

# California Surf Lifesaving Association

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### ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

### *Excerpt from CSLSA BYLAWS*

#### SECTION 1 - Association Membership

The membership of the CSLSA shall be made up of the following members: Professional Members, Life Members, Alumni Members, Junior Lifeguard Members, Associate Members and other such Special Memberships as defined in Section 2 of this Article.

#### SECTION 2 - Individual Membership

##### A. Professional Member

To qualify as a Professional Member, an individual must:

1. be a direct, active, seasonal or retired employee, including a chief, director or equivalent, of an ocean, bay, lake, river or open water lifesaving or rescue service; and
2. have worked a minimum of eight hours annually for a respective service, or is retired from service and has worked in the service fifteen (15) years or more and maintained membership, in good standing, in the CSLSA; and
3. be a member of a local chapter for voting privileges; and
4. pay annual dues to the Chapter, Region and National organization as prescribed by the Board of Directors of each.

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### ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

### *Excerpts from USLA BYLAWS*

#### SECTION 1 Association Membership

The membership of the USLA shall be made up of the following members: Professional Members, Life Members, Alumni Members, Junior Lifeguard Members, Associate Members, Honorary Members and Supporting Members, as such members are defined in Section 2 of this Article.

#### SECTION 2 Individual Membership

##### A. Professional Member

To qualify as a Professional Member, an individual must:

1. Be a direct, active, seasonal or retired employee, including a chief, director or equivalent, of an ocean, bay, lake, river or open water lifesaving or rescue service
2. Have worked a minimum of eight hours annually for a respective service, or the individual is retired from service and has worked in the service fifteen (15) years or more and maintained membership, in good standing, in the USLA .
3. Be a member of a local chapter
4. Pay annual dues to the chapter, region and national organization as prescribed by the Board of Directors of each

**ARTICLE VI**  
**LOCAL CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP**

***Excerpt from***  
***CSLSA BYLAWS***

**SECTION 1 - Local Chapter Definition**

Professional Lifesavers and other qualified persons whom by reason of common agency affiliation, job similarity, or for reason of geographic unity may associate themselves for purposes of forming a Chapter of the Association.

**SECTION 2 - Qualifications for Chapter Membership**

- A. To qualify for membership in the CSLSA, each Chapter must:
1. contain two (2) or more members who meet the individual professional requirements for membership as outlined in Article III, Section I; and
  2. file an application for Chapter Membership and submit it to the CSLSA; and
  3. meet and maintain the minimum guidelines of the CSLSA; and
  4. pay a uniform Chapter Membership initiation fee as established by CSLSA Policies and Procedures; and
  5. agree to elect officers and create bylaws. All Chapters are encouraged to incorporate within their state of jurisdiction; and
  6. stand an inspection and review by a Chapter Review Committee assigned by the Executive Board.
  7. A two-thirds majority vote is required of the Board of Directors to acknowledge that the submitting applicant has met all the above requirements and to certify them as an officially recognized Chapter of the CSLSA.
- B. All existing chapters of this association as of June 21, 1983 shall be deemed to have qualified for the purposes of members serving on the Board of Directors or Executive Board of CSLSA.

**SECTION 3 - Good Standing**

- A. A Chapter remains in good standing as long as:
1. it maintains all the qualifications for Chapter membership listed in these Bylaws and performs all the duties and obligations deemed by the Board of Directors to be incumbent upon every Chapter; and
  2. each Chapter shall pay annual individual dues for each member beginning ~~July 1<sup>st</sup>~~ **April 1<sup>st</sup>** of each year, in the amount established by the Board of Directors.
  3. **each Chapter ensures the direct payment of dues in an amount established and the manner prescribed by the Board of Directors.**
- B. Any Chapter which fails to submit annual dues for all Chapter members by October 1 of any year shall be subject to expulsion by two-thirds majority vote of the Directors present and voting at the time the vote is called at a Board of Directors Meeting.

