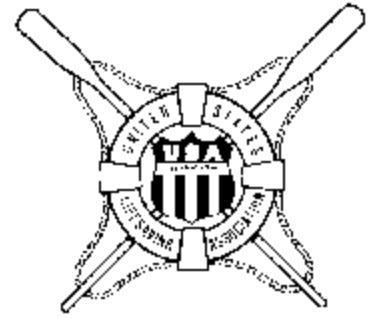


**UNITED STATES LIFESAVING
ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AND
EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE**



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DRAFT MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: - 9:00 a.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** - Mr. Rohrer
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance:** - Mr. Gavin
 - B. Welcome and Introductions:-** Mr. Rohrer
 - C. Roll Call of Delegates :-** Mr. Shotwell

DELEGATE VOTES BASED ON MEMBERSHIP 9AM MAY 3, 2001						
	MEMBERS	VOTES	PRESENT	PROXY	TOTAL	JRS
NEW ENGLAND	15	1	0	--	0	1
MID ATLANTIC	827	7	7	--	7	722
SO ATLANTIC	834	7	7	--	7	1
SOUTH EAST	241	4	4	--	4	229
GREAT LAKES	558	5	4	1	5	1
GULF COAST	44	2	1	--	1	114
NORTHWEST	118	3	2	1	3	1
SOUTHWEST	1143	7	7	--	7	3272
SUB TOTALS	3780	--	--	--	--	4341
NATIONAL (AT LARGE)	50	--	--	--	--	6
TOTALS	3830	37			34	4347

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion (Richardson/Pecoraro) to approve the agenda as distributed was passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, Newport, CA, Fall 2000

A motion (Hutto/Healy) to approve the minutes as distributed including the correction including the text of the bylaw amendment to be voted on was passed unanimously.

IV. OFFICERS REPORTS

NOTE: At the request of President Rohrer, all reporting officers and committee chairs were asked to submit reports to the secretary in advance of the meeting. The secretary compiled reports received and distributed the compilation electronically. Minutes reference reports either distributed in the original compilation (Pre-Meeting), submitted later (Action) and added comments.

A. President - Mr. Rohrer reported on communication with agencies and the general public; pending sponsorship activities in cooperation with regions and the USLA Development Office; a pending MS-NBC airing entitled "Beach Patrol"; an overview of other committee activities and ALM Editorial Review Board and closed with a request for open communication with him on any and all USLA activities and concerns Attachment in Pre-Meeting Reports

B. Vice President - Mr. Gavin reported on activities including participation with the textbook committee, USLA development activities in Central and South America Attachment in Pre-Meeting Reports

C. Secretary: Mr. Shotwell reported on the reactivation the national telephone message system (866-FOR-USLA); the initiation of utilizing email to compile and circulate pre-meeting reports in an effort to provide more committee time at the Board of Directors Meeting, and an effort to update organization data files.

. Attachment in Pre-Meeting Reports

D. Treasurer - Mr. Farry reported on a concern regarding the costs of the American Lifeguard Magazine and appealed for suggestions on improving this situation. He also reported on recent receipt of sponsorship monies.

. Attachment in Pre-Meeting Reports

E. Recurrent Representative - Mr. Brown reported on concerns and strategies regarding the continuing shortage of seasonal lifeguard personnel; interest of foreign lifeguards in US employment and potential training improvement anticipated with the pending publication of the revised textbook and the related instructor s guide and reviewed topics to be considered at the committee meeting. Attachment in Pre-Meeting Reports

F. Advisor - Mr. Richardson reported on his activities in support of the USLA as well as the challenges to future growth of the organization Attachment in Pre-Meeting Reports

G. Liaison - Mr. Brewster reported on potential USLA involvement with the National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR) and its Water Rescue Advisory Group; an Australian lifeguard tour of the US in the summer of 2001; the international competition known as Rescue 2002 in Daytona Beach, Florida; the World Congress on Drowning 2002 in the Netherlands and concerns and planned events concerning South and Central American lifeguards.

. Attachment in Pre-Meeting Reports

H. Development - Mr. Colosi reported on his activities since the fall meeting in Newport, CA including meeting sponsorship, royalty and licensing agreements; membership (kit) incentives; Choice Hotels discount program and place of employment giving potential. Attachment in Pre-Meeting Reports

I. Medical Advisor - Dr. Wernicki reviewed his activities in support of the USLA. He reminded the membership that USLA Medical Position Statements are ILS statements that are available on the ILS website (www.ilsf.org).. He indicated that Dr. Michael Hoffman was now a USLA member and would be active on the Medical Commission. His activity in South American lifesaving and medical commissions should be a valuable asset to the organization.

