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Sadly, it is my duty to report to the membership that the *CalSurf* will no longer be available in the printed and bound format customary since its inception. Fiscal responsibility requires that funds formerly devoted to the printing process be utilized elsewhere in the Association for projects that are critical to the mission of the organization. Many of us who lobbied for the continuance of the printing process lament its passing. The newsletter, however, particularly in its printed form, was, in many respects, a luxury. We must keep in mind that the core objectives and services provided by this organization must be funded and that less essential facets of the operation are always at risk of being reduced or eliminated.

Let me assure you, the newsletter is being reduced, not eliminated. It will continue online, with an issue every spring and fall as before. It will, however, have noticeably less pages as a result of the reduced budget available to pay for typesetting. We will continue to provide, as best we can, the new sections introduced last issue – “Gear Guide” and “How To” – as well as agency profiles when we can and, of course, other articles of interest to lifeguards.

On the bright side, an online format uses no paper products and therefore can be considered “greener” than the printed product. Whatever energy goes into plugging in your computer and going to the website is presumably much less than that used for the printed product. Those of you who are not content with an online copy, are welcome to download the *CalSurf* from the website. Of course, you will have to bind it yourself, but hopefully it will suffice until such time that the budget for professional printing can be restored.

The Spring '08 issue will feature an article by Bill Richardson about the Huntington Beach junior lifeguards who saved one of their own and were honored with Awards of Merit at the fall meeting. It will also include new Gear Guide and How To articles by Rich Hidalgo, the new Board of Directors line-up and a message from the President.

The issue should be online in the next two weeks. Check it out and enjoy.

Respectively submitted,

Richard Godino