

UNITED STATES LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES

November 24 & 25, 1980

I. CALL TO ORDER

The United States Lifesaving Association Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Richard L. Miller, President at 7:20 P.M. at the Jupiter Hilton, Jupiter Beach, Florida on November 24, 1980.

The following directors were present:

<u>West Coast</u>	<u>Mid-Atlantic</u>
Richard Miller	Carl Martinez
Byron Wear	Tom Daly
Rob Patterson	
Mike Dwinell	<u>New England</u>
Chris Simpson	Bill Reagan
Grant Larson	Tim Hall
<u>Great Lakes</u>	<u>Southeast</u>
Joe Pecoraro	Rich Noyes.
Gillespie	John Hicks
Schorey	Jerry Wolfe
Collonna	Jim Shoemaker
Harrington	

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 1980 Board of Directors Meeting were circulated. Approval was deferred.

III. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. President - Richard L. Miller (attached Exhibit A)
- b. Vice-President - Bill Terry
Bill Terry was not present. It was announced that Bill Terry had resigned effective today.
- c. Executive Director/National Secretary - Byron Wear
Byron Wear indicated that effective January 1, 1981 he would resign as "National Secretary", but would remain on as "Executive Director". This action was taken to avoid any potential conflicts that may arise with dual positions. Since August Byron Wear has concentrated on fund raising and program development areas. Additional funding and support is being sought with AMF-Voit, Coppertone and Speedo. In addition, the San Diego Chapter of the American Red Cross has given the USLA an office location for an interim basis effective early 1981. Also a new membership accounting system is recommended for 1981 involving a triplicate form so chapters and regions could have a duplicate of the USLA National form.
- d. Treasurer's Report - Dave Story
(Rob Patterson distributed a Treasurer's Report for Board Approval.) He also indicated that the Executive Board was recommending an increase in dues to \$10.00 seasonal, \$12.00 permanent and a 50/50 split in dues between the region/USLA. See Treasurer's Report. (page 4)

- e. Recurrent Representative - Rob Patterson
Rob Patterson indicated that an improved membership delivery system was being sought and that further communications with the Recurrent Representatives of each region were being sought.
- f. International Liaison - Max Bowman
Richard Miller indicated that future exchanges included an Education Tour to Peru from November 28th to December 11, 1980. Competitive Tour to South Africa January 1981 and a dual meet with Australia in San Diego following the USLA Nationals in Laguna Niguel in August 1981.
- g. Advisor - Joe Pecoraro
Joe Pecoraro indicated that he was concentrating on establishing the Great Lakes Region. He also stated that he was the USLA representative at the National Safety Councils Conference in October in Chicago.

IV. REGIONAL REPORTS

- a. New England Region - Tim Hall from Maine indicated that he felt USLA Membership would double in 1981. He also stated that he would like to see National Competition to take place by 1985. Bill Reagan from Cape Cod chapter spoke on his progress made in getting Massachusetts involved.
- b. Mid-Atlantic Region - Tom Daly, Treasurer of the Mid-Atlantic Region indicated that the region has increased from 1 to 8 chapters in 1980 and he expects 12 - 15 total by 1981, also the possibility of 3,000 members. He indicated that the Mid-Atlantic Region will host the next USLA Board Meeting on May 8-9, 1981 in Hempstead, NY at Hofstra University. For information contact Bob Kolonkowski, 176 Perry Street, Hempstead, NY 11550. Tom also indicated he wished to get more involved in Beach Safety Week.
- c. South East Region - Rich Noyes, President of the South East Region gave a brief summary. December 30, 1980 at Hollywood, Florida there will be a competition involving competitors from New Jersey. Dudley Crosson is requesting USLA sanction of a diver-medic course. Copies were distributed. Rich also indicated that the 1982 USLA National Lifeguard Championships will be held in Miami Beach in August. Additional information will be sent out.
- d. West Coast Region - Richard Miller gave an overview of West Coast accomplishments in 1980. He mentioned that the West Coast held their West Coast Regional Meeting in Rosarito Beach, Baja California, Mexico in October to assist the Rosarito Beach Lifeguards. A study is underway by the USLA (Byron Wear and Tim Dorsey) to determine needed staffing and equipment. He also indicated that the competition in 1980 was a tremendous success, held in San Diego involving over 300 competitors, 30 of which were outside California. Australia will be visiting the USA on a competition circuit and will visit the east coast. The USA-Australia dual meet will be held in San Diego in August following the USLA Nationals in Laguna Niguel on August 13 and 14, which will be sponsored by AVCO.

- e. Hawaii - No report
- f. Great Lakes Region - Joe Pecoraro gave a summary of progress made in the Great Lakes in 1980. He indicated that the Chicago Chapter was involved for the first time in National Competition in San Diego and the results proved to be a big membership booster for the chapter, totalling now in excess of 400. Membership for 1981 should hit 1,000. He plans additional membership and organization efforts to the other agencies and to Detroit, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana.

