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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OCTOBER 11, 2007

Welcome to the Fall 2007 CSLSA Board of Directors Meeting, and thank you to Rob Williams and the Newport Beach Ocean Lifeguard Association for hosting this event.

Since we last met at Redondo Beach, I have been busy with the business of the CSLSA. Following our Regional meeting, I attended the USLA Board of Directors meeting in Chicago. Although it was a very successful meeting, the mood was significantly dampened by the sudden passing of USLA Treasurer Greg Farry shortly before the meeting. We had a moving lakeside memorial for him, and he will be missed. Our silver lining is that our own Treasurer Rob Williams was approved as the interim Treasurer, and hopefully he will get elected to a full term at the Charleston meeting next month.

Once again, summer flew by in a flash. The Junior Lifeguard Regional Championships were very well attended and extremely well-run. Thank you to the Santa Barbara lifeguards for hosting these past three years. On Saturday, July 28th, over 120 lifeguards attended the CSLSA Regional Lifeguard Championships in Huntington Beach. I would like to thank Gordon Gray and Rob Williams for their help with the registration of all the competitors, as well as all the members of the Executive Committee who helped run the event. Special thanks also go to Bill & Donna Richardson, Vince Lombardi, Rob Torres, Jay Butki, and Scott Hubbell for their efforts to make our Regionals a success, and to Mike Bartlett, Doug Leach, Melissa Murphy and the Huntington Beach Lifeguards for hosting the event.

The 2007 USLA Lifeguard National Championships were held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. With the extreme humidity, the heat index was over 119 degrees! All the competitors from our region did extremely well despite the unbearable heat, and we owe a great deal of thanks to all the officials who helped run the 3-day event in such difficult conditions. Special thanks as well to Scott Hubbell and SHP, Inc. for his tremendous efforts this past year in securing sponsorship for our Lifeguard Regionals and Nationals, and for his continued support of our CSLSA membership kits.

By far, the area I have spent the most time working on over the past six months is our CSLSA membership. Although I am still waiting to get the membership list from a couple of chapters, we are close to 1300 members again this year! I will have more information about the 2007 membership in my committee report, and I thank all of you for your efforts to get your lifeguards signed up in our Association.

In conclusion, I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your Vice President for the past two years and I hope to continue to serve the CSLSA for many years to come. I am looking forward to a productive meeting here in Newport, and I congratulate everyone on the successful year we have had thus far. May we continue to move forward and always strive to be the most outstanding organization we can be.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Graham