



# California Surf Lifesaving Association

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## Southwest Region - United States Lifesaving Association

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**TO: CSLSA Board of Directors**  
**FROM: Jay Butki**  
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### USLA National Championships

Discussion on Official's conduct and lack of competency at the 2009 National Lifeguard Championships. Several instances of a lack of knowledge and familiarity with current USLA competition rules, especially on the Beach Flags course at the start & finish of each run of the event, and familiarity on specifications for paddleboards and surfskis were noted.

Discussion on the definition of "affixed permanently" as it pertains to weights added on to surfboats, paddleboards & surfskis in order to make weight at the scrutineers scale, as some were noted to be later removed by the competitors.

Request and appeal to add new persons to the ranks of the regions corps of officials.

Discussion on Official's travel reimbursement to the USLA National Lifeguard Championships. Several officials voiced concern over their expenses in air travel to officiate for three days. The Corps of Officials are currently contracted to receive up to \$15,000 in hotel accommodation at the annual event from the host Chapter. Adding an airfare reimbursement expense would further burden the host Chapter and make it even harder to find a Chapter willing to host future USLA National Lifeguard Championships. Discussion on establishing a better framework and training for the Corps of Officials and administrative volunteers and establishing a required number per region based on the regions competitor entry numbers.

Motion put forth by Rob McGowan-LACOLA, seconded by Al Pepito-CSLA, to ask the USLA Board of Directors at the Fall 2009 meeting to remove the expense of the officials from the host contract and establish a framework to better cover the stipend for travel and accommodation of the USLA Corps of Officials.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Discussion on theft and misappropriations of personal equipment and footwear at the 2009 Nationals-discussion on sanctions of those found guilty.

### CSLSA Regional Lifeguard Championships

Discussion on raising the registration cost for the CSLSA Regional Lifeguard Championships from \$10.00 to \$25.00 putting \$10.00 into the CSLSA General Fund and \$15.00 per competitor into the restricted CSLSA competition account. This will raise the annual restricted competition budget from its current \$250.00 to \$2250.00 based on 150 competitors (numbers have ranged from a low of 125 to a high of 230 competitors in recent years) effective after the 2010 CSLSA Regional Championships.

Motion put forth by Charlotte Graham-LACOLA, second by Bob Moore-LACOLA, to raise CSLSA Regional registration cost to \$25.00

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Discussion on potential 2010 CSLSA Junior Lifeguard and Lifeguard Regional venue options.

The HBSLA had been awarded the bid at the Spring Meeting for a JG/LG regional event on July 23 & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010. However over the 2009 summer the HB Marine Safety Division Chief stated that they could not hold the Lifeguard Regional Championships on a Saturday due to the compounding operational impact on the Lifeguard services and public impact on beach access by the US Open of Surfing the following week July 25-August 1, 2010.

As a result of this information I contacted several entities to try and salvage some alternatives to our dilemma.

Attending Chapters interested in hosting the 2010 CSLSA Regional Championships are HBSLA, LACOLA, and SDLA.

The HBSLA / Huntington City with assistance from potential JG sponsor Hurley propose a Thursday / Friday competition on July 22 & 23 with a venue starting between the Hotels south of the Pier around Tower 11 and moving southward.

LA County Lifeguard Association with the assistance of Beachsport proposes a traditional Friday/Saturday event located at the western end towards the Trancas Beach area of Zuma Beach on July 23 & 24<sup>th</sup>.

San Diego Lifeguard Association proposes a Friday/Saturday event on July 23 & 24 located at the south Crystal Pier area of Pacific Beach.

Discussion and voting was conducted on the Thursday/Friday event versus a traditional Friday/Saturday Regionals at both the JG and Competition Committee meetings.

At the Junior Lifeguard Committee meeting the voting was 12 to 10 in favor of keeping the traditional Friday/Saturday schedule for JG Regionals/LG Regionals.

The vote at the Competition Committee was 14 to 4 in favor of keeping the traditional Friday/Saturday schedule for JG Regionals/LG Regionals.

A second round of voting was conducted amongst the attendees at the Competition Committee meeting for the two remaining venue proposals between Zuma Beach/LACOLA and Pacific Beach/SDLA.

The SDLA bid to host at the South Crystal Pier area of Pacific Beach won by 1 vote.

Motion made by Jay Butki-LACOLA, second by Brian Chadwell-SDLA, to accept SDLA's bid to host the 2010 CSLSA Regionals at the Pacific Beach Crystal Pier on July 23 & 24.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

### **International Lifesaving Competition**

Discussion on the past September's 4<sup>th</sup> Sanyo Bussan International Lifesaving Cup in Japan, October's 2009 World Masters Games Surf Life Saving competition in Manly Beach, Australia, the upcoming Wellington Cup Pool Lifesaving competition in Wellington, New Zealand in early April, the 5<sup>th</sup> Sanyo Bussan International Lifesaving Cup in Japan in either July, August or early September 2010.

Discussion on USLA, Master's and Interclub participation at the ILS World Championships "Rescue 2010" at Mamoura Beach and the Moubarak Military Swimming Pool complex , Alexandria, Egypt October 2-17, 2010.. National Team's competitions are Oct. 5-9, Masters competitions Oct. 7-11, Interclub competitions Oct. 10-16

Presentation and discussion on the upcoming 21<sup>st</sup> Wieland Shield tour exchange and competition with Life Saving Victoria. The educational exchange and competitive Tour commences on January 6, 2010, with competitions on Jan. 9, 13, 16 & 17.

Cost of the tour for the 15 CSLSA representatives is in excess of \$25,000.00 with airfare alone at \$1300.00-\$1500.00 per person.

The confirmed CSLSA representatives for the 2010 21<sup>st</sup> Wieland Shield tour exchange are:

Manager: Jay Butki- Rescue Boat Captain, LACoFD Lifeguard Division.

Assistant Manager: vacant

Coach: Scott Diederich- Lieutenant, Laguna Beach Marine Safety

Educational Officer: Rich Hidalgo- Sergeant, Imperial Beach Lifeguard Service  
Educational Officer: vacant

Women:

1. Micha Burden- seasonal Lifeguard Alumni-Huntington Beach Marine Safety Division
2. Maggie Hogan- seasonal Lifeguard Alumni-San Diego Lifeguard Service
3. Renee Locarnini- Ocean Lifeguard, LACoFD Lifeguard Division.
4. Alison Riddle- Ocean Lifeguard, LACoFD Lifeguard Division

Men:

1. Micah Carlson- Ocean Lifeguard, LACoFD Lifeguard Division
2. Pat Cary- Ocean Lifeguard, San Clemente City & LACoFD Lifeguard Division
3. Chad Carvin- Ocean Lifeguard, LACoFD Lifeguard Division
4. Mike Murphy- Ocean Lifeguard, LACoFD Lifeguard Division
5. Kicker Vencill- Ocean Lifeguard, LACoFD Lifeguard Division
6. athlete not yet confirmed
7. athlete not yet confirmed

Motion put forth by Jay Butki-LACOLA, seconded by Bob Moore-LACOLA, to ask the CSLSA Treasurer at Ways & Means to provide a \$100.00 stipend for each of the 11 CSLSA Lifeguard athlete representatives on the 21<sup>st</sup> Wieland Shield touring team for a total requested budget expense of \$1100.00.  
Motion Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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