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**ARTICLE VI**  
**LOCAL CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP**

***Excerpt from***  
***USLA BYLAWS***

**SECTION 1 Local Chapter Definition**

A Local Chapter may be formed by two or more individuals who qualify as Professional Members under Article V, Section 2 (A) of these Bylaws.

**SECTION 2 Chapter Certification**

**A. Qualifications**

To be certified as a Local Chapter of the United States Lifesaving Association, the following qualifications must be met. Each chapter shall:

1. Define a sphere of influence for a Local Chapter that does not conflict in any manner with the sphere of influence of any other qualified USLA Local Chapter.
2. Maintain clearly defined requirements that all Local Chapter members shall specify working for a given employer or working as open water lifesavers within the defined geographic area.
3. Subscribe to and abide by the general purposes and objectives of the United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) as set forth under Article II, General Purposes and Objectives, of these Bylaws.
4. Operate in a manner consistent with the requirements of a non-profit organization as defined in Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 whether or not the certifying Chapter is required to file for Section 501 (c) (3) status under regional or state law.
5. Call for a Chapter General Election of officers on a regular basis, time method and manner of said election to be determined by the Chapter.
6. File an application for Chapter Membership which shall include the chapter's proposed Bylaws with the Regional Board of Directors of jurisdiction or, in the absence of a Regional Board of Directors, the USLA Board of Directors by submission to the USLA Secretary.
7. Pay a Chapter Membership application fee to the Regional Board of Directors of jurisdiction.
8. Allow for a Chapter Review by a Chapter Review Committee assigned by the Regional Board of Directors of jurisdiction or, in the absence of a Regional Board of Directors, by the USLA Board of Directors.

**B. Vote of Approval**

A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote is required of the Regional Board of Directors of jurisdiction to acknowledge that the applicant for Chapter Membership has met all of the requirements listed in Section A above and to approve the applicant as an official Chapter of the USLA with all the rights and benefits recognized in these Bylaws and by the Association.

**SECTION 3 Chapter in Good Standing**

A Chapter will remain in good standing if the Chapter abides and acts according to all Bylaws, policies and procedures of the Regional Board of Directors of jurisdiction and the USLA.

The Chapter shall either:

- A. pay the annual USLA membership dues for its USLA members or
- B. ensure the direct payment of dues by its USLA members to the USLA in an amount established and the manner prescribed by the Regional Board of Directors of jurisdiction.

**ARTICLE XII**  
**DUES**

***Excerpt from***  
***CSLSA BYLAWS***

**SECTION 1 - Establishment of Dues**

The Board of Directors shall have the power to set annual dues for each member.

**SECTION 2 - Dues Collection and Distribution**

Chapters in good standing may collect membership dues from eligible persons in an amount not less than the amount set by the CSLSA Board of Directors.

Qualified members of Chapters in good standing shall be members of CSLSA and the USLA.

All Chapters shall expeditiously send all dues collected for membership to the person designated by the Executive Board to receive such funds.

**SECTION 3 - Membership Duration**

Individual membership shall extend from ~~July 1<sup>st</sup>~~ April 1<sup>st</sup> each year to ~~June 30<sup>th</sup>~~ **March 31<sup>st</sup>** of the following year.

**SECTION 4 - Reinstatement**

The payment of delinquent dues does not make a member eligible for awards of achievement earned during the non-eligible period.

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**ARTICLE XIII**  
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The Board of Directors shall have the power to set annual dues for each member.

**SECTION 2 Dues Collection and Distribution**

Chapters in good standing may collect membership dues from eligible persons in an amount not less than the amount set by the USLA Board of Directors.

Qualified Members of Chapters in good standing shall be Members of USLA.

Chapters and Regions shall expeditiously send all dues collected for USLA membership to the person designated by the Executive Committee to receive such funds.

**SECTION 3 Membership Duration**

Individual membership shall extend from April 1<sup>st</sup> each year to March 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

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The payment of delinquent dues does not make a member eligible for awards of achievement earned during the non-eligible period