. Attachment in Action Reports

V. REGIONAL COUNCIL REPORTS

A. New England - (no report)

B. Mid-Atlantic - Mr. Gallagher reported on activities including concerns about proposed legislation that would open state parts to unguarded swimming; public education activities; increasing formation of after hour response and ice rescue teams; Coast Guard cooperation and regional competition schedules. Attachment in Action Reports

C. South-Atlantic - Mr. Hensler Attachment in Action Reports

- D. **Southeast** - Mr. Tracy reported on preparations for the region hosting the National championships, several recent drowning at unguarded beaches, a new chapter, a recently received "Environmental Hero award, some new regional officers, and a decision to organize an all-Florida team to participating in the World Ocean Teams
..... **Attachment in Action Reports**
- E. **Great Lakes** - Mr. Pecoraro reported a newly elected slate of regional officers, efforts to revitalize several chapters and anticipated active summer as the Great Lakes are experiencing lower than usual water levels.
..... **Attachment in Pre-Meeting Reports**
- F. **Gulf Coast** - (Mr. Maceo).- no report.
- G. **Northwest** - Ms Wiederhold s report anticipated hosting the Fall 2001 National Board of Directors Meeting in Coeur d Alene, Idaho. Also she announced the receipt of an annual \$5,000 grant in support of regional activities, appreciation for the magazine, public education activities and Beach Safety Week plans. . . . **Attachment in Pre-Meeting Reports**
- H. **Southwest (CSLSA)** - Mr. Richardson reported on the signing of an agreement with Professional Event Solutions (PES) to become their promotional entity; a revitalized website; the approval of the County of Orange Lifeguard Association (COLA) as a new chapter; the retirement of several agency lifeguard chiefs; newly elected regional officers; pending state legislation increasing the default Worker s Compensation coverage for lifeguards; committee activity and active international lifeguard exchange programs; computerization of membership data and procedures; and very active public education programs including the purchase of canopies to facilitate these presentations on various beaches
..... **Attachment in Pre-Meeting Reports**

VI. COMMITTEE CHAIR PRELIMINARY REPORTS

- A. **Public Education** - (Mr. McKenna) **Attachment in Action Reports**
- B. **Certification** - Mr. Brewster reviewed the proposed committee meeting agenda and on activities since the last meeting including a listing of the 103 agencies now certified or under review, a new record number. The status of several complaint reviews was updated. Agenda items to be discussed included proposed requirements for inclusion of oxygen and AED to be added to the present certification requirements and the possibility of the issuance of International Life Saving Federation certificates to qualifying persons. A proposal for USLA cooperation in the development of a wilderness lifeguard standard by the adventure industry is to be discussed. . . . **Attachment in Pre-Meeting Reports**
- C. **Textbook** - Mr. Brewster reported that the USLA had now earned nearly \$12,000 from the 11,196 books sold. He reported on the January meeting in Austin, Texas, at which regional and higher education representatives met to finalize the content and supplemental materials for the second edition that is scheduled for publication early in 2002.
..... **Attachment in Pre-Meeting Reports**
- D. **Website** - Mr Brewster reported that the first website store has been opened by Uniserve, the first website banner advertisement (LifeguardingJobs.com) had been contracted and announced a link with Amazon.com wherein textbook purchases from that site will generate income to the USLA. **Attachment in Pre-Meeting Reports**
- E. **Curriculum Accreditation Committee** - Mr. Martinez s report highlights the several ways in which the recent work of the committee has resulted in specific inclusions in the revised textbook. **Attachment in Pre-Meeting Reports**
- F. **Competition** - Mr. McGowan reported on plans for the 2001 USLA National Competition in Miami; the September 2001 Goodwill Games in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia; rule changes creating two divisions based on number of employees; and reviewed action items to be discussed at their committee meeting.
..... **Attachment in Pre-Meeting Reports**
- G. **Heroic Acts** - Mr. Richardson announced heroic act submissions that would be reviewed and possibly presented at the meeting and a new application for the submission of award proposals that would greatly simplify the work of the committee **Attachment in Pre-Meeting Reports**
- H. **Junior Lifeguards** - Ms Boyer requested information on existing Junior Lifeguard activities and leadership to assist efforts to create a National Directory of Junior Lifeguard programs, announced 2002 National Competition dates and told of upcoming Discovery Channel programs that included Newport (CA) Junior Lifeguard activities.
..... **Attachment in Pre-Meeting Reports**
- I. **Membership**- Mr. Pecoraro described 2001 membership kit contents and reviewed the pending committee meeting agenda
..... **Attachment in Pre-Meeting Reports**

- J. **Ways and Means** - Mr. Farry reviewed the accountant s report and plans for developing the 200 1-2002 budget.
 **Attachment in Pre-Meeting Reports**

VII. 1:30 p.m. Committee Workshops

VIII. 5:00 p.m. Meeting recessed until 9:00 a.m. Saturday, May 5, 2001

Friday, May 4, 2001

EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

9:15 AM **Session I:** Lifeguard Injuries

1) Analysis of Worker s Compensation Claims for Lifeguards and Model Early Return to Work Policy. Speaker: Paul Miola, Executive Director, Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

2) Prevention of Lifeguard Injuries. Speaker: Peter Wernicki, M.D., USLA Medical Advisor, Chairman ILS Medical Commission.

10:30 AM **Break**

10:40 AM **Session II:** Rescue Dive Units

Radio Response Rescue Dive Units- Background, Equipment, Training, Effectiveness. Speakers: Bud McKinley, PhD., Ocean City, NJ., Robert Ogoreuc, Ocean City, NJ., Dave Williams, St. Johns Co. FL.

11:30 AM **Session III:**

Lifeguard Eye Health and Protection. Speaker: Art Clark, O.D.

