Life Saving Club on the eastern bay side of Port Philip Bay in the heart of Melbourne. On Tues the 23<sup>rd</sup> we had a sports media day in the morning at the Melbourne Sports Aquatic Centre, and then headed to a second media event focused on lifesaving and emergency services at the Life Saving Victoria HQ where we had some Operations lectures, and then we drove an hour to the LSV Helicopter Rescue Base at Barwon Heads for Lifesaver Helicopter lectures and demonstrations.

The Team then headed to 2 days at Ocean Grove SLSC and then on to Anglesea SLSC for 5 nights, plus a day trip to Lorne SLSC. On Australia Day Friday Jan 26 we compete day 1 of the 26<sup>th</sup> Wieland Shield, followed by day 2 at Anglesea SLSC on Saturday January 27. The Team had some great Shield races but California lost to the home team 38-32 on the 1<sup>st</sup> day at Ocean Grove and 45-33 on day 2 at Anglesea for a total final score of 83-65.

On Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup> we were given passes to the final day at the Australian Open Tennis Tournament.

Special thanks to Life Saving Victoria employees and volunteer staff including new General Manager for Sports Participation Ryan O'Connor, new Senior Sport Manager Chris Schleusener, Aquatic Sport Director Aaron Green, LSV Team Manager Jono Holt, LSV Coach Jamo Porter, Wieland Shield Team Manager Dr. Same Hume, Wieland Shield team Coach David Strahan, Ocean Grove SLSC and Sonia Kinsey, Half Moon Bay SLSC and Cliff Goulding, and the Chief Executive Officer of Life Saving Victoria Catherine Greaves, who replaced Nigel Taylor.

**27<sup>th</sup> Wieland Shield Tour:** July/August 2025 LSV to tour Southern California. WS Competition August 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

28<sup>th</sup> Wieland Shield Tour: January 2027 Californians tour of Life Saving Victoria

29<sup>th</sup> Wieland Shield Tour: July/August 2028 -WS Competition August 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2028

**John Wayne Cancer Foundation x CSLSA "Block the Blaze" So Cal Paddle Down**

The PaddleDown Board relay will travel from agency to agency down the coast from Gaviota to San Diego.

We no longer have Boards to use for this year's paddle so will need to rustle up some 12' boards. Need to plan & budget for boards. While the SPOT brand GPS trackers really helped monitoring the paddles progress, we still need to improve inter-agency communications and relay board progress.



## *California Surf Lifesaving Association*

**TO:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Skip Prosser  
**DATE:** April 11, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** Second Delegate Report

Thank you to the City of Capitola, the Capitola Beach Lifeguard Association and the hard work of Recreation Division Manager Nikki Bryant and Lifeguard Captain Brennan Howard for hosting the 2024 Spring Board of Directors meeting. Thank you to all of you who are able to be in attendance.

I attended the USLA 2024 Fall BOD meeting in Asheville, NC in November where it was an election year. The USLA Board of Directors was re-elected, and Mike Beuerlein was appointed as Advisor to the President. Our region is represented in the USLA in many committees and special assignments.

**Mike Beuerlein**  
President Advisor

**Chris Brewster**  
Vice Chair, Certification

**Charlotte Graham**  
Vice Chair, Procurement and Online Store

**Coral Kemp**  
Vice Chair, Contracts and Finance

**Jay Butki**  
Vice Chair, National Team Coordination

**Ryan Gates**  
Vice Chair, Lifesaving Sport Polices and Compliance

**Jim Hughes**  
Chair, Heritage

**Skip Prosser**  
Scoring Director

There were a lot of ideas presented in Asheville that should be brought up in the respective committee meetings and there were a few items that I believe we shouldn't ever miss out on going forward. First, there were NO USLA Junior Guard of the year submissions turned in at the time. Secondly, there are Pub Ed Grants available for agencies who can articulate a good cause. I want to also note that there is an increase in membership fees to \$40 as of April 1, 2024.

I encourage you to please review the USLA meeting minutes from November, which can be accessed online at [usla.org](http://usla.org) when logged in:

Profile Home → Meetings – Board Of Directors Meetings (left hand column) → Group Pages (at top)

Other items of note:

As CSLSA Website Vice Chair made various changes to the website noted in the Website Activity Report

Attended USLA Lifesaving Sport pre Spring USLA Meeting via Zoom (Ed Zebrowski) March 2024

Attended USLA Junior Lifeguard pre Spring USLA Meeting via Zoom (Bruce Wilkie) March 2024

Attended USLA Membership pre Spring USLA Meeting via Zoom February 2024

I look forward to a great meeting!

Respectfully,

Skip Prosser



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**TO:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Sean Carey  
**DATE:** April 11, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** Third Delegate Activity Report for Spring 2024 Board of Directors Meeting

Since the fall meeting which we were honored to host in Coronado I have been engaged in the following:

- Attended the Fall USLA Board of Directors Meeting in Asheville, North Carolina. I was confirmed as the San Diego County Agency certification officer by the USLA. Just recently I was tasked with reviewing the Agency Certification Application for YMCA Camp Surf in Imperial Beach. I reviewed their documentation, toured their facilities, and sent my Report of Findings (ROF) to Kay Smiley, Executive Director of the USLA. Camp Surf meets all the requirements for Lifeguard Agency Certification (not advanced) and I am confident they will be certified this Spring at the USLA BoD meeting.
- Mailed letter to Congressman Juan Vargas on CSLSA letterhead urging him to support House Resolution 41 which would identify Open Water Lifeguards as First Responders and Emergency Response Providers. I believe this is a good step in the right direction towards getting open water Lifeguards more recognition nationally and locally, on par with other emergency workers.
- Volunteered to be a scholarship judge for the Triple V Foundation which provides cash scholarships to students for college. [www.triple3v.org](http://www.triple3v.org)
- Provided some advice and sponsor contact info to our hosts of the Spring BoD meeting here in Capitola. Sent meeting flyers to my SD County chapter contacts again to encourage attendance on multiple occasions.
- Attended two community forums last month regarding water quality in Imperial Beach and Coronado. Excoriated the Imperial Beach City Council (as a resident of IB) and urged them to roger up and do a better job protecting their lifeguards.
- Attended a few San Diego Lifeguard Advisory Committee (SLAC) meetings where one of the agenda items was a study being conducted by a student at UCSD regarding Lifeguards exposed to contaminants in the water at their workplace and associated illnesses. Distributed information and QR code on said study to all SD County Lifeguard Chapters. Also connected Secretary Mr. Hughes with researcher to publish this information in the Spring 2024 edition of The Cal Surf News. See more info on this in Professional Standards Committee Report.
- Connected Ed Vodraska with Mr. Hughes regarding visiting Lifeguard "Juice" and possibly including his story in the Cal Surf News.



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**TO:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Coral Kemp  
**DATE:** April 11, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** Fourth Delegate Report

### Summary

I spent the end of 2023, and early 2024 on the East Coast of Australia training and competing surf lifesaving sport as part of the 26th Wieland Shield Tour (**See 26th Wieland Shield Exchange tour Report from Jay Butki**). I traveled to three states training with various Surf Lifesaving Clubs: Coogee SLSC, Bondi, SLSC, Noosa SLSC, Alexandra Headlands SLSC, Half Moon Bay SLSC, Ocean Grove SLSC, Anglesea SLSC, etc. I brought back with me so many new and great experiences and a training regimen which I am excited to share with our ocean athletes as we prepare for Worlds in August.

### Professional

- I continue to work for the LACoFD Lifeguard Division within the Junior Lifeguard Program as the Advanced Programs Coordinator. This work entails preparation and implementation of two advanced programs:
  - The Cadet Program encourages 16-17 year old Junior Lifeguards to take their careers to the next level in anticipation of applying for the position of Ocean Lifeguard Candidate within the next few years. The Cadet Program Curriculum is tailored primarily for public safety and knowledge of rescue techniques and basic first aid.
  - The Surf Racing Team is open to Junior Lifeguards ages 14-17 who enjoy the sport aspect of Junior Lifeguards. Surf Racing Team members receive specialized training in surf lifesaving sport as part of their tuition paid program, learning the surf ski, 10'6" paddle board racing, swimming, soft sand running, and other ocean sports.
- I've also been asked to speak at the SoCal Water Safety Summit in "Rapid Presentation" on behalf of the LA County Lifeguards as they tour Southern California.

### Association

- LACoSLSA
  - I am currently on the Board of Directors for the Los Angeles County Surf Lifesaving Association.

- CSLSA

- I will be heading the Public Relations Committee. My first order of business has been to make contact with Isaiah Mullen who has been chairing the Social Media Committee. I think Social Media is closely tied to public relations. As such, I've taken an interest in our Instagram and will be strategizing ways to communicate our mission, and promote the committees of CSLSA and showcase individual chapters.
- On Friday, April 12, USLA National Teams Flags Coach Joji Abasolo and I will be holding a Clinic at Cowell's Beach for lifesaving athletes in the Capitola and Santa Cruz area. Although this is the first of its kind in conjunction with the CSLSA meeting, I believe that partnering with the host agency at Spring and Fall BoD meetings will foster relationships with the surrounding communities.

- USLA

- Currently, I hold the position of Vice Chair for the Lifesaving Sport Committee under Ed Zebrowski III. My focus is on improving language within our policies and procedures. For the Spring BoD Meeting, we will have new language and procedures for the selection of National Teams Management and Coaching Staff for the Youth and Open Teams.
- At the Spring 2023 BoD Meeting, I motioned to have the USLA adopt policy for the US National and Youth National Teams Management and Coaching Staff to be certified under SafeSport to protect any youth members while traveling on National Teams. I've been working with the USLA Executive Director, Kay Smiley, to onboard and ensure coaching/management staff with the SafeSport compliance.
- I have been working remotely with Volusia SLSA member, April O'Gorman, to build the social media presence of the USLA Surf Lifesaving Sport Page. While she has spearheaded the process, I've assisted with procuring interviews of National Team members, and most recently filmed b-roll from our West Coast Pool Training we held on April 7 in Costa Mesa.
- On Sunday, April 7, I assisted the US National Youth and Open Teams Management and Coaching staff to organize a pool rescue clinic in Costa Mesa for any interested Juniors, Professionals, and Alumni. In total we had 16 participants, with National Team Head Coach Hunter Hay (LA County), Asst. Coach Merrill Riley (LA County), Youth National Team Head Coach Casey Graham (CA State), Asst. Coach Joji Abasolo (LA County), and Youth National Team Manager Gus Avila (Ca State). We had legendary representation from Randall Eickhoff (CA State), Kelsey Cummings (LA County), and Ann Finley (LA County).





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April 11-12, 2024

### Bylaws/Policies & Procedures

By Robert A. Moore and William J. Richardson, Committee Co-Chairs

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Sean J. Carey  
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Coral A. Kemp  
*Fourth Executive Delegate*

There was a Bylaw proposal by Mr. Baginski made under New Business per direction of the Bylaws/Policies & Procedures Committee Co-Chair at the last meeting. The proposal was submitted to the CSLSA Secretary for posting in the 2023 Fall CSLSA BOD Meeting DRAFT Minutes to meet the Bylaw proposal requirements. The President will call for the vote at this meeting on this proposed Bylaw change during the appropriate time under Old Business. There is no Motion or Second required as the proposal is on the Table to be voted. The Board of Directors will vote either Yea or Nay with no discussion. The results of the vote will determine if the Bylaw will be changed as written or not. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Delegates and proxies, if any, is required to adopt the proposed Bylaw amendment(s) (Page 24 of the CSLSA Bylaws, Article XIV Amendments, Section 2 Adopting Amendments, D.).

