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Delegate/Certification Activity Report

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Proposed Television Contract. I participated in discussions with six (6) regional USLA reps regarding a proposed television contract for the USLA 2007 National Championships.

ISSUE: Should the USLA Executive Committee enter into a proposed television contract without bringing it to the entire Board of Directors?
For discussion and resolution.

RESULT: The issue of the proposed television contract negotiations will come before the National Board of Directors at its next meeting in November.

Communications. I have fielded many inquiries on various association subjects either through telephone or by e-mail contacts. All inquiries have been answered or referred to appropriate contacts for additional information or resolution.

Certification. The CSLSA Vice President was contacted by the City of Del Mar Lifeguards regarding a certification problem that has existed between that agency and the USLA for some three (3) years. Ms. Graham referred the issue to me.

I contacted the Del Mar representative. We had an extensive conversation on the issues and Del Mar's prior challenges in seeking recertification. After the discussion, I asked Del Mar to complete a new application and forward it to me. Del Mar did complete a new application. I have their submission here for further review.

As I understand the certification problem, there were two (2) issues with the prior submission. One issue dealt with the number of hours dedicated to First Aid training, and the second appears to be some confusion over Del Mar's classification of "Student Lifeguard." After reviewing the new application, the issue dealing with hours dedicated to First Aid training seems to be addressed and is no longer a problem for certification. On the second issue, that of "Student Lifeguard", I will ask Reenie Boyer and Charlotte Graham to review this Del Mar classification. It appears that the Del Mar "Student Lifeguard" classification parallels what many other agencies refer to as a "Cadet Classification". If Boyer and Graham agree with my assessment, I will ask the CSLSA Board to support the recertification of Del Mar with the intent of taking the Del Mar application to the National meeting with affirmative support from CSLSA.

New Certification Level. I am continuing to explore a concept of adding a new and higher level of certification than currently exists. This new type of certification would mirror one which is used by many fire departments across the nation. The new level would be a "Class One Lifeguard Service". This would be the highest level of certification that a lifeguard agency could receive within the USLA. We have many agencies that far exceed the requirements for Advanced Certification. As an organization, we should be able to properly recognize these agencies.

New Personal E-mail address. My new e-mail address is don_rohrer@verizon.net

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