12:00 PM **Noon Break**

12:15 PM **Session IV:** Lifeguard Roundtable

Topics: Rapid Response Teams, Extended Hours and Surveillance, Joint Training, Legal Considerations.

Panel: B. Chris Brewster, Chief, San Diego, CA.; Mike Hensler, Daytona Beach, FL.; Jerry Gavin, Chicago Park District; John “Chip” More, USLA Legal Advisor; Tim Harmon, Sea Girt, NJ.

Moderator: Tim Gallagher, Avon-By-The-Sea-By-The-Sea-By-The-Sea, NJ.

Saturday, May 5, 2001

9:00 **Call to Order - Mr. Rohrer**

Committee meetings continued.

IX. Order of the Day: (11:30 AM) Heroic Acts Award Presentation to Garrett Cupples.

X. COMMIITEE REPORTS

Order of the Day: Mr. Gallagher displayed the 2001 patch included with membership kit. The first patch was then presented to Max Bowman as it includes an image of Tower Zero at Huntington beach which was dedicated recently “in commemoration of Melvin “Max” Bowman, Community Services Director, retired, 46 years of public service and life saving education” and “in loving memory of Max s wife, Judith Dee Bowman, who perished aboard the Egypt Air crash on October 31, 1999. (<http://www.stockteam.conil27a.html>) A response of appreciation was heard from Max.

A. Public Education - Mr. McKenna reviewed beach safety week plans, request photos and videos of activities, two big projects, cinema leader, generic beach safety poster, other then rip currents (see report). Motion by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Pecoraro, to accept the report was passed unanimously

B. Certification - Mr. Brewster presented certifications and recertiflcations approved by committee presented for endorsement by Board of Directors. He told of concerns regarding oxygen administration requirement option regarding local protocol. Proposal was to do away with option . AED requirement was put in place being a required equipment item readily available highly recommended for certification, required for Advanced level, for applications submitted after 1 January 2004. Proposal for ILS individual recognition held for standard. Run standard requirement to be surveyed.

Wilderness lifeguarding proposal was approved for further participation. Motion to accept the report by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Martinez, was passed unanimously. **Attachment in Action Reports**

- C. **Textbook** - : Mr. Brewster reported that work is proceeding, contract issues are holding matters up, need for photos was stressed. Motion to accept report by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Healey, was passed unanimously.
- D. **Curriculum Accreditation** - Mr. Martinez reinforced Mr. Brewster s call for submission of photos of training situations. Test bank is being prepared to complement the test book. Mr. Martinez stressed that the text supplemental material will open up an expanded market, hence it is important to put the best product possible. Motion to accept report by Mr. Lombardi, second by Mr. McKinley, was passed unanimously.
- E. **Competition** - Mr. McGowan reviewed committee preparations for 2001 Championships including acquisition of an box to facilitate storage and transfer of equipment from one venue to another. Dedication of 2001 games to Ronald Reagan to be handled by Mr. Pecoraro. Proposals for a tier system of assigning officials, competition official training, rule change submissions and heat cards were discussed. An Acapulco competition team was proposed. Goodwill Games trials June 21 -23 in San Diego were discussed. All-Women s Tournament venue will be moved to Sandy Hook.

Discussion heard on problems in preparing for pool events at Rescue 2002.

Motion to accept by Mr. Hartl, second Mr. Gallagher, passed unanimously. **Attachment in Action Reports**

- F. **Heroic Acts** - Mr. Richardson presented a submission and requested appropriate funds for a Meritorious Act in attempt to assist in rescue. He asked for funds for awards for Roger Shelp and Jack Bennett, Galveston, Texas and ratification of the award presented to Mr. Cupples and related expenses. Total not to exceed \$400.

Motion to accept by Mr. Moore, second Mr. Daly, was passed unanimously. **Attachment in Action Reports**

- G. **Junior Lifeguards Guards** - Ms Boyer reported on designation of Regional Junior Guard Liaison Representatives in an effort to compile a listing of all junior guard programs. Urged negotiating junior guard benefits in the form of merchant discounts on the local level. Stressed need for early sign up for membership and competition. Plans for improved Public Education efforts appropriate for junior lifeguards. July 7 is date for the Discovery Channel feature on Newport lifeguards including Junior Lifeguards.

Motion to accept by Mr. Watson, second Mr. Healey, was passed unanimously. . . . **Attachment in Action Reports**

- H. **Membership:** Acceptance of Life membership proposal for Ed Kiziukiewicz, former National Treasurer, was announced.

Motion to accept by Mr. Foxwell, second Ms. Bowie, was passed unanimously. **Attachment in Action Reports**

- I. **Magazine** - Mr. Bartlett reviewed magazine procedures and requested continued submission of articles and pictures and submitted proposed budget for 2002. **Attachment in Action Reports**

Motion to accept by Mr. Lombardi, second Mr. Healey, was passed unanimously. . . . **Attachment in Action Reports**

- J. **Recurrent Representative** - Mr Brown presented recruiting models for consideration and other issues concerning recurrent lifeguards

Motion to accept report by Mr. Gill, seconded by Mr. Hutto, was passed unanimously.

