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## 4<sup>th</sup> Executive Delegate's Report on Legislation and Statistics

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### Legislation:

The fall is the wrap-up for the Legislative season. Bills that were introduced at the first of the year, progress and mutate as they travel through committees of both the Assembly and the Senate before being reviewed by the Governor to either be vetoed, or signed into law.

In the case of the three Assembly Bills I identified at our Spring 2008 meeting as having potential impact for aquatic safety, or to our membership, only one--AB 2917 (Torrico) EMT registry--has survived as originally intended in the political arena.

- **SUMMARY of AB 2917:** This bill requires the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) to establish and maintain a statewide registry of the status of emergency medical technician (EMT) licenses and certificates, to be used by certifying entities, as defined. Requires EMSA to develop standards, guidelines, and regulations for certification of specified EMTs. Establishes guidelines for EMT certification and discipline, and for investigation of any conduct which threatens public health and safety, as defined.
- **Assembly Bill 2110 (Duvall)**, which would have required the operator of a vessel in California to complete an on-line vessel operation training course and obtain a vessel operator card from the Department of Boating and Waterways, died in committee.
- **Assembly Bill 2426 (Cook)**, was originally introduced as an amendment to Section 25620 of the Business and Professions Code and would have given the Department of Parks and Recreation the authority to issue a closure order for the possession of alcohol in a state park unit. Violations of this order would have been an infraction.

After an initially supportive start, this bill experienced some push-back and a significant amendment in committee that deleted the section on California State Parks and changed into a bill that would permit a person that operates an out-of-state winery and produces a limited amount of distilled spirits in another state to hold an interest in no more than 12 brewpub-restaurant licenses, provided specified conditions are met. Basically having nothing to do with the original purpose of the bill other than amending the Business and Professions Code. AB 2426 was signed by the Governor on September 27, 2008

As we look to the 2009 Legislative season, please be sure to send me an email if you are aware of any developing legislation that may affect California lifeguards.

## **Statistics:**

As we near the close of this calendar year, the time to add up your aquatic safety statistics and report in to the USLA data base draws near. Hopefully our member agencies and departments are using a computer based statistics system that increases the accuracy and efficacy of data collection. This past spring we provided our membership with a Daily Lifeguard Patrol Log and an Annual Lifeguard Statistics forms to assist them in collecting their statistics. The idea was to provide agencies with a tool to better collect their statistics in a more standardized, usable format that can be used to report critical data to both their management and to the USLA data base.

In committee I would be interested in hearing from those agencies who utilized these forms and hear feedback on how they worked for you.

## **Spring 2009 USLA Board of Directors Meeting and Conference:**

The Spring 2009 conference for the United States Lifesaving Association will be held at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, California on April 23-25, 2009.

We are setting up a Wednesday Golf Day at the municipal golf course nearby. I have been developing what I think will be a really interesting Educational Day for Friday that will really be worth attending.

A registration form from Asilomar will be uploaded to our website and attendees will be able to download, complete, and email to Asilomar for their room reservations.

### **Conference Schedule:**

- **Wednesday, April 22, 2009:** Golfing at the Pacific Grove Municipal Golf Course.  
Afternoon check-in at Asilomar.
- **Thursday, April 23:** 0900 – 1200 General Meeting  
1300 – 1700 Sub-committee meetings
- **Friday, April 24:** 0900 – 1200 Educational Conference @  
State Park Training Center  
1330 Pacific Grove Hyperbaric Chamber  
1500 - 1700 Monterey Bay Aquarium
- **Saturday, April 25:** 0900 – 1600 General Meeting & Sub-committee Reports  
and adjourn.
  - ❖ Host Hawaiian Luau Banquet in the evening
- **Sunday, April 26: Check-out by noon**

Respectfully submitted.



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