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I have served on the 40th Anniversary committee and given my advice to the President and Executive Board.

I have also been in contact with Dave Story, Treasurer of the Los Angeles County Lifeguard Association Trust Fund, Greg Farry, Treasurer of the United States Lifesaving Association, and Ken Bayer, attorney and friend of the California Surf Lifesaving Association. My mission was to assist others on the Executive Board, do some fact finding, and pass along information for our attempt at obtaining a 501 c3 status. Our original status was passed along to the United States Lifesaving Association in 1979 when we changed our name from the National Surf Lifesaving Association. The USLA has updated their status and we have been using the national 501 c3 as a region of the umbrella association.

The CSLSA has learned that the process is considerable and too much to ask any one person on the Executive Board to tackle. The Treasurer has a bid to pursue the status and more recently we had an offer of pro bono work from Ken Bayer who assisted us in our SHP/USLA contract matter. My recommendation is to welcome Mr. Bayer's offer, assist where necessary, and compensate any expenditures that are related to the application. If there comes a point when Mr. Bayer feels that the process is too much, then I would recommend that the Executive Board authorize the expenditure of funds and pursue the bid.

There are some sticking points with a 501 c3 that have arisen. At any point in the process, the Executive Board must decide if we want to continue with the application or revert to using the USLA's tax status. I as other Executive Board members will monitor closely the progress and steer the course in the best interest of our membership.

Congratulations to the founders of our fine organization. The five original chapters were Huntington Beach City, Los Angeles City, Los Angeles County, Santa Monica, and San Clemente City. Thanks to their vision and ability to work through difficulties, we have inherited an organization that has truly grown to become national. We in the West Coast Region are where it all began — Southern California. For that we should remain proud and carry the tradition to the next generation of lifeguards. Happy 40th anniversary!