- K. **Ways and Means** - Mr. Farry reported that the auditors report was accepted; Motion to accept report by Mr. Hutto, seconded by Mr. Beurlein, was passed unanimously. **Attachment in Action Reports**

XI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Bylaw Amendment:** as put forward by Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Healey at first reading at Fall 2001 meeting in Newport.

Article IV (Local Chapter Membership), Sec. 1 - Qualifications for Chapter Membership

(Added Statement) THE PROSPECTIVE CHAPTER MUST MEET ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS LISTED BELOW IN ORDER TO BE APPROVED AS A MEMBER CHAPTER A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF JURISDICTION IS REQUIRED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHETHER THESE REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET.

Sec E. ~~Be approved by 2/3rds vote of the Regional Council after an inspection and review has been made~~ BE INSPECTED AND REVIEWED by representatives of the Regional Council of jurisdiction;

Mr. Watson moved, seconded by Mr. Hartl to adopt.

Summary of discussion points that followed:

- Comment by Mr. Richardson opposing amendment on behalf of Southwest region because it does away with any protection for stated standards.
- Mr. Moore spoke to Southwest region having resolved situation that prompted the amendment and the need for the amendment had been removed..
- Mr. Brewster spoke to reality that previous concern was related to admission of a proprietary lifeguard agency and possible problems with standards. The greater concern was for lack of control on membership qualification.
- Mr. Gallagher spoke to differing interpretations of the bylaws that he felt was the problem the amendment was put forward to resolve.
- Mr Brewster indicated the issue may reveal a fundamental problem with the way chapters are allowed into the organization. Perhaps there is an error in interests of consistency.
- Mr McCarthy: spoke to the possibility of about inconsistent admission policies.
- Mr More indicated solution is in increasing minimum requirements or a discretionary statement indicating that the bylaw listing of qualifications for admission of a chapter be “included but not limited to the following.”
- Mr. Rohrer indicated he felt the issue was the inclusion of a union group in the USLA
- Mr. McGowan indicated that he felt there was need more massaging of the proposal; he was not comfortable with the checklist; suggested tabling the motion.
- Mr. Gallagher suggested that the concern has opened the door to a bigger issue of what we (the USLA) are trying to do and supported the suggestion that matter be tabled to give more time for consideration.
- Mr. Richardson concurred that tabling of the issue would be good idea and urged defeat of motion as it was presented.

Mr Watson withdrew motion after Mr. Hartl indicated he would withdraw second.

Mr. Gallagher moved that president appoint a committee to look into chapter application process and minimum requirements for chapter admission and to report back to next meeting of the Board of Directors. Mr. McGowan seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr Brewster suggested committee bring in several models so as to have a choice. Mr. McCarthy suggested regional representation or input be allowed for.

Motion was passed unanimously.

The chair appointed committee: Mr. Gallagher as Chair, Mr. Richardson, Mr. More.

- B.** Mr McKenna spoke to availability of 15-20 endangered USCG stations that maybe available for USLA headquarters. Mr. Hartsock spoke to his knowledge of similar availability due to his work with the U. S. Public Health Service.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Minors on International Competition Teams** - Mr. Richardson spoke to concern previously expressed regarding minors on teams competing outside of the United States. He moved, seconded by Mr. Pecoraro, that the following be appended to the Policies and Procedure Manual:

National Representative Lifeguard Competition Team Age Limitation

Article VII, Sec. J (added): All members of a national representative competition team must be a minimum of 18 years of age, or accompanied by a parent or appointed legal guardian, when traveling outside of the United States.

Mr. Daly indicated international standard is more typically age 16. Mr. Gallagher commented that the tryouts for the Goodwill Games brought situation on the present situation. Mr. Moore related his experience involving a parental consent form. Mr. Richardson spoke of his experiences while taking underage competitors out of the country and supported Mr. Gallagher s concern.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- B. **New USLA Flag:** Mr. Healey moved, Mr. Hutto seconded, the acquisition of new USLA Flag with *Lifeguards for Life* motto included, American Flag of same size and a USLA podium emblem to use at National Meetings. Discussion was heard on the appropriateness of having the motto on the flag and that perhaps a banner with the motto might prove more useful. It was suggested that the Vice President be the custodian of the flags and banner. Motion was passed unanimously.
- C. **Fall 2001 Educational Conference:** It was suggested that the Northwest region in planning the educational conference deal with cold weather rescue and the mammalian response. The chair reminded the assembly that this topic had been on the educational conference agenda several times in recent years.
- D. **Sunglass Requirement Proposed:** Mr. Martinez, speaking for Mr. Art Clarke, requested that USLA consider adopting a position that all lifeguards wear polarized sunglasses and that the USLA have a well researched vision policy to provide the public with a consistently high level of service. The chair referred the matter to the Certification Committee and the Medical Commission.
- E. **Competition Officials Pay Proposal:** Proposal regarding compensation payments for was referred to competition committee.
- F. **Mr. More Contact Numbers:** Mr. More, Legal Advisor, advised that he is available by email or phone for consultation regarding lifeguarding matters is always free (JMoreLaw@aol.com). or by phone (732-5024-507)

XIII. PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Mr. Daly explained that efforts to combine the Spring 2002 Board of Directors meeting with the Rescue Schedule 2002 resulted in a deviation from the normal meeting schedule. The plan at present was to eliminate the educational conference and to schedule the meeting for Saturday and Sunday May 4 and 5 in an effort to make it possible for the greatest number of people to attend and participate in both the USLA and the ILS meetings and activities at the least cost. Arrangements for meeting and hotel rooms would continue to be investigated and additional information and confirmation of dates announced in the future.
- B. The chair appointed a nominations committee of Mr. Shotwell and Mr. Richardson and reminded delegates that nominations are to be submitted ninety days in advance of the fall meeting (August 10, 2001)..
- C. Mr. Brewster applauded pre-report concept and encouraged continuation for future meetings.