The current Bylaw for Article V is as follows:

#### Article V

#### Membership

##### SECTION 1 – Association Membership

The membership of the CSLSA shall be made up of the following members: Professional Members, Life Members, Alumni Members, Junior Lifeguard Members, Associate Members and other such Special Memberships as defined in Section 2 of this Article.

##### SECTION 2 – Individual Membership

###### A. Professional Member

1. To qualify as a Professional Member, an individual Must:
  - a. be a direct, active, seasonal or retired employee, including a chief, director or equivalent, of an ocean, bay lake, river or open water lifesaving or rescue service; and
  - b. have worked a minimum of eight hours annually for a respective service, or is retired from service and has worked in the service fifteen (15) years or more and

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- maintained membership, in good standing, in the CSLSA; and
      - c. Be a member of a local chapter for voting privileges; and
      - d. Pay annual dues to the Chapter, Region and National organization as prescribed by the Board of Directors of each.
- 2. A Professional Member is eligible to exercise voting privileges and to hold office at the Chapter, Regional or National level.
- 3. A Professional Member who elects to pay a one-time membership fee, as defined and established in Policies and Procedures, shall be known as a Perpetual Member (refer to Policies and Procedures Number II-L Membership Duration and Dues).

**B. Life Member**

- 1. To qualify as a Life Member, and individual must:
  - a. Be recommended; and
  - b. Duly submitted; and
  - c. Be approved according to the Policies and Procedures prescribed by the CSLSA
- 2. A Life Member shall have all the privileges and benefits of a Professional Member for the remainder of their life including the privilege to vote and hold office. Dues shall not be required of Life Members.

**C. Alumni Member**

- 2. To qualify as a Alumni Member, and individual must:
  - a. have previously been a Professional Member; and
  - b. be currently ineligible for Professional Member status; and
  - c. be a member of a Local Chapter; and
  - d. pay annual dues to the Chapter, Region and National organization as prescribed by the Board of Directors of each.
- 2. An Alumni Member is eligible to exercise voting privileges and to hold office at the Chapter, Regional or National level.
- 3. An Alumni member may choose to affiliate with a Chapter for whom they have never worked due to geographical or logistical reasons. The affiliate Chapter must approve the request and the Alumni Member shall pay applicable Chapter dues.

#### **D. Junior Lifeguard Member**

1. To qualify as a Junior Lifeguard Member, an individual:
  - a. Must be enrolled in a CSLSA recognized junior lifeguard program;
  - b. Shall pay annual dues to the chapter, region, and national association as prescribed by the Board of Directors at each level.
2. A Junior Lifeguard Member has no voting rights and is not eligible to hold an elective office.

#### **E. Associate Member**

1. Any individual who does not otherwise qualify as a member and who desires to support and obtain membership in the CSLSA is eligible to be an Associate Member.
2. An Associate Member has no voting rights and is not eligible to hold an elective office. Associate Members shall pay annual dues to the association as prescribed by the Board of Directors.

#### **F. Honorary Member**

Any individual so designated by the Board of Directors may qualify as an Honorary Member under the terms and conditions and for the period specified by the Board of Directors.

#### **G. Supporting Member**

1. Individuals, corporations, places of business and other such institutions may become Supporting Members of the CSLSA under the terms and conditions thereof, and for the period specified by the Board of Directors.
2. A Supporting Member has no voting rights and is not eligible to hold an elective office.

### **SECTION 3 – MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING**

CSLSA members in good standing shall have and enjoy all the privileges and benefits of the CSLSA, if such member:

- A. Pays all required dues and assessments in accordance with these Bylaws and as assessed by the Board of Directors at each level; and
- B. Abides by all membership standards as set forth herein and by the Association.

## **SECTION 4 – ASSIGNMENT OF MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the CSLSA is not transferable or assignable.

The Bylaw proposal is as follows:

### ***Article V***

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

##### ***SECTION 2 – Individual Membership***

###### ***A. Professional Member***

- 1. To qualify as a Professional Member, an individual must:  
Be a direct, active, seasonal or retired employee, including a chief, director or equivalent, of an ocean, bay, lake, river or open water lifesaving or rescue service or Junior Lifeguard Program; and*

Note:

All discussion of the proposed Bylaw above, must be made in the Bylaws/Policy & Procedures Committee and not on the floor. We are requesting a Bylaws/Policy & Procedures Committee meeting for discussion and clarifications for any Board of Director interested.

Due to personal reasons, Bylaws/P&P's Co-Chair Bill Richardson is unable to attend this meeting. Mr. Richardson submitted a letter to this committee that is addressed to the CSLSA President. The letter will be read during the discussion period in committee regarding the proposed Bylaw change.

There have been three Policy & Procedures proposals submitted by the Treasurer. One proposal is a proposed Policy change. And two proposals are proposed new Policies.

The proposed Policy change is to II-M Dues Distribution.

*Dues Distribution*

*A. Lifeguard Membership Dues*

1. 50% to USLA
2. 50% to CSLSA

*B. Junior Lifeguard Membership Dues*

1. ~~80% to USLA~~      50% to USLA
2. ~~20% to CSLSA~~      50% to CSLSA

Upon receipt of this proposal, this CSLSA Bylaws/P&P's Committee Chair investigated with the USLA Junior Lifeguard Committee Chair and the USLA Bylaws/Policy & Procedures Committee Chair to clarify the intent of dues distribution. The above proposal is in conflict with the USLA P&P's.

Based on further research, this CSLSA Bylaws/P&P's Committee Chair is recommending the following:

*Dues Distribution*

*A. Lifeguard Membership Dues*

- USLA fulfillment costs deducted prior to USLA/CSLSA percentage split*
1. 50% to USLA *after fulfillment deduction*
  2. 50% to CSLSA *after fulfillment deduction*

*B. Junior Lifeguard Membership Dues*

- USLA fulfillment costs deducted prior to USLA/CSLSA percentage split*
1. ~~80% to USLA~~      50% to USLA *after fulfillment deduction*
  2. ~~20% to CSLSA~~      50% to CSLSA *after fulfillment deduction*

Note:

Percentages are used in this recommendation and not dollar amounts. The USLA makes the dollar amounts and can change at the vote of their Board of Directors. Percentages stay constant for our region.

The two new Policy proposals are as follows:

**Number:** V-D

**Adopted:**

**Authority:**

**SUBJECT: FEES OF THE REGIONAL LIFEGUARD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**PURPOSE:** To establish the official fees of the California Surf Lifesaving Championships, California Surf Lifesaving U-19, and the California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships

There will be a competition entry fee for all competitors competing in the California Surf Lifesaving Championships, California Surf Lifesaving U-19, and the California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships. A portion of the monies will be distributed as outlined in the California Surf Lifesaving Association Policies & Procedures manual II-N

The official fees for the California Surf Lifesaving Championships, California Surf Lifesaving U-19, and the California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships shall be proposed, discussed, and voted on by the Board of Directors at the Fall Board of Directors meeting.

There shall be two fees for each competition: Early Registration and Late Registration. When establishing fees and date(s) of Late Registration, the Board of Directors shall adhere to the following guideline:

A. California Surf Lifesaving Championships

1. Early Registration

- a. The fee shall not be equal to the membership fee for the USLA.
- b. The fee shall be equal to or not exceed 25% of the fee of the previous year's California Surf Lifesaving Championships fee.
- c. Early Registration will end no sooner than fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the competition or a date agreed on by the Board of Directors.

2. Late Registration

- a. The fee shall not be equal to the membership fee for the USLA.
- b. The fee shall be equal to or not exceed 25% of the late fee of the previous year's California Surf Lifesaving Championships fee.
- c. Late Registration will begin no sooner than thirteen (13) days prior to the start of the competition or a date agreed on by the Board of Directors.

## B. California Surf Lifesaving U-19 Championships

### 1. Early Registration

- a. The fee shall not be equal to the membership fee for the USLA.
- b. The fee shall be equal to or not exceed 25% of the fee of the previous year's California Surf Lifesaving U-19 Championships fee.
- c. Early Registration will end no sooner than fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the competition or a date agreed on by the Board of Directors.

### 2. Late Registration

- a. The fee shall not be equal to the membership fee for the USLA.
- b. The fee shall be equal to or not exceed 25% of the late fee of the previous year's California Surf Lifesaving U-19 Championships fee.
- c. Late Registration will begin no sooner than thirteen (13) days prior to the start of the competition or a date agreed on by the Board of Directors.

## C. California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships

### 1. Early Registration

- a. The fee shall not be equal to the membership fee for the USLA.
- b. The fee shall be equal to or not exceed 25% of the fee of the previous year's California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships fee.
- c. Early Registration will end no sooner than five (5) days prior to the start of the competition or a date agreed on by the Board of Directors.

### 2. Late Registration

- a. The fee shall not be equal to the membership fee for the USLA.
- b. The fee shall be equal to or not exceed 25% of the late fee of the previous year's California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships fee.
- c. Late Registration will begin no sooner than four (4) days prior to the start of the competition or a date agreed on by the Board of Directors.

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**Number:** V-C

**Adopted:**

**Authority:**

**SUBJECT: DATE(S) OF THE CALIFORNIA SURF LIFESAVING LIFEGUARD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**PURPOSE:** To establish the official date(s) of the California Surf Lifesaving Championships, California Surf Lifesaving U-19, and the California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships

The California Surf Lifesaving Championships, California Surf Lifesaving U-19 Championships, and the California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships shall be held on the following annual date(s)

- A. California Surf Lifesaving Championships  
The fourth Saturday of July
- B. California Surf Lifesaving U-19 Championships  
The Friday prior to the California Surf Lifesaving Championships
- C. California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships  
The Friday prior to the California Surf Lifesaving Championships

The date(s) may be changed with a vote from the Board of Directors.

At no time shall the California Surf Lifesaving Championships conflict with the International Surf Festival lifeguard competitions which are held on the first partial or whole weekend in August.



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March 16, 2024

Gustavo S. Avila, President  
California Surf Lifesaving Association  
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**Gustavo S. Avila**  
*President*

**Casey T. Graham**  
*Vice President*

Re: Suggested Bylaw Change: Article V - Membership

Dear Gus,

**James A. Hughes**  
*Secretary*

As I am unable to attend the Spring 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors in Capitola due to personal issues, I wanted to express my vehement opposition to the suggested Bylaw change proposed at the Fall Meeting in Coronado.

**Joseph A. Sholl**  
*Treasurer*

I am a Charter and Life Member of both CSLSA and USLA, having membership in the associations since their incorporation in 1964. I have also served in numerous capacities on the CSLSA and USLA Boards during that tenure, including Regional and Nation Secretary and President of both entities. I have also been Co-chair of the Bylaws/Policies & Procedures Committee with Bob Moore for several years.

**Michael A. Beuerlein**  
*Past President/Advisor*

I know of no individual, past or present that has become a voting member of either association, that has not been an active or retired professional lifesaver, or Chief of a member Lifeguard agency. This is not an association controlled or operated by any individuals outside of our profession.

**Jay M. Butki**  
*First Executive Delegate*

In my opinion, individuals who are NOT, or HAVE NOT been open water lifeguards should not have voting privileges assigned to Professional Members, and particularly any individual(s) who operate a recreationally directed Junior Lifeguard Program.

**Skip Prosser**  
*Second Executive Delegate*

I am attaching the submission from the Coronado meeting, showing the suggested CSLSA Bylaw change to Article V highlighted in **RED PRINT**, as well as a copy of the USLA Bylaws, Article V, relative to membership similarly highlighted. These items are attached as separate documents.

