



# California Surf Lifesaving Association

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*President*

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By Robert A. Moore

**Vincent N. Lombardi III**  
*Vice President*

I have many thank yous to pass along:

**Michael A. Beuerlein**  
*Secretary*

I would like to start with the current Executive Board. Over the years there has been a pattern of people stepping up to the plate when another member is down. This Executive Board has been no different. As an example, I was unable to officiate at the Regionals due to a prior commitment. Others on the Executive Board stepped up to cover. Bill Richardson came out of retirement to add a helping hand by being the starter. That is the definition of Teamwork!

**Robert E. Williams**  
*Treasurer*

**Robert A. Moore**  
*Past President/Advisor*

Speaking of Bill Richardson, he donated a considerable amount of time on our Bylaws committee dealing with the USLA Bylaws, which he was the mover and shaker in that field over the years. He spent hours prior to the meeting looking at the proposals, 11 hours on committee meeting itself, and many more hours on the follow-up writing and organizing of the committee's results. Wow!

**Christopher R. Graham**  
*Recurrent Representative*

**Don C. Rohrer**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Executive Delegate*

Don and Beverly Rohrer for giving us a document to work with during our Bylaws committee meeting and compilation of all of the comments and concerns from the committee members. Hours and hours of work that go unnoticed, well, I noticed it.

**Michael S. Bartlett**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Delegate*

**Charlotte M. Graham**  
*Alt. Executive Delegate*

Rob McGowan for his leadership and unselfish contributions over the past two years. He also participated in the 11 hour Bylaws committee meeting, along with working with SHP, officiating, USLA Executive Committee business, 2006 Nationals, chairing meetings, answering correspondence on a day-to-day basis on behalf of the association, etc.

Vince Lombardi for his 'getting the word out'. He nudged and nudged. He got the membership numbers over the 1,000 mark again this year with additional members expected. And yes, he did get engaged after the National meeting in Miami – Key West proposal – nice!

Mike Beuerlein continues to work on the minutes from all the meetings and forwards them so we can post on the website. Being Secretary is toughest job in the organization. Well done. His quiet analytical demeanor on the Board is much appreciated. When Mike speaks, we listen.

Rob Williams runs the treasury with an iron fist. That is why we are doing so well! He has also taken the lead in the hosting the USLA meeting in Dana Point. He has involved Reenie and others to plan an awesome meeting. He is the one of the bright spots in the future of this organization.

Chris Graham has kept the agency exam survey current and up-to-date. This is a never-ending assignment. The exchange program continues to be a success thanks to his hard work. We had 16 people apply for the exchange this year, a record. We put in another 11 hour day giving oral interviews.

Don Rohrer brings a background to our meetings and he stays involved. He always follows through on items that are discussed and makes it happen. An example is the Bylaws Committee meeting. And yes Don, you are a delegate.

Mike Bartlett's participation is passionate and he follows through. He continues to amaze me with the amount of work he does on the American Lifeguard Magazine. He did however embarrass me by doing his homework and writing a very complimentary article on me. I have thanked him personally, but wanted to do it on record.

Charlotte Graham is the new blood of the organization. She always pitches in to help. She has her projects, but always offers to help. She and Chris are working on fundraising for the Dana Point meeting. She assisted me by taking over the Website Committee while I was out of town and continues to supply me with needed information for the Website.

Scott Hubbell Productions for his support of our organization when he did not have to due to issues with the national organization. His support has allowed us to apply a greater portion of our membership monies toward educational endeavors and other projects. His support with membership items has also allowed us to exceed a thousand members per year.

Pat Francis, the Web Master, she is the best – see the Website Committee Report.

To our significant others, a special thank you. Their patience and understanding over the years has allowed us the ability to participate and excel in this volunteer role for the cause of lifesaving. Without their support, we would not be able to do what we do.

The Los Angeles County Lakes Chapter for jumping in to make this meeting happen. I realize that there was some miscommunication along the way, but after speaking with Gordon Gray and Rick Gould things began to move in a positive direction. Don't stress out Gordon, everything is going to be fine thanks to you.

And finally, a special thank you to you the Board of Directors. Your support over the years has allowed me the honor to serve for a cause that I truly believe. I have fought for the cause, given my perspective, supported the Board of Director actions, and thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie and friendships.

I must say that over the years, I have gained experience and have allowed others the opportunity to grow as I have. I have been asked for advice and have given advice unsolicited in my role as the Past President/Advisor. I realize that my advice is just that, advice. I do not take it personal if it is not used, it is out there for discussion. Discussing issues is healthy and opens doors for alternatives. It also brings up a history that can be learned from, avoiding the mistakes of the past.

I now enjoy watching others take the lead and supporting where needed. I am encouraged with the members of the Executive Board and believe that the future is in good hands. Egos and personal agendas are checked at the door of this Executive Board, teamwork has been the key.

As the Past President/Advisor my role is one of giving advice and helping where needed. I have participated when asked i.e. New Zealand Exchange oral boards, Bylaws Committee, Website, competition official, etc.

Giving advice is what I do! So my advice is "Stay the course" and get new people involved!

Yours in Lifesaving,

*Robert A. Moore*  
Past President/Advisor