XIV. FUTURE MEETINGS

- A. **Fall 2001 (Northwest Region)**
Location: Coeur d Alene, Idaho
Dates: November 8 - 10, 2001
- B. **Spring 2002 (South Atlantic Region)**
Location: Daytona, Florida
Dates: Tentative: May 4-5 (Saturday, Sunday), 2002 in conjunction with Rescue 2002. (no Educational Conference). To be confirmed after consultation with ILS.

XV. PRIVILEGE OF THE CHAIR

President Rohrer expressed thanks to all who prepared for and participated in the meeting. He indicated that he felt the highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the Heroic act award to Garrett Cupples . He further expressed complements thanks to the Dave and Busters staff and facility for excellent service and support..

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

President Rohrer declared the meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

SER President's Report
Spring 2001 USLA National Board of Directors
Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

As the Southeast Region prepares to host it's first National Competition in over a decade, South Florida lifeguards have made it through another "busy season" that saw record numbers of attendance, preventative actions, and rescues. Although the Southern part of our region enjoyed lifesaving success, the Florida panhandle unfortunately has had more "seasonal" tragedies. Navarre Beach, on the Santa Rosa Island in Escambia County, Florida, had three deaths in the last month by "would be" rescuers. This area of Florida continues to have drowning deaths every year, yet most of the shoreline is still unguarded. SER Advisor Jim McCarthy has pledged to travel to the area to distribute "Rip Current" signs in the area and make friendly contacts. Hallandale Beach has paid their initiation fee to become an official SER chapter. The Florida Beach Patrol Chiefs Association received the "Environmental Hero" Award from the National Director of the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Agency for their work with forecasting Rip Currents in marine weather reports. Former SER Presidents Bill McNeely and John Fletemeyer contributed greatly to this long-term project. Jo Wagenhals was appointed as SER secretary. Through the work of Public Education Chair Patrick "Squid" McGlamery, the SER has continued to make gains in technology with the SER's recent purchase of a digital camera. Scott Pollard was appointed Competition Chairperson and elected as Team Florida Committee Chairperson for the World Ocean Games. Although the World Ocean Games are a non-USLA event, the SER decided to support and select members of this State All-Star Team because of our Competition similarities. The SER Vice President, Jim McCrady, made sure that members of the South Atlantic Region were eligible to compete for the State Team spots, making it a true Team Florida. Attending this Meeting as a National Delegate for the SER is Tim McKee, Chairman of the Miami Beach Nationals Committee, he will be able answer any questions you may have about the 2001 Nationals.

United States Lifesaving Association

Spring Meeting 2001 - Philadelphia, PA

American Lifeguard Magazine Proposed 2001-2002 Budget

2001 ALM Projected Per Issue Budget

EXPENSES	Per Issue	
Printing 9000 issues (32 B&W pages + 4 color)	\$ 9,220.95	\$1.02 per magazine
Misc. Print Fees (scanning/design)	\$ 500.00	
Mailing @ \$.35 per magazine	\$ 3,150.00	
Bundling/affixing labels/postal delivery	\$ 800.00	
Typesetting (Renee Story)	\$ 500.00	
	<u>\$ 14,170.95</u>	
 ALM Budget Allocation \$45,000		 <u>\$ 42,512.85</u> (3 issues per year)

REVENUE	
Advertising (estimated)	\$ 2,000.00
	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>

TOTAL PROJECTED COST \$ 12,170.95

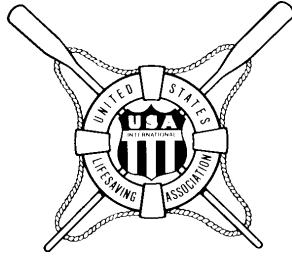
\$1.35 each

Actual Per Issue Cost

EXPENSES	SUMMER	WINTER	SPRING
Printing 9000 issues (32 B&W + 4 color)	\$ 13,449.32	\$ 9,220.95	\$ 9,220.95
Misc. Print Fees (scanning/design)	\$ 561.95	\$ 415.89	\$ 563.94
Mailing @ \$0.3692 per magazine	\$ 3,640.45	\$ 2,970.25	\$ 2,970.25
Bundling/affixing labels/postal delivery	\$ 1,119.14	\$ 918.87	\$ 918.87
Mail Extras (approx. 500) to Regions	\$ -	\$ 525.20	\$ 525.20
Insert- Uniserv Catalog	\$ 124.31	\$ 136.77	\$ -
Typesetting (Renee Story)	\$ 620.00	\$ 540.00	\$ 500.00
	<u>\$ 19,515.17</u>	<u>\$ 14,727.93</u>	<u>\$ 14,699.21</u>