**Sean Carey**  
*Third Executive Delegate*

As a reminder, CSLSA's Bylaws are required to be consistent with USLA bylaws per Article V, Section 2 of the USLA Bylaws (page 12 of that document is also attached). I believe this recommended change in the CSLSA Bylaws is in violation of that requirement.

**Coral A. Kemp**  
*Fourth Executive Delegate*

While I cannot be present to submit my vote in person on this issue, I wanted to express my strong opposition to the amendment and recommend to the Board of Directors to deny it's approval. Per Article XIV of the CSLSA Bylaws, a 2/3 majority vote of the Delegates present or their appropriately submitted Proxies, if any, is required to adopt any proposed Bylaw Amendment.

I am submitting a copy of this letter to our Chapter President, as well as Mr. Beuerlein as the Past President/Advisor, and Mr. Moore as the Co-Chair of the Bylaws/Policies & Procedures Committee.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

William J. Richardson

cc: Mike Beuerlein, CSLSA Advisor  
Leslie Schwene, HBLSA President  
Bob Moore, Bylaws/Policies & Procedures Committee Co-Chair

## **RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO CSLSA BYLAWS**

### **ARTICLE V** **MEMBERSHIP**

#### **SECTION 1 - Association Membership**

The membership of the **CSLSA** shall be made up of the following members: Professional Members, Life Members, Alumni Members, Junior Lifeguard Members, Associate Members, and other such Special Memberships as defined in Section 2 of this Article.

#### **SECTION 2 - Individual Membership**

##### **A. Professional Member**

1. To qualify as a Professional Member, an individual must:
  - a. be a direct, active, seasonal, or retired employee, including a chief, director or equivalent, of an ocean, bay, lake, river or open water lifesaving or rescue service **or Junior Lifeguard Program**; and
  - b. have worked a minimum of eight hours annually for a respective service, or is retired from service and has worked in the service fifteen (15) years or more and maintained membership, in good standing, in the CSLSA; and
  - c. be a member of a local chapter for voting privileges; and
  - d. pay annual dues to the Chapter, Region, and National organization as prescribed by the Board of Directors of each.
2. A Professional Member is eligible to exercise voting privileges and to hold office at the Chapter, Regional, or National level.
3. A Professional Member who elects to pay a one-time membership fee, as defined and established in Policies and Procedures, shall be known as a Perpetual Member (refer to Policies and Procedures Number II-L Membership Duration and Dues).

##### **B. Life Member**

1. To qualify as a Life Member, an individual must:
  - a. be recommended; and
  - b. duly submitted; and
  - c. be approved according to the Policies and Procedures prescribed by the CSLSA.
2. A Life Member shall have all the privileges and benefits of a Professional Member for the remainder of their life including the privilege to vote and hold office. Dues shall not be required of Life Members.

##### **C. Alumni Member**

1. To qualify as an Alumni Member, an individual must:
  - a. have previously been a Professional Member; and
  - b. be currently ineligible for Professional Member status; and
  - c. be a member of a Local Chapter; and
  - d. pay annual dues to the Chapter, Region, and National organization as prescribed by the Board of Directors of each.
2. An Alumni Member is eligible to exercise voting privileges and to hold office at the Chapter, Regional, or National level.

3. An Alumni member may choose to affiliate with a Chapter for whom they have never worked due to geographical or logistical reasons. The affiliate Chapter must approve the request and the Alumni Member shall pay applicable Chapter dues.

**D. Junior Lifeguard Member**

1. To qualify as a Junior Lifeguard Member, an individual:
  - a. must be enrolled in a CSLSA recognized junior lifeguard program;
  - b. shall pay annual dues to the chapter, region, and national association as prescribed by the Board of Directors at each level.
2. A Junior Lifeguard Member has no voting rights and is not eligible to hold an elective office.

**E. Associate Member**

1. Any individual who does not otherwise qualify as a member and who desires to support and obtain membership in the CSLSA is eligible to be an Associate Member.
2. An Associate Member has no voting rights and is not eligible to hold an elective office. Associate Members shall pay annual dues to the association as prescribed by the Board of Directors.

**F. Honorary Member**

1. Any individual so designated by the Board of Directors may qualify as an Honorary Member under the terms and conditions and for the period specified by the Board of Directors.
2. An Honorary Member has no voting rights and is not eligible to hold an elective office. Honorary Members shall not pay annual dues.

**G. Supporting Member**

1. Individuals, corporations, places of business, and other such institutions may become Supporting Members of the CSLSA under the terms and conditions thereof, and for the period specified by the Board of Directors.
2. A Supporting Member has no voting rights and is not eligible to hold an elective office.

**SECTION 3 - Member in Good Standing**

CSLSA members in good standing shall have and enjoy all the privileges and benefits of the CSLSA, if such member:

- A. pays all required dues and assessments in accordance with these Bylaws and as assessed by the Board of Directors at each level; and
- B. abides by all membership standards as set forth herein and by the Association.

**SECTION 4 - Assignment of Membership**

Membership in the CSLSA is not transferable or assignable.

## USLA BYLAWS

### Article V - Membership

#### Section 1 - Association Membership

The membership of the **USLA** shall be made up of the following members: Professional Members, Life Members, Alumni Members, Junior Lifeguard Members, Associate Members, Honorary Members, and Supporting Members, as such members are defined in Section 2 of this Article.

#### Section 2 - Individual Membership

##### A. Professional Member

To qualify as an individual member, an individual must:

- (1) Be a direct, active, seasonal, or retired employee, including a chief, director or equivalent, of an ocean, bay, lake, river, or open water lifesaving or rescue service; and, (Amended November 6, 2010)
- (2) Have worked a minimum of eight hours annually for a respective service, or be retired from the service, having worked in the service fifteen (15) years or more and maintained membership, in good standing, in the USLA; and,
- (3) Be a member of a local chapter; and,
- (4) Pay annual dues to the chapter, region, and national organization as prescribed by the Board of Directors of each.

A professional member is eligible to exercise voting privileges and to hold office at the chapter, regional, and national level.

A professional member who elects to pay a onetime membership fee, as defined by established Policies and Procedures, shall be known as a Perpetual Member.

##### B. Life Member

To qualify as a Life Member an individual must be recommended, duly submitted, and approved according to the policies and procedures prescribed by USLA.

A Life Member shall have all privileges and benefits of a Professional Member for the remainder of their life including the privilege to vote and hold office. Dues shall not be required of Life Members.

##### C. Alumnus Member

To qualify as an Alumnus Member, an individual must:

- (1) Have previously been a Professional Member; and,
- (2) Be currently ineligible for Professional Status.

An Alumnus Member is eligible to exercise voting privileges and to hold office at the Chapter, Regional, or National level.

An Alumnus Member who elects to pay a onetime membership fee, as defined by established Policies and Procedures shall be known as a Perpetual Member.

An Alumnus Member may choose to affiliate with a chapter for whom they never worked due to geographical or logistical reasons. The affiliate chapter must approve the request and the alumnus member shall pay any applicable chapter dues. (Amended November 9, 2013)

D. Junior Lifeguard Member

To qualify as a Junior Lifeguard Member, an individual must be enrolled in a USLA recognized junior lifeguard program.

A Junior Lifeguard Member has no voting rights and is not eligible to hold an elective office. Junior Lifeguard Members shall pay annual dues to the chapter, region, and national association as prescribed by the Board of Directors at each level.

E. Associate Member

Any individual who does not otherwise qualify as a member and who desires to support and obtain membership in the USLA is eligible to be an Associate Member. An Associate Member has no voting rights and is not eligible to hold an elective office. Associate Members shall pay annual dues to the national association as prescribed by the Board of Directors.

(USLA Bylaws, Page 8 of 28 Amended and/or corrected 12/09/2009)

F. Honorary Member

Any individual so designated by the Board of Directors may qualify an Honorary Member under the terms and conditions, and for the period specified by the Board of Directors.

An Honorary member has no voting rights and is not eligible to hold an elective office.

**Section 3 - Member in Good Standing**

A USLA member in good standing shall have and enjoy all the privileges and benefits of the USLA, if such member:

- A. Pays all required dues and assessments in accordance with these Bylaws and as assessed by the Board of Directors at each level; and
- B. Abides by all membership standards as set forth herein and by the Association.

**Section 4 - Assignment of Membership**

Membership in the USLA is not transferable or assignable.



## California Surf Lifesaving Association

**TO:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Vincent Lombardi, Certification Committee Chair  
**DATE:** April 10, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT

Rick Gould, Sean Carey and I continue to serve as CSLSA’s Certification Officers reporting our activity to USLA.

### Certification Results – Spring 2024

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Cert. Officer</u>	<u>Status</u>
City of Santa Cruz Marine Safety	Basic	Gould	Approved 10/25/23.
Ventura Port District	Basic	Gould	Approved 10/25/23.
Ventura Port District	ARRT	Gould	Approved 10/25/23.
Pismo Beach Lifeguard Department	Basic	Gould	Approved 2/15/24.
Pismo Beach Lifeguard Department	PRWC	Gould	Approved 3/11/24.
City of Port Hueneme	Basic	Gould	Approved 3/11/24.
Ventura County Fire Department	ARRT	Gould	Approved 3/11/24.
San Diego Fire-Rescue Lifeguard Service	Advanced	Lombardi	Approved 4/5/24.
YMCA Camp Surf	Basic	Carey	Approved 4/7/24.

### Extensions Requested/Awaiting Application

Imperial Beach	Advance	Carey	Awaiting Documents
City of Carlsbad	Advanced	Lombardi/Carey	On Hold

Southwest Region Certification Officers Area Assignments

<u>Geographical Area</u>	<u>Certification Officer</u>	<u>E-Mail Address</u>	
<u>Area I – San Diego County</u>			
Camp Pendleton	Rick Gould	roughwaterswim@gmail.com	
Camp Surf YMCA	Sean Carey		
Coronado	Vince Lombardi	scarey@coronado.ca.us	
Del Mar	Sean Carey		
Encinitas	Sean Carey		
Imperial Beach	Sean Carey		
Oceanside	Sean Carey		
San Diego	Sean Carey		
Solana Beach	Sean Carey		
<u>Area II – Orange County – South LA County</u>			
California State Parks	Rick Gould	certification@cslsa.org	
Huntington Beach	Vince Lombardi		
Laguna Beach	Vince Lombardi		
Lake Mission Viejo	Vince Lombardi		
Newport Beach	Vince Lombardi		
Monarch Bay	Vince Lombardi		
OC Lifeguards	Vince Lombardi		
San Clemente	Vince Lombardi		
Seal Beach	Vince Lombardi		
<u>Area III – Los Angeles County north through Santa Barbara County</u>			
LA City	Rick Gould		roughwaterswim@gmail.com
LA County	Rick Gould		
LA County Lakes	Rick Gould		
Long Beach	Rick Gould		
Oxnard Fire Dept. (AART)	Rick Gould		
Port Hueneme	Rick Gould		
Santa Barbara (County)	Rick Gould		
Santa Barbara (City)	Rick Gould		
Ventura County Harbor Patrol	Rick Gould		
Ventura County Fire Dept. (AART)	Rick Gould		

Ventura City Fire Dept. (AART)

Rick Gould

Area IV

Morro Bay

Rick Gould

[roughwaterswim@gmail.com](mailto:roughwaterswim@gmail.com)

Pismo Beach

Rick Gould

Port San Luis Harbor District (Avila Beach)

Rick Gould

Santa Cruz

Rick Gould





## *California Surf Lifesaving Association*

**TO:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Adam Sandler, Legislation Committee Chair  
**DATE:** April 11, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** LEGISLATION COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT

### **CSLSA Specialized License Plate:**

#### **"The California Ocean Lifeguard Beach Safety Specialized License Plate"**

No update since the Fall meeting, I hope to have a sponsor for the Bill in the 2024-2025 legislative session.