V. SPECIAL REPORTS/COMMITTEES

- a. Galveston Study/Water Related Fatalities - Dr. Jim McCloy, Director of the Coastal Zone Lab of Texas A&M gave a report on the progress made in developing statistics on drowning. He indicated a desire for a Uniform Reporting System to be developed for all agencies to utilize. The Coastal Zone Lab will cooperate with the USLA in compilation of data at no charge. Additionally, he indicated that the proceedings from the Beach Standards Conference held last spring will be printed and distributed.
- b. CNCA - Council for National Cooperation in Aquatics - Byron Wear gave a report for Doug D'Arnall on the recent CNCA meeting held in Atlanta. He indicated that there was an excellent turnout from representatives of the USLA. An extremely successful Lifeguard Workshop was conducted that included a look at West Coast and South East Lifeguard Operations, River and Flood Rescue, Coastal Rescue Specialist work, neck and back injuries and Great Lakes Lifeguarding. The CNCA/USLA relationship will continue to grow with more involvement from the USLA.
- c. Finance/Ways and Means - A 1981 Budget was submitted by Dave Story for membership dues expenditures. Deferred to Committee.
- d. Standards - Tim Dorsey - A guideline for Rough Water Open Swim was presented for approval. Deferred.
- e. Textbook - The USLA textbook, Lifeguarding and Marine Safety will be published in early 1981. The textbook/publications committee will involve at least one representative from each region. Future publications include Cliff Rescue, River and Flood Rescue and Underwater Search and Rescue.
- f. Elections - Vice President: Bill Terry has resigned effective immediately. Nominations for Vice President were made. They were: Gene Bergman, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Hugh Bowen, Hollywood, Florida. Secretary: Byron Wear has resigned his elected position of National Secretary. Nominations for Secretary were made. They were: Doug D'Arnall, Huntington Beach, California, Carl Martinez, New York. Elections were postponed until the following day to give an opportunity for directors to decide.

There was a motion to adjourn at 9:40 P.M.

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The meeting was called to order by Richard Miller at 10:37 A.M. on November 25, 1980.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the August 11 & 12, 1980 Board of Directors Meeting in San Diego were approved. Motion was made by Joe Pecoraro, seconded by Mike Dwinell.

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There was a motion by Rich Noyes, seconded by Bill Reagan that a summary of the Board of Directors Meeting be sent to all regions within 30 days of the meeting.

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II. TREASURER'S REPORT

There was a motion by Tim Hall, seconded by Rich Noyes to approve the Treasurer's Report.

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III. ACTIVITIES BOOKLET

The West Coast USLA Activities Booklet was shown to the Board for other regions to follow if they desire. The booklet to include competition dates, special activities and a list of discounts available to members.

IV. USLA LETTERHEAD

There was a motion by Carl Martinez and seconded by Grant Larson that once stationary is depleted that the USLA print new stationary without names.

Defeated
6 - 14

There was a consensus that once regional offices/addresses are established they be placed on the letterhead.

V. SPECIAL REPORTS/COMMITTEES

- a. Affirmative Action - Russ Walker not present.

Carl Martinez requested that the USLA prepare a statement on affirmative action to be drafted.

- b. Legal - Motion by Carl Drake seconded by Joe Pecoraro to retain legal counsel at Bruck, Anderson and Kranz for obtaining copyright of beach standards and logo.

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- c. ~~Bylaws~~ - There was a request by the Board of Directors that a P.O.P. Policies and Operational Procedures/Packet be developed for new chapters.

There was a motion by Gene Bergman seconded by Rich Noyes that the Executive Director prepare a annual status report to include a summary of actions and statements to appear in January magazine.

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There was a motion that the packet be sent to all regions/President or Secretary to include a copy of all materials published by USLA and the P.O.P. packet.

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Byron Wear gave a report on the division of the states into regions. The final boundaries were approved with a motion by Jerry Wolfe, seconded by Mike Dwinell (see attached map). Changes were as follows: Mid-Atlantic Region to include Virginia and West Virginia plus Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and all of New York.

- d. Certification - Bruce Baird was not present.

There was a motion by Scott Tye seconded by Chris Simpson

to consolidate the ALERT, Underwater and Cliff Rescue Committees into a specialized rescue committee.

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At the request of the Executive Director there was a motion by Mike Dwinell to certify Larry Gibson and Dave Nagle as instructors for Helicopter Rescue, Coastal Rescue Specialist, Inshore Rescue Boat Operator and I.R.B. Crewman. And to certify Jim Segerstrom in ALERT and Swiftwater Rescue

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- e. Heroic Acts - none submitted

Note: This is eligible for lifeguards and citizens.

- f. Junior Lifeguard - Conrad Liberty not present. Joe Pecoraro, Scott Tye, Greg Crow and Chris Simpson gave brief reports on the Junior Lifeguard Programs that each operates.

- f. Elections - The following persons were nominated for USLA Executive Board Offices following a motion by Mike Dwinell seconded by Carl Drake to close the nominations.

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Vice President - November 24, 1980 to December 31, 1981

Gene Bergman, Hugh Bowen

Secretary - January 1, 1981 to December 31, 1981

Doug D'Arnall, Carl Martinez

Brief speeches were permitted by each candidate or a representative.