REVENUE (advertising)	\$ 1,595.00	\$ 2,650.00	\$ 3,315.00
TOTAL ACTUAL	<u>\$ 17,920.17</u>	<u>\$ 12,077.93</u>	<u>\$ 11,384.21</u>

\$1.34/\$1.26 each



National Certification Committee

Committee Final Report

Spring 2001 Board of Directors Meeting

Recertification Applications for Board Approval

1. New Jersey (State Department of Environmental Protection)

New Certification Applications for Committee and Board Review

2. Boardwalk Beach Service, Myrtle Beach (NC)
3. Gulf Islands National Seashore, FL - Advanced
4. Sonoma County Regional Parks, CA (approve pending favorable review by Chair)
5. Norfolk, VA (City of) (approve pending receipt of check)
6. Ventura County Harbor Department, CA
7. Kill Devil Hills, NC – Advanced
8. Citrus County Parks and Recreation, FL (deny due to failure to meet oxygen standard, but offer one year to meet the current USLA standard as noted below)
9. Couer D'Alene, ID
10. American Medical Response (Portland River Safety Program)
11. Post Falls, ID (approve pending receipt of curriculum checklist)
12. Fort DeRussy, Hawaii (withdrawn by agency)

ARRT Applications for Committee and Board Review

13. Virginia Beach (City of), VA

Oxygen

- The Committee recommends that the equipment requirement area of the USLA Guidelines for Open Water Lifeguard Agency Certification be modified to require oxygen training and availability for certification. Currently, it is required only if allowed by local protocol. The view of the committee is that it should be required regardless of local protocol to encourage appropriate modifications to local protocol, acquisition of equipment, and provision of training, with an ultimate goal of enhanced medical care. The following would be the amendment to the guidelines: “Oxygen readily accessible at each staffed beach area of any agency with personnel trained in its use, as allowed by local protocol.”

AED

- The Committee believes that lifeguards, trained and equipped with cardiac defibrillators, can make a tremendous difference in the saving of human life through early intervention in cardiac arrests. Considering the availability of inexpensive cardiac defibrillators and reduced training required, the Committee recommends that the “Minimum Equipment Standards” of the guidelines be rewritten to require the following for agency certification (including recertification): “A cardiac defibrillator (or defibrillators) readily accessible at each staffed beach area, with personnel trained in its use (highly recommended for all agencies, required to achieve advanced certification or advanced recertification after January 1, 2004).”

ILS Certification Equivalency

- The International Life Saving Federation maintains minimum international standards for the training of lifeguards. National member Federations, such as USLA, which meet ILS standards, may apply to have their standards recognized as equivalent. If they are recognized as such, the national Federation may issue ILS certificates to persons who successfully complete ULSA certified courses. We have been advised that the Instructor USLA presently meets the 'ILS Instructor Surf Lifeguard' and 'ILS Instructor Inland Open Water Lifeguard' (stillwater beach etc.) criteria.
- With respect to the ILS 'Surf Lifeguard' and "Inland Open Water Lifeguard (stillwater beach, lake, river etc.) training guidelines, both have a component of a 'Run, Swim, Run (200mx200mx200m)' with a time limit of 8 minutes. Additionally they both require the 'throwing of an aid 10m to a victim.' This could be from shore or a craft, etc. These are not presently a part of our guidelines. The Committee believes that the Chair should check with ILS to determine whether an option could be added to the guidelines to allow those agencies that wish to do so to become certified to the ILS level by completing the additional training.
- If USLA were to achieve equivalency and set up a system to allow lifeguards to receive certificates, USLA would pay €20 (€ = Euro) per certificate, plus shipping and currency conversion costs. USLA could charge whatever it considered appropriate. A charge of, for example, \$40, would likely net USLA about \$10. (ILS Americas Region would receive 30% of the ILS net income or €2.25 per certificate.) The lifesaver would receive a certificate for framing, a numbered photo ID card, an ILS patch, and an ILS pin.

Run Standard

- Carl Martinez presented a proposal to add a run standard to the USLA guidelines in some form. He suggested that the first step should be to conduct a survey of agencies to determine what run standards are currently being utilized and whether they are a requirement of initial training only, or a standard that must be met to maintain employment. The Committee endorsed the proposal of Mr. Martinez to conduct such a survey.

Wilderness Lifeguarding

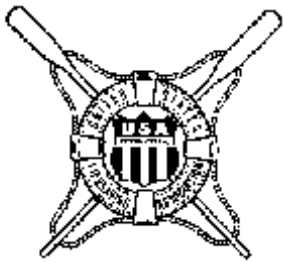
- The Committee reviewed the work of the group developing, "Safety Training for Remote Aquatic Environments," with participation of USLA through the presence of the Chair. Considering the promotion of water safety this work will encourage, the Committee recommends that reasonable costs of the Chair be reimbursed for travel to an upcoming meeting to help further develop the guidelines.

