



California Surf Lifesaving Association – Southwest Region

Life Member Application – Submission Form

The candidate must have demonstrated an exemplary, positive and productive contribution to his/her agency as an employee and to both the regional and national organizations.

1. Proposed Recipient:

- Name: _____
- Region: _____
- Chapter: _____
- Agency: _____

2. Life Member Criteria (Check all that apply)

- A. The candidate has completed a minimum of twenty years of service as a professional lifeguard and/or lifeguard administrator or equivalent title; and
- B. has been an active member of the CSLSA or its predecessor for at least ten years; and
- C. has served as a member of the Board of Directors, Executive Board or as an elected officer of the CSLSA or its predecessor; and
- D. has demonstrated significant contributions made in the furtherance of the goals and objectives of CSLSA through a written resume of achievements and contributions.

3. Attach a Resume of Candidate’s career achievements and volunteer contributions to Open Water Lifesaving

4. Positions Held as a Professional Lifesaver:

Employing Agency:

Attach copies of recommendations from agency representative(s) to substantiate such service when possible.

5. Attach a letter of recommendation from the candidate’s chapter, signed by the chapter President verifying the following:

- A. Minimum of ten years active membership in Region and USLA**
- B. Outstanding service to Region and USLA**
- C. Member of the Regional and/or USLA Board of Directors**

6. **Submit this application and all supporting documentation to: secretary@cslsa.org and awards@cslsa.org no less than one week before the Board of Directors meeting at which it shall be considered.**

Submitted by:

Name: _____ Region: _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Nominee's Chapter President:

Name: _____ Region: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Procedure:

1. Applications must be signed by the submitting Chapter's President or Officer of the CSLSA.
2. Applications shall be submitted confidentially to the CSLSA Secretary and CSLSA Special Awards & Presentation committee chairman. It is recommended that such application be submitted **7 days in advance of a CSLSA Board of Director's meeting.**
3. The application must be submitted to the Secretary of the CSLSA and CSLSA Special Awards & Presentation committee chairman in advance of a meeting of the Board of Directors to be considered at such meeting.
4. At any Board of Directors meeting, prior to which an application for Life Membership has been submitted to the Secretary as described above, a committee will be convened to consider the application or applications.
 - A. The committee shall be composed of one member of the Board of Directors from each Chapter wishing to participate.
 - B. Any current Life Member present at the meeting shall be permitted to attend the committee meeting and participate in discussions, however, that Life Member may not have voting privileges unless they are the sole representative of their respective Chapter.
 - C. Each Chapter shall be responsible for selecting their representative and a proxy vote shall not be permitted.
 - D. The meeting shall be chaired by a person selected by the President or Executive Board designee of the CSLSA or presiding officer of the Board of Directors meeting.
 - E. After any discussion, a secret ballot vote shall be taken. The votes shall be counted by the chairperson and any other person summoned to assist.
 - F. A nominee may receive no more than one vote in opposition to confirm a Life Membership.
 - G. Once the vote has been counted, the chairperson shall announce the results to the committee and inform the President of the same, but shall not discuss the number of votes cast in favor or opposition and ballots shall be destroyed.
 - H. If the candidate is approved, the President of the CSLSA shall choose the appropriate time and place to announce the conference of Life Membership, but shall do so prior to the conclusion of the Board of Director's Meeting.
 - I. All persons involved in the selection process are strongly urged to keep the process and vote results confidential.
5. Newly conferred CSLSA Life Members may qualify for USLA Life Membership. Such applications may then be taken by the presiding officer to the next USLA Board of Director's Meeting for USLA Life Membership consideration. The USLA has a similar procedure, see USLA P&P III-D for details.

Action Taken by :

CSLSA

Approved

Name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Committee Chair: If seeking a USLA Life Membership also, national Application must be submitted to the USLA Secretary, no later than 7 days in advance of the next USLA Board Meeting, following approval by the Regional Board of Directors.