The following results were announced:

Vice President - Hugh Bowen 4 votes

Gene Bergman 15 votes - elected

Secretary - Doug D'Arnall 10 votes - elected

Carl Martinez 9 votes

There was a motion to adjourn for lunch.

Meeting was called to order at 3:10 following a demonstration by the Palm Beach County Lifeguards of the inlet operation. Special thanks were given to Palm Beach County Lifeguards and Dan Reidy, Vice President of the South East Region for hosting the meeting.

- g. Swim-A-Thon/Beach Safety Week - There was a motion by Tom Daly and seconded by Gene Bergman to direct the Executive Director to handle and promote a National Swim-A-Thon program during the National Beach Safety Week of June 21-27, 1981

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- h. Research and Development - There was a motion by Tom Daly and seconded by Gene Bergman to pursue idea of a catalog of lifesaving equipment and possible incorporation in the US Lifesaving Magazine.

- i. There was a motion by Rich Noyes seconded by John Hicks that Dudley Crosson's Underwater Medic Course be accepted as a USLA certification at this time and let it be reviewed by the Certification Committee and reported back at next meeting

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It was noted that liability insurance will be provided by Miami-Dade Community College.

- j. Competition - Chris Simpson gave a report on the competition calendar as follows:

USLA National Lifeguard Championships at Laguna Niguel, California, August 13 & 14, 1981.

Australia vs. USLA at San Diego, California, August 17 & 18, 1981.

Chris requested that the title of Competition Chairman be changed to Competition Coordinator (approved by Richard Miller, President)

He indicated the problems with communications and the need for regional representation. He requested that persons contact him at the following address:

USLA Competition
P.O. Box 2921
LaJolla, CA 92038
Telephone: 714-270-5644
714-224-2709

Mike Dwinell indicated that he met with AVCO and they have agreed to sponsor USLA National Championships and include \$3,000.00 in funds for competitors travel from other regions. He also indicated that additional funds were needed to assist with USLA staff funding- Awards and Competitors reception.

Motion by Rich Noyes seconded by John Hicks that 10% of the funds collected from Swim-A-Thon be rebated to regions for travel. After some discussion the following breakdown was approved:

5% Regional General Fund
10% Regional Travel Fund
25% International Hall of Fame
60% U.S.L.A.
100%

1982 USLA National Championships - Rich Noyes gave a report on the 1982 USLA National Championships which will be held in mid-August in Miami Beach. The week long festivities will include an aquatic seminar conference, CNCA Executive Meeting, Equipment Demonstrations, USLA Board Meeting, National Lifeguard Championships, International Invitational Club Championships and a concert for over 25,000 persons on the beach. The Konover Hotel has been selected for the site and organizational committees are being created. Anyone wishing to assist, please contact Tom Wiecek, Coordinator, Miami Beach Lifeguards, 305-893-5260.

- k. ALERT (American Lifesaving Emergency Response Team) - Scott Tye gave a report on the tremendously successful ALERT training held in Sonora, California this fall. He indicated special appreciation to Jim Wallace for his comprehensive report. The next training is scheduled for February 18 & 20.

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VI. SPECIAL SESSIONS/RESULTS

Special sessions were held for competition and finance. The following is a result:

Competition - Chris Simpson gave a report on the competition session. He indicated discussion centered on eliminating the dory in event #8 and adding a Run-Swim-Run Relay. Also, the possibility of limiting the number of teams per region.

Finance - Rob Patterson indicated the following recommendations:

1. Increase dues to \$10.00 seasonal/ \$12.00 permanent.
2. Split dues 50/50 with National and Region.
3. Add a "Contributing Chief" classification of dues \$30.00 - \$50.00.
4. Earmark 50¢ of each member's dues to special savings account.
5. Adjust permanent members dues collection from fiscal to calendar year to benefit the Southeast Region.
6. Approve 1981 Budget (attached). There was a motion by Rob Patterson, seconded by Rich Noyes to approve the recommendations as outlined.

Motion Passed
15-Favor
4-Against
1-Abstain

VII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- a. Delivery System - Motion by Byron Wear, seconded by Mike Dwinnel to approve the Delivery System as outlined by Rob Patterson.
- b. Rough Water Swim Guidelines - Motion by Tim Hall, seconded by Byron Wear to approve Rough Water Swim Guidelines.
- c. United Way of Orange County, CA - Motion by Joe Pecoraro, seconded by Carl Martinez to approve request of \$25,000. from the Orange County United Way.
- d. Next Meetings - Motion by Joe Pecoraro, seconded by Rich Noyes to approve the following meeting dates for Board Meetings:

May 8 & 9, 1981	Mid-Atlantic Region
May 1982	Great Lakes Region
Fall 1981	California or Florida

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Appreciation was expressed to Rich Noyes, Dan Reidy and the Southeast Region by Richard Miller for hosting an outstanding meeting.

Motion by Carl Drake, seconded by Chris Simpson that we adjourn.

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Respectfully submitted:

Byron E. Wear
National Secretary