### **Current Legislation**

As mentioned in the Fall report, SB-391 (which would've made Skin Cancer a "presumptive condition" in open water/ocean lifeguards) was passed by the CA State Legislature on September 20, 2023.

As expected, the Bill was vetoed by the Governor on October 8, 2023 and following an appeal from its authors in the Senate, the veto was sustained on Jan. 25, 2024.

There are a number of Bills that have been introduced in the 2023-2024 session that pertain to lifeguards and EMT's, that are still in Committee and may not move forward.

Additionally, the City of Encinitas has proffered legislation trying to secure \$300,000 for new portable lifeguard towers, and the Lake Perris SRA is asking for \$12.5 million for a new lifeguard headquarters.

The legislation committee will continue to monitor the progress of the related legislation and report back to the Executive Board as necessary.

### **Open Water/Ocean/Pool Lifeguard Minimum Wage**

At the suggestion of Ryan Gates, the Legislation Committee is in the process of doing some initial research on the feasibility of creating legislation which would mandate a lifeguard minimum wage.

**(U.S.) House Concurrent Resolution 41 (H. Con. Res. 41).**

Advised USLA and legal counsel Chip Moore on outreach and an engagement strategy on "H. Concurrent Resolution 41" titled as "expressing support for the work of open water lifeguards as first responders and emergency service providers." The resolution was introduced by Rep. Chris Smith of New Jersey. (Info attached).

If the Resolution passes, the United States House of Representatives and Senate "reaffirms that open water lifeguards qualify as first responders and emergency response providers, and recognizes the essential, lifesaving work performed by these brave individuals."

FYI: It is not a law and will not be signed by the President. A "Concurrent" Resolution merely codifies an understanding reached between the two legislative bodies. The resolution currently resides in the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management after being referred out by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

**(CA) AB-1445 - The Neng Thao Drowning Prevention Safety Act.**

It was signed by Governor Newsom on Oct. 7, 2023 and became law Jan. 1, 2024. The bill "authorizes specified organizations to provide informational materials to public schools regarding specified topics relating to drowning prevention. It authorizes, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, upon receipt of the informational materials, a public school to provide the informational materials to parents, legal guardians, or caregivers of pupils at the time the pupil enrolls at the school and at the beginning of each school year."

The bill is meant to create a way to connect elementary students, their parents, and caregivers with water safety knowledge. It will authorize specified organizations to provide informational materials to elementary schools on water safety and how to access affordable swim lessons locally. The legislation's intent is also to provide parents and children with information about low- or no-cost swim lessons to help prevent pool, river, lake and ocean drownings.

The impetus for the Bill was the 2017 drowning of Neng Thao in the San Joaquin River.

Submitted,

Adam Sandler  
Legislation Committee Chair



## California Surf Lifesaving Association

Southwest Region - United States Lifesaving Association

PO Box 366 - Huntington Beach, California 92648

World Wide Web: [www.cslsa.org](http://www.cslsa.org)

**TO:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Jay Butki  
**DATE:** April 11, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** Lifesaving Sport Report

At the Fall 2023 USLA BoD meeting in Asheville, NC the following Rule Change Proposals were made:  
 Southwest Region

1. proposes to have two handlers per boat for solo surfboat race
2. proposes for the heats and finals in all the surfboats races to have a limit of up to 10 boats per heat.
3. proposes to amend the Run Swim Run sand course at all levels so collisions are minimized by making the run legs into and out of the water to the finish into a Z pattern so the competitors aren't crossing paths on either leg. The need to correct the Run Swim Run course turns is to avoid/minimize cross traffic and collisions in all age groups (JGs, LGs, Masters) and return somewhat to international lifesaving RSR standards. The desire to keep all turns clockwise is confusing and causing unnecessary collisions. Only requires adding 1 additional turn flag.
4. The Southwest Region proposes remove Team & relay points from Individual high point - high Points trophy results shall only be tallied from an individual's individual events. (remove whatever temptation exists to create "super teams" & encourage racing with your chapter team) Proposed rules Language change: *"High Point Individual Trophy awards will be presented to the male and female Competitor scoring the most points in the Open Mixed and Open Men's or Open Women's Categories, including Team Events and Relays."* Including Teams and relays into the high point trophy calculation has compromised the intent and integrity of allowing Chapters to combine for team events and relays and has encouraged "Super Teams" where competitors are teaming up with competitors from other chapter teams, rather than with their own chapter team mates, just to increase their own individual points and sometimes at the expense of their own chapter team points. USLA is unique in that no other National Lifesaving Association in the ILS allows Clubs and Chapters to combine for team events/Relays. USLA stands alone in that regard and it is done to be inclusive and encourage participation from Agencies and Chapters of all sizes. But when that option is abused and individuals spurn their chapter team mates to instead team up with others it is defeating the purpose. Many say we should do away with allowing chapters to combine for relays, and you can only team up with members of your own chapter as is done internationally. I disagree as doing so is not inclusive and is disadvantageous to smaller agencies and smaller teams, but I do see it being abused. I feel calculating High Point Individual Trophy awards solely from individual events is a step in the right direction.
5. proposes that the ILS 3-person Surfski Relay be added and conducted as an open event for each gender with 4 teams maximum allowed per chapter at the 2024 USLA Nationals at South Padre Island. Currently we have 8 swimming events, 6 Paddleboard events and 4 boat events but only 3 surfski events and it's our weakest event internationally. While we have had several lifeguard champions move on to Olympic style kayaking with good success: Mitch Kahn, Maggie Hogan, Tim Burdiak, Renae Jackson, Nate Humbertson but despite that the USA was the last place team in 2/3 of the ski relays at the 2023 ISRC. (Women's ski relay is prob a straight final and men's might be 2 heats and a final.) (If the 3 person per gender is considered too much to add let's start with a mixed gender Surfski relay)

Southeast Region

1. proposes to have two highpoint award categories: Open and All Point (age groups included).

Northwest Region

1. proposes to eliminate the Age Group American Iron Man/Woman.
2. proposes in order to add a new event to the USLA National Championship an existing event must be eliminated.

Mid Atlantic

1. proposes if you sign up for an event and do not withdraw in time, your team will lose 10 points.
2. proposes to go back to the old rules for the finish of the landline.
3. proposes a 4-person coed surfboat relay. 1 lap each leg, 4 teams per chapter.

These proposals will be voted on in Pittsburgh at the Fall USLA BoD meeting.

**2024 CSLSA California Surf Lifesaving Championships**

– AKA "Southwest Regionals"

Dockweiler Beach, LA County

July 26 Friday: Junior Guards & Under 19s-9am start

July 27 Saturday: Open Lifeguards and Masters-8 am start

Future Regionals: 2025, 2026

Huntington Beach SLSA have indicated interest in hosting in the near future.

**2024 "Jersey Mikes" USLA National Lifeguard & Junior Lifeguard Championships**

**- South Padre Island, Texas**

Wednesday, August 6th - National Junior Lifeguard & U19 Championships:

Thurs, August 7th - Sat, Aug 9th- National Lifeguard & Masters Age Group Championships

SoCal surf racing equipment truck loading tentatively scheduled for Sat Aug 3rd at Dockweiler compound.

Nationals details can be found at [www.uslanationals.org](http://www.uslanationals.org). Brush up on your competition rules, train hard and check back often on our website for regularly updated information!

Competition is open to current Professional, Alumnus, Life, and Junior Lifeguard USLA Members.

Approved international competitors who are current members of a national lifesaving organization that is a Full Member of the International Life Saving Federation are also eligible to compete, subject to approval. (Send a request for approval to [lifesavingsport@usla.org](mailto:lifesavingsport@usla.org).)

**USLA Athlete Commission:**

Holly Maine and Tim Burdiak are the current west coast CSLSA Lifesaving Athlete representatives to the USLA Athletes Committee.

## **DRAFT**

### **2024 Lifesaving Sport Competition Calendar**

*April 13-21- Australian Surf Life Saving Championships-Sunshine Coast, Australia*

Sun May 19- **Molokai Challenge Surfski Race**-Molokai to Oahu

\*Late May- SoCal PaddleDown commences at Santa Barbara State Gaviota Pier

\*TBD (prob Sat June 1<sup>st</sup> ?) - **June Tune**-Torrance Beach

*Fri-Sun June 7-9- 2024 Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championships-Lifesaving Society British Columbia/Yukon Branch at Saanich Commonwealth Place*

\*TBD (prob Sat June 22?) - **48th Ed Perry Regatta**-Venice Beach

Sat/Sun June 29 & 30- **Pier 360 Lifeguard Competition**-Santa Monica Pier

Sat July 6- **South Bay Dozen**-Torrance Beach

July 8-13- **Gorge Downwind Champs**-Skamania County Fair Grounds

\*TBD July- **Semana Nautica**-Santa Barbara

\*TBD July -**MegaColossus Lifeguard Endurance Race**-Huntington State to Bolsa Chica

Thurs July 18- **Worlds Safest Lifeguard Competition**-Carpinteria State Beach

Sat/Sun July 20 & 21- **San Clemente Ocean Festival**-San Clemente Pier

Fri July 26- **CSLSA JG & Under 19 National Championships**- Dockweiler Beach

Sat July 27- **CSLSA California Surf Lifesaving Championships**-Dockweiler Beach

Sun July 28- **M2O**-Molokai to Oahu Paddleboard Race

Fri Aug 2- **International Surf Festival Bud Stevenson Intracrew Relays**-Hermosa Beach Pier

Sat Aug 3- **ISF Paul Matthies Doryman's Classic, Judge Taplin Ocean Medley Relays**-Hermosa Beach Pier

Sun Aug 4- **Dwight Crum Pier to Pier Swim, Velzy-Stevenson Paddleboard Race**-Hermosa

Tues Aug 6- **USLA JG & Under 19 National Championships**-South Padre Island, TX

Wed-Fri Aug 7-9- **USLA National Lifeguard Championships**-South Padre Island, TX

Aug 17-25- **Duke Kahanamoku Ocean Festival**-Waikiki, HI

*Fri-Wed Aug 23-Wed Aug 28- International Life Saving Federation Interclub Masters-Broadbeach, Kurrawa, Gold Coast, Australia*

*Wed-Sun Aug 28-Sun Sept 1- ILSF Open & Youth National Teams- Gold Coast, Australia*

Sun Aug 25- **Catalina Classic Paddleboard Race**-Isthmus Catalina to Manhattan Beach

\*TBD **10 Man Paddleboard Relay Race**-Sycamore Cove

\*TBD **45th Slippery Dick Haddock Race** Run Swim Run-Zuma to Paradise Cove

\*1st week of September-SoCal PaddleDown concludes at Imperial Beach

Mon-Sun Sept 2- Sept 8- **ILSF Interclub Open & Youth Championships**-Gold Coast, Australia

Sun Sept 15-**O'Donnell Classic Catalina Dory Race**-Isthmus Catalina to San Pedro

Sat Sept 21-**The California Gold**-Endurance Ironman-Newport Beach/Huntington Beach



CSLSA - California Surf Lifesaving Championships - host venues

<u>Year</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Date (Sat unless noted)</u>	<u>LG registration numbers</u>
1980	San Clemente Ocean Festival	July 19	
1981	SCOF	July 18	
1982	SCOF	July 17	
1983	SCOF	July 16	
1984	Hermosa Beach, LACoLA	Aug 4 -with/ISF	
1985	SCOF	July 16	
1986	SCOF	July 15	
1987	Huntington Beach City	July 24	
1988	Huntington Beach City	July 23	
1989	Huntington Beach City	July 23	
1990	SCOF	July 21	
1991	SCOF	July 20	
1992	SCOF	July 18	
1993	SCOF	July 17	
1994	SCOF	July 16	
1995	SCOF	July 15	
1996	SCOF	July 20	
1997	Huntington Beach City & State -Newland St	-July 12	
1998	Huntington Beach City -north Pier-	July 16 Thursday (SCOF July 18)	
1999	Huntington Beach City -north Pier-	July 15 Thursday (SCOF July 17)	
2000	Imperial Beach	July 19 Wednesday	
2001	Imperial Beach	July 13	
2002	Will Rogers- LACoLA	July 27	
2003	Zuma Beach-LACoLA	July 26	
2004	Long Beach	July 24	
2005	Long Beach	July 23	
2006	Redondo Beach -LACoLA	Aug 5-with/ISF	131 * JGs were July 21 at Santa Barbara
2007	Huntington Beach City	July 28	120
2008	Seal Beach	July 26	194
2009	Seal Beach	July 25	162
2010	Pacific Beach- SDLA	July 24	180
2011	Seal Beach	July 23	203
2012	Newport Beach-NBOLA	July 28	?
2013	Newport Beach-NBOLA	July 27	274 * CSLSA record
2014	Huntington State Beach-HSBLA	July 26	263
2015	Huntington State Beach-HSBLA	July 25	268
2016	Huntington State Beach-HSBLA	July 23	234
2017	Silver Strand-CSLA w/ IB & Cor	July 22	241
2018	Silver Strand-CSLA w/ IB & Cor	July 28	191
2019	Carpinteria	July 27	209
2020	<del>Carpinteria</del>	<del>July 25</del>	<del>Cancelled due to Covid-19 Pandemic</del>
2021	Huntington State Beach -HSBJLA	July 24	164
2022	Huntington State Beach -HSBJLA	July 23	199
2023	Newport Beach-NBOLA	July 22	208 *NBLG 100 yr anniversary
2024	Dockweiler-LACoSLSA	July 27	



CSLSA - California Surf Lifesaving Championships - host venues

Hosting Totals:

13 x San Clemente  
6 ½ x Huntington Beach SLSA  
5 ½ x Huntington State Beach  
5 x LA County  
3 x Newport Beach  
3 x Seal Beach  
2 x Silver Strand State / CSLA  
2 x Long Beach  
2 x Imperial Beach  
1 x Carpinteria  
1 x San Diego



## *California Surf Lifesaving Association*

**TO:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Charlotte Graham, Membership Committee Chair  
**DATE:** April 11, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT

### INTRODUCTION:

The 2024-25 membership year marks the 60th Anniversary for the USLA, which as we all know started right here in California back in 1964. The anniversary will be celebrated at both the Spring and the Fall USLA Board of Directors meetings, a commemorative challenge coin is being produced, and the member kits will feature a 60th anniversary logo design on the gift item, decals, and patches. The Southwest Region's Professional, Alumnus, Life & Perpetual membership total for 2023-24 was 1331 members. I am hoping that the 60th anniversary will drive our regional membership higher than usual and we will exceed 1400 once again. There were also 810 Gold Junior Guard members, and 163 regular Junior Guard members this past year, which was only around 100 less than the prior year.

### MEMBERSHIP REMINDERS:

- Any chapter that is able to drive individual member registrations or renewals through the USLA website is encouraged to do so. Online membership registrations processed after April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year are automatically enrolled in the next upcoming membership year so your springtime recruits and requalifying guards can enroll now for the 2024-25 member year at [www.usla.org](http://www.usla.org). Please also encourage annual automatic renewal. Remember - USLA membership dues are now \$40.00 per year. It is the first increase in dues in almost 20 years, and it results in a \$2 increase in the portion that the CSLSA receives from the USLA (now \$17/member).
- Chapters who collect member dues through payroll deductions or chapter enrollment in order to submit bulk member registration will be provided a template for member renewals and addition of new members to your list. This method will also be used for any Agency wishing to bulk register regular and/or Gold Junior Lifeguards. Target due date for receipt of bulk member rosters is July 10th if you have guards who will be competing at Regionals or Nationals, so that individuals register for the event online before the deadline. Alternatively, the USLA is able to provide codes to Chapter representatives for member dues and/or event dues so that guards or JG parents can register online and the chapter/agency is billed for the total.
- Two-Tier Junior Guard Membership: We are moving into year 2 for the dual levels of JG membership and the USLA membership committee will be continuing to work out some of the kinks we found in the Gold member level. All Junior Guards registered with a USLA-affiliated JG program are eligible for a free regular membership in the USLA, which will include an electronic



member card and access to online discounts and programs via the USLA website. There are several ways parents and/or program coordinators can register kids for either free or Gold JG membership, and USLA is working on messaging to increase both of these member registrations.

The premium JG GOLD membership costs \$20.00 per year and includes a custom printed membership card, embroidered USLA patch, USLA window decal, three issues of *American Lifeguard Magazine* and eligibility to compete at Regional and National Lifesaving competitions, in addition to all the benefits of the free membership.

#### 2024 CSLSA MEMBERSHIP:

- The USLA Membership Committee was able to procure a high-quality, full size TOWEL as the membership gift item for this Anniversary year. They are in production now and we hope to have them by the end of May. The USLA member kit envelopes will contain the usual member card, window decal and a patch, all featuring the 60th Anniversary logo.
- Chapter reps are reminded to let your members know about the multiple pro-deal discounts available to current members through the USLA website, including DaFin swim fins and Hobie sunglasses, and the numerous company discounts offered through the BenefitHub portal. The USLA store adds new items all the time, and we also added several legacy membership kit items available on the site, with plans to add a few more later this year.
- With hard work by Mike Silvestri, the CSLSA is able to offer our members an outstanding list of Pro-Deals with discounts of up to 60% off on many popular brands and items that lifeguards need and use regularly. Please shop with these generous vendors to show them our support! Everyone is reminded that these special discounts are for CSLSA members ONLY... please do not share the discount codes in order to protect the benefits. Check your email for updates.

#### CONCLUSION:

Thank you to all the delegates here today for your time and dedication to our organization. Please encourage your fellow lifeguards and especially your chapter and agency alumni to support the CSLSA and the USLA by renewing their membership or signing up today.

Respectfully submitted,

*Charlotte Graham*

CSLSA Membership Chairs



## *California Surf Lifesaving Association*

**TO:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Sean Carey, Professional Standards Committee Chair  
**DATE:** April 11, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT

Since the Fall Board of Directors meeting in Coronado the Professional Standards Committee has held one zoom meeting and also several phone calls and emails exchanged. We have been focusing on developing standards for a singular issue: that being how to protect lifeguards exposed to contaminants in the water during the execution of their duties.

We started by looking into the guidelines set forth by the CDC for workers handling human waste or sewage. I first draft was prepared and presented to the committee and discussed during our zoom meeting on March 22. Austin Trinkle (Long Beach) did much research and added some good content to the guidelines from the EPA, National Library of Medicine, and OSHA.

The second draft of the proposed standard is attached to this report and will be available on the website. I believe the next step is to get some professional vetting by someone with a clinical background in this area. I made contact with a husband-and-wife doctor team who own the Urgent Care Clinic in Imperial Beach and have a lot of experience seeing patients with illnesses related to exposure to sewage contaminated water. If the board agrees that this document is ready to share with them, I will do so.

Last, I became aware of a study being conducted at UCSD by a medical student and former State Parks Lifeguards regarding Lifeguards exposed to contaminated water on the job and associated illnesses from such exposures. I distributed some information on this study and the QR code for the website where the information is being collected to all San Diego County Lifeguard Agencies and Chapters. Additionally Austin Trinkle and Nick Bolin (Seal Beach) have been getting the word out in OC and LA County. The study numbers are already very good with close to 200 participants anonymously submitting information. There is a piece in the Cal Surf News Spring 2024 Edition explaining the study with the QR code as well. Please take this information back to your chapters and help spread the word. This is important work!

**California Surf Lifesaving Association**  
**Professional Standards Committee**

**Guideline: Contaminated Water Exposure**

**Number: xxx**

**Approved: xxx**

**Introduction**

Open water Lifeguards and other aquatic rescuers on occasion may be exposed to various contaminants in the water during the course of their duties. Currently there are no regional or nationally accepted guidelines for protecting rescuers from contaminants on the job. These guidelines contain both pre and post exposure guidelines and are based on the following guidance:

- CDC [Handling Human Waste or Sewage | Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene-related Emergencies & and Outbreaks | Healthy Water | CDC](#)
- EPA: Guidelines for Exposure Assessment (1992)
- EPA: National Center for Environmental Assessment – Office of Research and Development – Exposure Factors Handbook (1997)
- EPA: Exposure Factors Handbook, 2011
- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8647371/>
- <https://www.osha.gov/hazardous-waste/decontamination>

**Guidelines**

1. Education and training

Overview

Lifeguards and other aquatic rescue personnel should be trained by their local agency regarding water quality. This training should include possible contaminants they could be exposed to, health risks associated with said contaminants, local testing and notification procedures, preventive measures to limit or eliminate exposure and post exposure guidelines. This training should be conducted upon initial orientation when hired and before employees are sent into the field during periods of known water contamination.

Contaminants shall include, but not be limited to sewage, storm runoff, chemicals, petroleum products, heavy metals, algae, and other aquatic organisms which can cause illness in employees.

For swimming and bathing scenarios, the EPA recommends assuming 100% skin surface exposure for these scenarios (U.S. EPA, 2004). The mean total adult body surface area is reported as approximately 20,000cm<sup>2</sup>. Lifeguards immersed in contaminated water in the course of their duties should assume 100% body exposure to the contaminants. There are some mitigating factors we recommend, see Preventative Measures, nevertheless, EPA still considers employees 100% exposed.

#### Exposure Pathways – Intake/Uptake

There are two major processes by which a contaminant can cross the boundary from outside to inside the body. Intake involves physically moving the chemical in question through an opening in the outer boundary (usually the mouth or nose), typically via inhalation, eating, or drinking. The amount of time the lifeguard is subject to the contaminant determines severity/depth of intake.

The second process by which a contaminant can cross the boundary from outside to inside the body is uptake. Uptake involves absorption of the contaminant through the skin or other exposed tissue such as the eye or open wound. Dermal absorption is an example of direct uptake across the outer boundary of the body.

## 2. Preventive measures/PPE

Employees should be provided with equipment and procedural means of eliminating or limiting their exposure to contaminants. These could include use of:

- a vessel for rescue operations
- paddleboards
- isolation systems such as drysuits
- wetsuits
- ear protection
- helmets with face visors
- eye protection
- foot protection
- masks
- gloves

Additional considerations:

- Consider staffing appropriately to limit exposure time in the water, avoiding prolonged rescues and wait times for resources

- Employees should cover open wounds before starting their shift, especially during periods of known water contamination
- Other means of rescue which prevent employees from exposure such as water and air borne drones, and helicopter rescue should be considered
- Immunizations should be offered if applicable and in consultation with local health authorities. Immunizations to consider may include Tetanus, Typhoid, Polio, Hepatitis A and B.
- Jurisdictions should consider the utilization of law enforcement to enforce local laws, ordinances, regulations, and/or health orders to prevent patrons from entering the water and issue citations, if possible, for those who violate regulations.

#### Rationale

There are many factors to consider when determining which preventative measures will best protect your employees, these are unique to your geography. Rationale for our guidance is discussed below.

EPA recommends any method of barrier between yourself and the seawater contaminant. Drysuits offer the highest level of protection, but still leave the head exposed. While “water-proof” barriers on open wounds are unrealistic, it is believed that covered wounds will decrease the likelihood of exposure. Similarly, wetsuits also limit water exposure better than no wetsuit and provide a barrier to some contaminants. Eyes, compared to other body parts, have particularly soft tissue resulting in much higher uptake rate of contaminants. For this reason, we recommend employees consider the use of goggles in water contact during periods of known water contamination. Ear plugs should also be issued and worn during periods of known water contamination. Wet sand in areas of known water contamination should also be considered contaminated. Therefore, foot protection is recommended when walking on wet sand on these occasions.

### 3. Determining Exposure

Some of the steps EPA recommends for performing an exposure assessment are

- (1) identifying the source of the environmental contamination and the media that transports the contaminant;
- (2) determining the contaminant concentration;
- (3) determining the exposure scenarios, and pathways and routes of exposure;
- (4) determining the exposure factors related to human behaviors that define time, frequency, and duration of exposure; and
- (5) identifying the exposed population.

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Dermal exposure can occur during a variety of activities in different environmental media and microenvironments (U.S. EPA, 1992). These include:

- Water (e.g., bathing, washing, swimming);
- Soil (e.g., outdoor recreation, gardening, construction);
- Sediment (e.g., wading, fishing);
- Liquids (e.g., use of commercial products);
- Vapors/fumes (e.g., use of commercial products); and
- Indoors (e.g., carpets, floors, countertops).

The major factors that must be considered when estimating dermal exposure are: the contaminant concentration in contact with the skin, the potential dose, the extent of skin surface area exposed, the duration of exposure, the absorption of the contaminant/chemical through the skin, the internal dose, and the amount of chemical that can be delivered to a target organ (i.e., biologically effective dose).

In many settings, it is likely that only certain parts of the body are exposed. All body parts that come in contact with a contaminant/chemical must be considered to estimate the total surface area of the body exposed. The data in Table 6-4 may be used to estimate the total surface area of the particular body part(s).

Body part	Men					Women				
	N <sup>a</sup>	Mean	(sd) <sup>b</sup>	Min.	Max.	N	Mean	(sd)	Min.	Max.
Head	32	0.118	(0.0160)	0.090	0.161	57	0.110	(0.00625)	0.0953	0.127
Trunk (Incl. Neck)	32	0.569	(0.104)	0.306	0.893	57	0.542	(0.0712)	0.437	0.867
Upper extremities	48	0.319	(0.0461)	0.169	0.429	57	0.276	(0.0241)	0.215	0.333
Arms	32	0.228	(0.0374)	0.109	0.292	13	0.210	(0.0129)	0.193	0.235
Upper arms	6	0.143	(0.0143)	0.122	0.156	-	-	-	-	-
Forearms	6	0.114	(0.0127)	0.0945	0.136	-	-	-	-	-
Hands	32	0.084	(0.0127)	0.0596	0.113	12	0.0746	(0.00510)	0.0639	0.0824
Lower extremities	48	0.636	(0.0994)	0.283	0.868	57	0.626	(0.0675)	0.492	0.809
Legs	32	0.505	(0.0885)	0.221	0.656	13	0.488	(0.0515)	0.423	0.585
Thighs	32	0.198	(0.1470)	0.128	0.403	13	0.258	(0.0333)	0.258	0.360
Lower legs	32	0.207	(0.0379)	0.093	0.296	13	0.194	(0.0240)	0.165	0.229
Feet	32	0.112	(0.0177)	0.0611	0.156	13	0.0975	(0.00903)	0.0834	0.115
TOTAL		1.94 <sup>c</sup>	(0.00374) <sup>d</sup>	1.66	2.28 <sup>e</sup>		1.69 <sup>c</sup>	(0.00374) <sup>d</sup>	1.45	2.09 <sup>e</sup>

<sup>a</sup> number of observations.  
<sup>b</sup> standard deviation.  
<sup>c</sup> median (see Table 6-2)  
<sup>d</sup> standard error  
<sup>e</sup> percentiles (5th - 95th).  
 Source: Adapted from U.S. EPA, 1985.

#### Exposure Assessment adapted for Lifeguards

The following questions should be utilized in conjunction with existing workplace exposure policy to determine whether an employee has been exposed.

1. Did the water/sand contain known contaminants, by local health authority standards?
2. Was the employee exposed to this particular water/sand location?
  - a. Partial or complete exposure?
  - b. How long was the employee in this environment?
3. What level of PPE did the employee utilize?
4. Did the employee report water ingestion, or known open wounds?

#### 4. Post exposure measures

Employees who are exposed to contaminated water should be provided with the following: immediate means of decontamination of their person and equipment, exposure report forms, medical exams and care as needed including prescriptions and follow up visits to a medical professional. Water samples should be collected and evaluated immediately after exposure at the approximate location of the exposure to determine the level of contamination. Medical professionals should consider exposure to contaminated aerosols as well as direct contact while in the water.

In our dynamic environments, determining the source of the contamination is often difficult/impossible. What lifeguards can do to protect employees after an exposure are:



## *California Surf Lifesaving Association*

**TO:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Lola Swank, Public Education Committee Chair  
**DATE:** April 11, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** Public Education COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT

Since the Fall Board of Directors meeting in Coronado there hasn't been any activity to the public education committee. The Public Ed committee voted to transfer our budget to the website budget in hopes to have the CSLSA website more innovative, education orientated, wanting to reach a wider audience, and capture our Junior Guard community.

Looking ahead, we are exploring opportunities to expand our reach and impact. This includes promoting National Beach Safety Week, and leveraging technology to enhance our educational offerings.

In conclusion, the Public Education Committee remains dedicated to its mission, "educating the general public is the key to preventing injuries and incidents at our public beaches and pools". We are committed to ongoing collaboration and innovation as we work towards our shared goals.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss any aspect of this report at our committee meeting.

Public Education Committee Activity Report Spring 2024





## *California Surf Lifesaving Association*

**TO:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Adam Sandler, Public Information Officer  
**DATE:** April 11, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** **PIO ACTIVITY REPORT**

- Replied to numerous emails from the media and others, some of which came through the "Contact PIO" on the CSLSA website home page.
- Serviced photo and announcement about the new members of the CSLSA Board. At my request, the notice and photo were blast emailed to USLA membership.
- Interviewed some of the participants, curated photos and wrote the lead story in the current issue of Cal Surf News about the California Ocean Lifeguards All-Star team trip to Australia in January where they participated in several surf carnivals, the SLSA Super Surf Teams League competition and the Wieland Shield Exchange. (Thanks to Ryan Gates and Merrill Riley for their pics).
- Arranged to have L.A. County OL Kelsey Cummings interviewed for a podcast sponsored by OnStar discussing ocean and beach safety.
- Created and serviced media alerts announcing the presentation of the Spring Meeting Heroic Acts Awards to Riley Rhodes and Max Hunter.
- Created branded content for our CSLSA PIO "X" (formerly Twitter) and serviced 72 public safety messages (since the CSLSA Fall BOD meeting) offering tips during high surf events, hurricane and tropical storm advisories, ocean water quality warnings and other messages. (Some examples attached).
- I also X'd (reposted) related content from the NWS, L.A. County Lifeguards, L.A. Public Health, NOAA, CSULB Shark Lab, and California State Parks, to name a few.
- Will also create branded posts for Earth Day (April 22) on beach and ocean safety.
- In mid-May, I will write an Op-Ed (in collaboration with CSLSA President Gus Avila) during National Beach Safety/Rip Current Awareness Week (5/20-5/27) and service it by targeting local print and broadcast media, online outlets and various socials. I also share our unique content for inclusion on the CSLSA Facebook and Instagram.

Submitted,

Adam Sandler

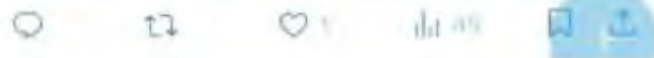


**CSLSA PIO** @CslsaPio · 1/17/24

Congrats and well done to our California Ocean Lifeguards competing internationally while fostering good will and camaraderie among fellow lifesavers down under.  
[@HaileyWinslow](#) [#teamwork](#) [#csla](#)

**Surf Life Saving Aus...** · 1/17/24

[#SSTL2024](#) | Last weekend we welcomed the California Bears to Maroubra Beach, the first international team to compete in the Super Surf Teams League! Read more about the Bears here: [bit.ly/490Whcz](https://bit.ly/490Whcz)





**CSLSA PIO** @CslsaPio · 1/9/24

On this National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, Ocean Lifeguards thank our law enforcement partners who assist us ensuring public safety. Fun Fact: CA State Parks Ocean Lifeguards are also Peace Officers enforcing laws & protecting beachgoers.





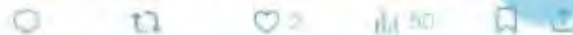
## CSLSA PIO @CslsaPio · 12/26/23

Congrats to the recently elected officers of the CA Surf Lifesaving Assoc. (CSLSA). They will begin their two-year term on Jan. 1, 2024 serving alongside the new President of the CSLSA Gus Avila who also begins a two-year term. #lifeguards #usla #teamwork

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New Officers: (photo L-R)

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Photo credit: PIO/Adam Sandler





**CSLSA PIO @CslsaPio · 10/9/23**

Congrats to Gus Avila on being elected President of CA Surf Lifesaving Assn. Thanks to outgoing prez Bill Humphreys (L) for 6 years of great leadership of the largest org of professional ocean lifeguards. #cslsa #usla #AlwaysSwimNearALifeguard.



California Coastal Lifeguard Association  
PO Box 901 - Huntington Beach, California 92646

Bill Humphreys  
President  
Gus Avila  
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**Bill Humphreys Statement:**

"After six years serving as President of the CSLSA, I have decided not to run again and will be stepping down from the Executive Board," said Bill Humphreys, outgoing president. "It has been an honor working with this wonderful organization. I want to thank everyone who has been actively involved in the CSLSA promoting ocean safety and working to expand the profession of open water lifeguarding."  
However, I think the organization is very capable hands and know that the new CSLSA president, Gus Avila — a longtime member who Humphreys served closely as acting president — will be a steady hand, and will set new objectives and goals, and achieve them!

**Gus Avila Statement:**

"On behalf of the CSLSA, I would like to thank Bill Humphreys for his six years of exemplary service," said Gus Avila, new President of the CSLSA. "Thanks to Bill's leadership, I am proud to be representing the profession of open water lifeguards. I am committed to addressing and attaining his accomplishments, and adding additional initiatives while guiding the organization into the future."





From: USLA [webmaster@usla.org](mailto:webmaster@usla.org)  
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### CSLSA Officers Announcement

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## *California Lifesaving Association*

**TO:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Bill Richardson, Austin Trinkle Committee Co-Chairs  
**REPORTED BY:** Austin Trinkle  
**DATE:** April 11, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** CSLSA SPECIAL AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT

### **A. Awards approved at our last meeting and their status:**

1. Julianna Akubian - HB City JG who rescued her instructor following a cervical injury
  - Heroic Act Awards approved by CSLSA and USLA
  - Awards created and awaiting presentation at a later date
2. Michael Pugh - San Diego Fire Captain
  - Heroic Act Awards approved by CSLSA and USLA
  - Awards created and given to San Diego Lifeguards for presentation
3. Agency Awards for each of the following:
 

San Diego Lifeguards	San Diego Fire Department	San Diego Police Department
California State Lifeguards	US Coast Guard	US Border Patrol
University of California Police		

  - National Award for Emergency Preparedness approved by CSLSA and USLA
  - USLA Awards created and given to San Diego Lifeguards for presentation
4. Jacob Hulik - California State Lifeguard
  - Meritorious Act Awards approved by CSLSA and USLA
  - Awards created and given to President Avila for presentation
5. Riley Rhodes - California State Lifeguard
  - Meritorious Act Awards approved by CSLSA and USLA
  - Awards created - Incident description to be provided at today's presentation
6. Max Hunter and Riley Rhodes California State Lifeguards
  - Medals of Valor approved by CSLSA and USLA
  - Awards created - Incident description to be provided at today's presentation

### **B. Submissions Received for consideration at this meeting**

1. Jude Young & Merrick Vellmure - Laguna Beach High School Surf Team Members
  - Submitted for Meritorious Act Awards for rescue of a family in a rip current
  - APPROVED in committee meeting.
2. Any Jeffrey Weber & Shayla Bauer – non-lifeguards
  - Submitted for Heroic Act Awards for rescue of a surfer who had a heart attack in the water
  - APPROVED in committee meeting.
3. Ben Sweet – CA State Parks, Ventura
  - Submitted for Medal of Valor Awards for rescue of a victim in stormy conditions from the pier
  - APPROVED in committee meeting.





## *California Surf Lifesaving Association*

**TO:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Ian Burton, Statistics Committee Chair  
**DATE:** 4/9/2024  
**SUBJECT:** **Statistics COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT**

Thank you to all of the folks that have entered their statistics from last year! As a reminder, it is a requirement of your certification to submit annual statistics. It reflects poorly on all of us as a profession when we have so many agencies missing and not being accounted for. This includes LA County Beaches & San Diego County Beaches, which are probably the largest departments in the country. Please help and reach out to anyone that can rectify the missing information if you can.

If you are having any issues with submitting your data, please reach out to WatchTower directly.

The following agencies have yet to upload their annual 2023 data to the USLA;

- Aptos La Selva Fire Protection Dist., California
- Berkeley Lifeguards, California
- Camp Pendleton, California
- East Bay Regional Parks District, California
- Humbolt Bay Fire, California
- Los Angeles City Parks and Rec
- Los Angeles County Lifeguards – Beach
- Los Angeles County Lifeguards – Lakes
- Orange County Lifeguards, (US Ocean Safety), California
- Oxnard Fire Ocean Rescue, City of, California
- San Diego County Lifeguards, County of, California
- San Francisco Lifeguards, California
- San Jose Lifeguards, California
- San Luis Obispo County, County of, California
- Santa Barbara City Lifeguards, City of, California
- Santa Monica Lifeguards, City of, California
- Sonoma County Regional Parks, County of, California
- Ventura Harbor Patrol, Port District, California
- Ventura, Channel Islands Harbor, County of, California
- Ventura, Fire Department ARRT, City of, California
- YMCA Surf Camp, Imperial Beach, California

Thank You!  
 Ian Burton



## *California Surf Lifesaving Association*

**TO:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Nicolas Giugni, Training Committee  
**DATE:** April 10, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** TRAINING COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT

During the winter season outreach efforts were conducted to gather information from lifeguard agencies regarding their quarterly training programs and potential collaboration opportunities. The key findings are summarized as follows:

**1. Quarterly Training Overview:**

- Lifeguard agencies conduct regular quarterly trainings covering various topics such as water rescue techniques, CPR certification, emergency response protocols, and more.
- Some agencies are open to allowing outside agencies to attend these trainings, fostering cross-agency learning and networking.

**2. New Training Initiatives:**

- Several agencies have implemented innovative training programs that could benefit other organizations within the lifeguard community.
- Notable emphasis was placed on mutual aid trainings, involving detailed planning and coordination among agencies.

**3. Insights from Michael Carr, Lifeguard III (San Diego City Lifeguards):**

- Michael Carr shared details about San Diego City Lifeguards' quarterly Mass Rescue Operation (MRO) drill.
- The MRO drill simulates a mass casualty event with a full-scale Incident Command System (ICS) involving multiple agencies, including coast guard, police departments, fire departments, lifeguards, and city staff.
- This comprehensive simulation underscores the importance of inter-agency collaboration and preparedness in handling large-scale emergencies.

**4. Insight from Andrew Gudaz, Ventura County Fire/Water Rescue Cadre Lead**

- Another interesting aspect of the trainings discussed during the outreach efforts was the focus on analyzing and strategizing challenging location topographies for efficient emergency management. Training leads across the Ventura agencies engage in this exercise to map out appropriate tactical responses tailored to specific geographical features. This proactive approach ensures that rescue personnel are well-prepared to address emergencies effectively, particularly in areas with unique or difficult topographies.
- Furthermore, Fire Captain Andrew Gudaz, Water Rescue Cadre Leader for Ventura County, provided valuable insights into their internal lifeguard training program. Notably, they adhere to the guidelines set by the United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) for both initial training and recurrent training for fire personnel within the Water-Rescue cadre. Emphasis on rescue operations involving air support, a critical skillset highlighted by the extreme surf conditions and flooding experienced during the recent winter season.

- In addition to discussing their training program, Fire Captain Gudaz expressed keen interest in the concept of a training catalog. Despite Ventura County's current lack of association with CSLSA, he recognized the potential benefits such a catalog could offer in terms of streamlining training
5. **Meeting with Sean Staudenbaur, Marine Safety Lieutenant on Bridging gap between Counties.**
    - During the conversation with Sean Staudenbaur, it was revealed that the California Chiefs decided to keep trainings open to outside agencies within county lines. Furthermore, if there is potential funding from CSLSA to support a hosting agency of a training once a year where all agencies can participate, effectively building a bridge for collaboration and knowledge exchange within the lifeguard community.
  6. **Meeting with John Chetwynd - Data Repository Development:**
    - A meeting was held with seasonal lifeguard and data analysis specialist, John Chetwynd, to discuss the development of a centralized data repository.
    - The proposed repository aims to facilitate the cataloging of past and future trainings, specifically focusing on mutual aid exercises and comprehensive training records.

**Framework for the Data Repository:**

The envisioned data repository will serve as a dynamic platform to enhance collaboration, training effectiveness, and planning within the lifeguard community. Here's a structured framework for its development:

1. **Comprehensive Training Catalog:**
  - Establish a database to capture detailed information on past and upcoming trainings.
  - Include fields such as training type (e.g., night rescue, search and recovery), location (beach or facility name, geographic coordinates), agenda (training objectives, activities), post-training report (outcomes, lessons learned), and contact information of the leading lifeguard/fire chief.
2. **User-Friendly Interface and Calendar Integration:**
  - Develop a user-friendly interface accessible through the CSLSA website.
  - Integrate a calendar feature displaying upcoming trainings, enabling agencies to plan ahead and allocate resources efficiently.
3. **Mutual Aid Training Focus:**
  - Prioritize mutual aid trainings within the repository, emphasizing the importance of inter-agency collaboration and effective planning.
  - Encourage agencies to document mutual aid exercises comprehensively, sharing best practices and insights.
4. **Ideas Exchange and Networking:**
  - Create a platform for agencies to share successful training initiatives and innovative practices.
  - Foster networking by providing contact details of training organizers, facilitating collaboration and knowledge transfer.
5. **Resource for Training Planning:**
  - Enable agencies to access a repository of past trainings for inspiration and detailed insights.
  - Empower agencies to make informed decisions and streamline training planning processes.

**6. Budget Approval and Resource Allocation:**

- Ensure that participation in trainings and resource allocation align with approved budgets and organizational goals.
- Promote transparent communication and coordination among participating agencies.

**Implementation and Link to CSLSA Website:**

The data repository would be integrated into the CSLSA website, accessible to all lifeguard agencies across California. Regular updates and maintenance will ensure the repository remains a valuable resource for training coordination and professional development.

**Conclusion:**

This consolidated framework provides a roadmap for the development and implementation of the data repository, emphasizing its potential to support the mission and objectives of the California Surf Lifesaving Association. Insights from lifeguard agencies like San Diego City Lifeguards and Ventura County highlight the importance of comprehensive training and inter-agency collaboration in ensuring preparedness for emergencies.

By leveraging technology and collective expertise, agencies will be better equipped to plan, execute, and benefit from mutual aid trainings and other key initiatives, ultimately enhancing safety and effectiveness across the lifeguard community.

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## *California Surf Lifesaving Association*

**TO:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Steve Himes, Website Committee Chair  
Skip Prosser, Website Vice Chair  
**DATE:** April 10, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** Website COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT

The Website committee continues to attempt to keep the site updated with the various materials we receive from agencies as well as the CSLSA Board of Directors. The following is a list of items we tackled from October 2023 to April 2024:

- Updated CSLSA Lifesaving Sport results links
- Created permanent page for online CSLSA Junior Lifeguard results starting from 2023
- Removed CSLSA Fall meeting information page
- Added USLA Fall meeting 2023 information
- Update Officers
- Updated Emails for Officers
- Added 2024 USLA Spring Meeting info to website
- Added Capitola Spring Meeting info to website and updated Calendar with link
- Send new passwords and directions to access email to officers.
- Updated CSLSA Calendar with Lifesaving related events
- Created a google form for members to sign up for Committees.
- Link for Chairs to receive member info will be emailed out soon.
- Received inquiries about the location of the 2024 Regional Competition.
- Updated Lake Mission Viejo Association Pay schedule and contacts.
- Updated City of Santa Cruz | Parks & Recreation Contacts.
- Updated City of Laguna Beach Pay Schedule
- Updated City of Solana Beach Pay Schedule and Contacts.
- Please Email [website@cslsa.org](mailto:website@cslsa.org) for any changes you need on your contact sheet posted on the website.



# California Surf Lifesaving Association

Southwest Region - United States Lifesaving Association

PO Box 366 - Huntington Beach, California 92648

April 12, 2024

## Bylaws/Policies & Procedures Action Report

By Robert A. Moore and William J. Richardson, Committee Co-Chairs

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The proposed Policy change is to II-M Dues Distribution.

#### Dues Distribution

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Based on further research, this CSLSA Bylaws/P&P's Committee Chair is recommending the following:

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**Results of the P&P's Version 2 II-M vote:**

**Tabled (to be revisited at the Fall 2024 BOD Mtg.)  
This Committee Chair requested that Version 2 II-M  
be shared at the USLA Spring Mtg**

The two new Policy proposals are as follows:

- Number:** V-C
- Adopted:**
- Authority:**
- SUBJECT:** DATE(S) OF THE CALIFORNIA SURF LIFESAVING LIFEGUARD CHAMPIONSHIPS
- PURPOSE:** To establish the official dates(s) of the California Surf Lifesaving Championships, California Surf Lifesaving U-19, and the California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships

The California Surf Lifesaving Championships, California Surf Lifesaving U-19 Championships, and the California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships shall be held on the following annual date(s)

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The Friday prior to the California Surf Lifesaving Championships

The date(s) may be changed with a vote from the Board of Directors.

At no time shall the California Surf Lifesaving Championships conflict with the International Surf Festival lifeguard competitions which are held on the first partial or whole weekend in August.

**Results of the P&P's V-C vote:**

**Pass      Yes 22    No 6**

**Number:**            V-D

**Adopted:**

**Authority:**

**SUBJECT:**            **FEES OF THE REGIONAL LIFEGUARD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**PURPOSE:**            To establish the official fees of the California Surf Lifesaving Championships, California Surf Lifesaving U-19 Championships, and the California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships

There will be a competition entry fee for all competitors competing in the California Surf Lifesaving Championships, California Surf Lifesaving U-19, and the California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships. A portion of the monies will be distributed as outlined in the California Surf Lifesaving Association Policies & Procedures manual II-N

The official fees for the California Surf Lifesaving Championships, California Surf Lifesaving U-19, and the California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships shall be proposed, discussed, and voted on by the Board of Directors at the Fall Board of Directors meeting.



There shall be two fees for each competition: Early Registration and Late Registration. When establishing fees and date(s) of Late Registration, the Board of Directors shall adhere to the following guideline:

A. California Surf Lifesaving Championships

1. Early Registration

- a. The fee shall not be equal to the membership fee for the USLA.
- b. The fee shall be equal to or not exceed 25% of the fee of the previous year's California Surf Lifesaving Championships fee.
- c. Early Registration will end no sooner than fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the competition or a date agreed on by the Board of Directors.

2. Late Registration

- a. The fee shall not be equal to the membership fee for the USLA.
- b. The fee shall be equal to or not exceed 25% of the late fee of the previous year's California Surf Lifesaving Championships fee.
- c. Late Registration will begin no sooner than thirteen (13) days prior to the start of the competition or a date agreed on by the Board of Directors.

B. California Surf Lifesaving U-19 Championships

1. Early Registration

- a. The fee shall not be equal to the membership fee for the USLA.
- b. The fee shall be equal to or not exceed 25% of the fee of the previous year's California Surf Lifesaving U-19 Championships fee.
- c. Early Registration will end ~~no sooner than fourteen (14) days~~ **at noon on the day** prior to the start of the competition or a date agreed on by the Board of Directors.

2. Late Registration

- a. The fee shall not be equal to the membership fee for the USLA.
- b. The fee shall be equal to or not exceed 25% of the late fee of the previous year's California Surf Lifesaving U-19 Championships fee.
- c. Late Registration will begin ~~no sooner than fourteen (14) days~~ **at noon on the day** prior to the start of the competition or a date agreed on by the Board of Directors.

C. California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships

1. Early Registration

- a. The fee shall not be equal to the membership fee for the USLA.
- b. The fee shall be equal to or not exceed 25% of the fee of the previous year's California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships fee.
- c. Early Registration will end ~~no sooner than five (5) days~~ **at noon on the day** prior to the start of the competition or a date agreed on by the Board of Directors.

2. Late Registration

- a. The fee shall not be equal to the membership fee for the USLA.
- b. The fee shall be equal to or not exceed 25% of the late fee of the previous year's California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships fee.
- c. Late Registration will begin ~~no sooner than four (4) days~~ **at noon on the day** prior to the start of the competition or a date agreed on by the Board of Directors.

**Results of the P&P's V-D vote with amendments:**

**Pass**

**MPU**



## *California Surf Lifesaving Association*

**TO:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Nikki Bryant, Grants Committee Chair  
**DATE:** April 11, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** GRANTS COMMITTEE ACTION REPORT

First, I would like to appreciate President Avila for the appointment to Grant Committee Chair. I aspire to guide this committee and further the purpose and objections of the CSLSA by serving the Association and Chapters with this initiative.

I reviewed past CSLSA minutes through Fall of 2021 to identify any current issues that could be addressed with grant opportunities. One common trend was a desire for more Chapters or Agencies to apply for the available grants the CSLSA distributes each year. Additionally, in conversation with colleagues from a variety of agencies a trending current issue is Mental Health resources for seasonal employees.

### COMMITTEE TASKS & GOALS:

I propose this committee embark upon the development of a grant application template that could be a tool for agencies to apply for available funds outside of CSLSA. To support this, I also propose the development of a webpage on the Association site that can be a resource for agencies to identify grants that are available for application and use the template in support.

This proposal is in need of Chapter & Association deliberation and is not ready for Executive Board recommendation. I invite any interested parties to please share ideas or interests with me for further development of this goal.

### ACTION RECOMMENDED BY EXECUTIVE BOARD AT USLA BOD MEETING:

None



## *California Surf Lifesaving Association*

**TO:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Casey T. Graham and R. Chris Egan  
**DATE:** 4/12/2024  
**SUBJECT:** Junior Lifeguard Committee Report

At the committee meeting we discussed the below items. There were no actions taken by the committee nor recommendations for actions by the board.

We reviewed the following items including rule and guideline changes for the A, B, C divisions at the regional championships.

- Athletes can now compete in four events.
- The two athletes who are “pulling” victims will not have that event count towards their four events.
- The ironguard event will be contested again in 2024 and in the A, B, and C age groups and shall run concurrently with the beach flags event.
- Regionals is tentatively going to be held at Dockweiler State Beach on Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The regional fee will be \$25. The committee chairs proposed to give a portion to the general fund but no motion was made.
- Grants program deadline will be May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- A member spoke about improvements that can be made to the website, including pictures and a non-opt out waiver for photos.
- The topic of a beefed-up SUPER REGIONAL event was discussed and a sub-group was formed to study the feasibility of the event for 2025.
- Skip Prosser, Brandy White, Mark Allen, Tony Sholl, Mark Allen, Brendan Howard, Casey Graham and Chris Egan will comprise this group.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey Graham



## *California Surf Lifesaving Association*

**TO:** CSLSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**FROM:** CHARLOTTE GRAHAM, MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR  
**DATE:** APRIL 12, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ACTION REPORT**

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the Membership Committee. Here is a summary of the topics discussed.

- \* Discussed the USLA member gift coming soon - Towels. Will coordinate with Chapter reps to pick them up or deliver them.
- \* Chair will continue to encourage the USLA Committee to order the large gift items much earlier, so we can have the item at our Spring meeting.
- \* Committee will explore adding a larger gift item from our Region in the alternating years when the USLA gift is smaller and mailed out in the member envelopes. Received a good contact for custom items like hats or beanies.
- \* Need to continue to seek sponsors who can provide items for our members.
- \* Delegates recommend that we ask the USLA to provide the majority of the funding for future anniversary years and the extra costs that come with them.
- \* Reviewed the Two-tier Junior Guard membership again, including the benefits that each type receives.
- \* There were a few issues with the Gold JG member type last year, and the USLA hopes to have all those bugs worked out before the big push at Regionals this summer.
- \* JG Coordinators can register their Gold members first, and then send in their Free JG members later.

### COMMITTEE TASKS & GOALS:

1. Email LG/JG Member Benefits flyers to chapter reps, provide CSLSA discount codes, and the JG membership QR codes to all chapter representatives in advance of spring registration and renewals.
2. Email out Member renewal templates as soon as available.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** None at this time. Board approval of the Membership Committee report will validate any recommendations made.



## *California Surf Lifesaving Association*

**TO:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Sean Carey, Professional Standards Committee Chair  
**DATE:** April 12, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE ACTION REPORT

Professional Standards Committee discussed the draft guideline regarding Lifeguards exposed to contaminants on duty. The draft was introduced to the group and we briefly went through it. Some great suggestions were made by committee members. The general consensus was that we need to keep the guidelines ambiguous enough to be adopted by as many agencies as possible but specific enough to include all considerations of this complex issue.

#### COMMITTEE TASKS & GOALS:

1. Work on obtaining advice and direction from clinicians who are subject matter experts.
2. Before the next meeting we will be researching our local policies further to educate ourselves.

#### ACTION RECOMMENDED BY EXECUTIVE BOARD AT USLA BOD MEETING:

- None



## *California Surf Lifesaving Association*

**TO:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Bill Richardson & Austin Trinkle Committee Co-Chairs  
**DATE:** **4/12/24**  
**SUBJECT:** **SPECIAL AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS COMMITTEE ACTION REPORT**

1. Jude Young & Merrick Vellmure - Laguna Beach High School Surf Team Members
  - Submitted for Meritorious Act Awards for rescue of a family in a rip current
  - APPROVED in committee meeting.
1. Any Jeffrey Weber & Shayla Bauer – non-lifeguards
  - Submitted for Heroic Act Awards for rescue of a surfer who had a heart attack in the water
  - APPROVED in committee meeting.
2. Ben Sweet – CA State Parks, Ventura
  - Submitted for Medal of Valor Awards for rescue of a victim in stormy conditions from the pier
  - APPROVED in committee meeting.

**ACTION RECOMMENDED BY EXECUTIVE BOARD AT USLA BOD MEETING:**

- Submit Ben Sweet for USLA Medal of Valor award



## *California Surf Lifesaving Association*

**TO:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Brennan Howard Committee Chair in Lieu of Nicolas Giugni  
**DATE:** April 11, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** TRAINING COMMITTEE ACTION REPORT

### 1. Review and Discussion of Training Committee Activity Report

- Brennan Howard reviewed the Training Committee Activity Report which was done by Nick Giungi.
- Discuss the importance of cross-agency learning, innovative training programs, and insights from lifeguard agencies such as San Diego City Lifeguards Ventura . Highlights on Santa Cruz Counties inter agency collaboration and the necessity for Seasonal Lifeguards to be involved in quarterly trainings.

### 2. Presentation on Data Repository Development

- Brennan presented the framework for the development of the centralized data repository.
- Reviewed the proposed structure and objectives of the repository.
- Discuss the benefits of the repository for enhancing collaboration, training effectiveness, and planning within the lifeguard community.
- Discussed if watchtower could hold the ability to share standardized trainings and act as an interface between users sharing SOPs.

### 3. Discussion on Implementation Plan

- Opened the floor for discussion on the implementation plan for integrating the data repository into the CSLSA website. Concerns about a large-scale calendar with contact information being available for public consumption.
- Discuss strategies for ensuring regular updates and maintenance of the repository. Concluded that one person to be responsible for maintaining proper contact information or calendaring would be too strenuous. Utilizing a webmaster and collaboration of the website committee would be paramount in maintaining contacts. Collecting contacts for; local Search and Rescue Boards, County Training Boards, DBA, Post, and State Parks representatives to parcel out work across the CSLSA.

#### **COMMITTEE TASKS & GOALS:**

Necessary steps to reach out to watchtower to inquire on the ability for cross collaboration between agencies for sharing training materials. Gain access to FOCUS (State Parks training calendar). Collaboration with the website committee chair, as well as reaching out to counties across the CSLSA to acquire necessary contacts involving training dates and collaborative efforts.





## *California Surf Lifesaving Association*

**TO:** CSLSA Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Joseph A. Sholl  
**DATE:** **04/13/2024**  
**SUBJECT:** **WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORT**

Ways & Means Committee met at 8:30am on 4/12/2024.

We discussed the 2023 Year End Budget and the 2024 Year to Date Budget. A discussion regarding the Website Committee Budget initiated by Mr. Moore. Currently the Website Committee is unfunded and may be requesting funds be moved from Public Education Committee for a future project.

No actions were initiated by the Ways & Means Committee.



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**This Committee Chair requested that Version 2 II-M be shared at the USLA Spring Mtg**

The two new Policy proposals are as follows:

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- Adopted:**
- Authority:**
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### **Results of the P&P's V-C vote:**

**Pass      Yes 22    No 6**

**Number:**            V-D

**Adopted:**

**Authority:**

**SUBJECT:**            **FEES OF THE REGIONAL LIFEGUARD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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B. California Surf Lifesaving U-19 Championships

1. Early Registration

- a. The fee shall not be equal to the membership fee for the USLA.
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2. Late Registration

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C. California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships

1. Early Registration

- a. The fee shall not be equal to the membership fee for the USLA.
- b. The fee shall be equal to or not exceed 25% of the fee of the previous year's California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships fee.
- c. Early Registration will end ~~no sooner than five (5) days~~ **at noon on the day** prior to the start of the competition or a date agreed on by the Board of Directors.

2. Late Registration

- a. The fee shall not be equal to the membership fee for the USLA.
- b. The fee shall be equal to or not exceed 25% of the late fee of the previous year's California Surf Lifesaving Junior Lifeguard Championships fee.
- c. Late Registration will begin ~~no sooner than four (4) days~~ **at noon on the day** prior to the start of the competition or a date agreed on by the Board of Directors.

**Results of the P&P's V-D vote with amendments:**

**Pass                  MPU**