Respectfully submitted,



B. Chris Brewster
National Certification Committee Chair

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United States Lifesaving Association

Competition Committee

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COMPETITION COMMITTEE REPORT

May 5, 2001

I. 2001 NATIONALS

- A. Presentation by Donald Hornbee and Tim McKee of the Miami Beach organizers
- B. Scoring System
 - 1. New program written by Miami Beach lifeguard
 - 2. Recording sheets will be provided
 - 3. Only the Competitor's number will need to be recorded
 - 4. Computer program will handle all the scoring
 - 5. If successful, program will be available to all future Nationals
- C. Course maps were reviewed and suggestions for improvement made
- D. A list of "Equipment Box" contents will be compiled and given to the Miami organizers (starting pistols, whistles, scales, cordless drills with auger bits, etc.)
Bob Dillon volunteered to purchase 2 scales and provide to Miami organizers (done before the meeting ended)
- E. Registration will be in an *air conditioned* auditorium behind Beach Patrol HQ
- F. There will be an Officials meeting Wednesday evening around 7:00 p.m. at the host hotel
- G. Swimming pool for Rescue 2002 trials will be arranged
 - 1. Hopefully Rescue 2002 (Daytona Beach) "Manikins" and "Obstacles" will be available for the trials
 - 2. Mike Hensler is the contact person
- H. Los Angeles County Chapter (LACOLA) will provide the perpetual trophy for the newly established small team division
- I. Suggestion that payment of stipend for Officials be held until the end of Nationals and be verified by Head Official

II. RONALD REGAN

- A. We would like to dedicate the 2001 Games to Regan
- B. Proclamation in Program
- C. Joe Pecoraro will handle the verbiage

III. ANDY HEALY - - TIER SYSTEM FOR OFFICIALS

- A. Proposed a 3 tier system
 - 1. Tier 1 - New Officials
 - 2. Tier 2 - more experienced Officials
 - 3. Tier 3 - Senior Officials, able to handle any task assigned
- B. Andy will contact Regional Presidents for the ranking of their Officials to a tier and report to Chairman McGowan
- C. Discussion of the proposal with consensus of the committee that the Tier of an Official should not be tied to their stipend at this time

IV. COMPETITION OFFICIALS TRAINING SCHOOL

- A. Presented by Jim McCarthy of the Southeast Region
- B. Clinics to be held in the Southeast Region
- C. Officials of all Regions are welcome
- D. Dates will be posted on the USLA website

V. RULE CHANGE PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS

- A. CSLSA submitted two changes in writing (attached to this report)
- B. South Atlantic re-submitted several proposals by Tom Gill (attached)

VI. HEAT PLACEMENT CARDS

- A. Examples presented by Charlie Hartl
- B. According to Charlie we would need over 3000 cards in order to have an unique card for each event
- C. Committee recommends we go with a simpler color-coded card system that can be reused
- D. Make use of a Clerk of Course to make Heat assignments

VII. ACAPULCO COMPETITION

- A. Presented by Chris Brewster
- B. Proposed Seminar and Competition in November 2001
- C. Still in the planning stages
- D. Hopefully we will have more complete details and an update by the Miami Beach Nationals

VIII. GOODWILL GAMES

- A. Trial dates confirmed for Thursday, June 21 through Saturday, June 23 in Ocean Beach, San Diego
- B. All details are not yet finalized
- C. Update will be posted on the Events BB of the USLA website
- D. Funding is needed for the trials; we request \$4000.00 of the Sunglass Hut contract, if approved, to help fund the trials and travel to the Goodwill Games

IX. ALL WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

- A. Will move to Sandy Hook, NJ this year
- B. Date is July 25, 2001



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USLA RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS

Rule 1.8 ELIGIBILITY

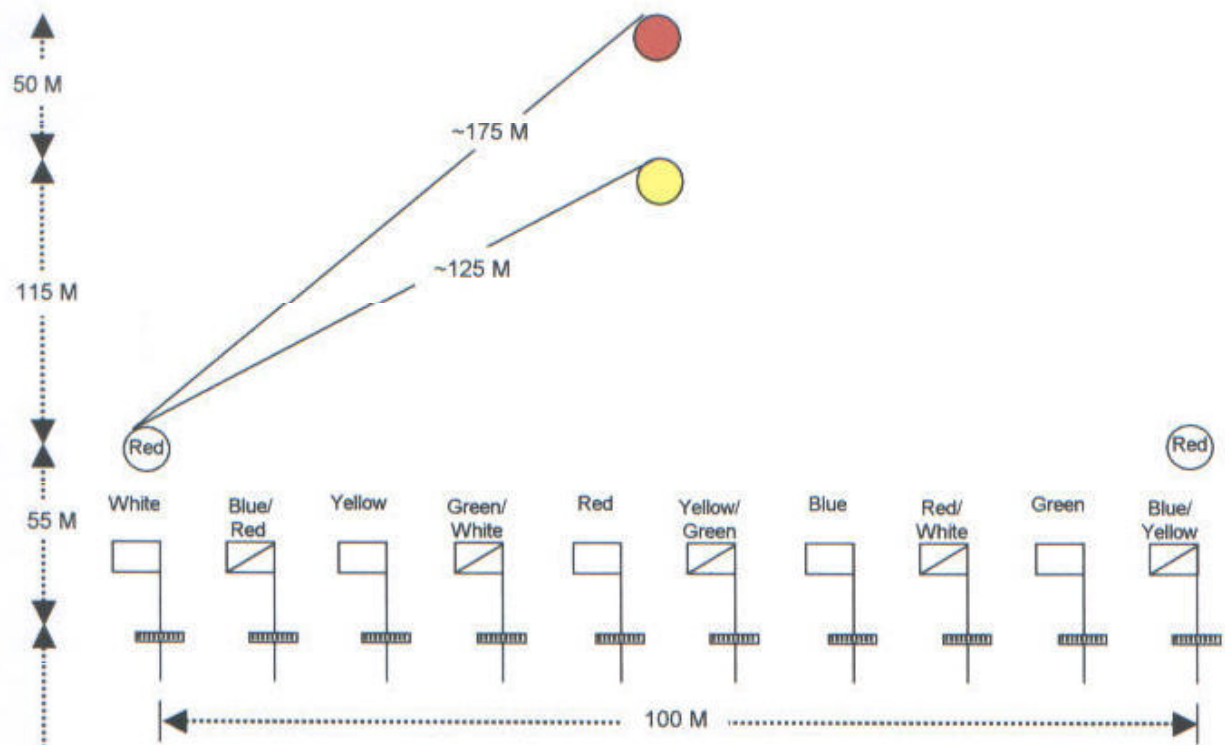
ELIGIBILITY – Each individual must be a bona-fide **PROFESSIONAL REGULAR MEMBER** in good standing of a USLA Chapter lifeguard service or a retired professional lifeguard receiving a pension from said lifeguard service. A **NON-PROFESSIONAL MEMBER** may compete if they were a professional member for three seasons/years and maintain their membership in the USLA. Non-professional members must donate 24 hours a season to their USLA Chapter Lifeguard Agency in service not connected to competition. An application for a non-professional member must be submitted to the USLA Competition Chairman. **INDIVIDUALS** may compete if they were a bona-fide **REGULAR MEMBER** of a USLA Chapter for three calendar years, and are now a current member of a USLA Chapter in good standing. All such Individuals may only compete for a USLA Chapter in which they were formerly a member in good standing. Foreign competitors must apply in writing to the USLA National Committee for a waiver of eligibility requirements and will not be eligible for awards or points. **COMPETITORS** must have paid their USLA dues prior to commencement of USLA Championships.

COMPETITION DISTANCES

Amend the USLA National Lifeguard Championship distances to bring them into alignment with International Competition Rules. In addition to making the courses more "spectator friendly," this change would also help our competitions run faster (since the distance of each race would be shorter), and would enable us to choose the most competitive members to represent us in International competition. This change would not apply to the Surfboat Race.

Our proposal is to change the distances to those on the accompanying diagram. This will preserve our current course setup, while accomplishing our goal of adopting International distances. All distances are approximate, and are minimums, depending on surf conditions.

The International Distance Run is 2000 M (1000 M for Masters Age Groups), made up of four (two) legs of 500 M each.



INTERNATIONAL DISTANCES	
Swim	~340 M
Board	~600 M
Ski	~700 M
<u>Ironman/woman:</u>	
Swim	~275 M
Board	~360 M
Ski	~450 M

SURF

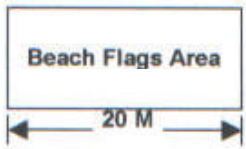
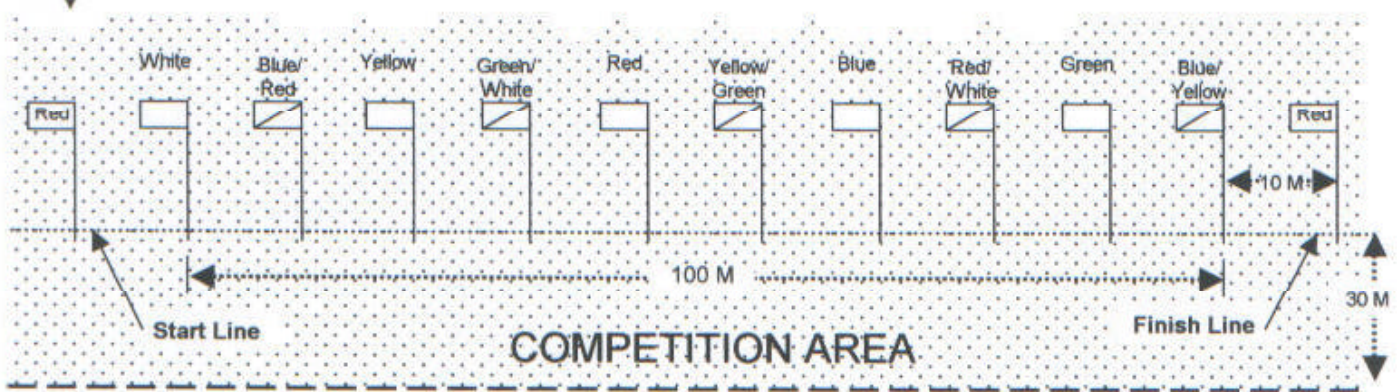


FIGURE 4.3 – COMPETITION AREA SETUP
Drawing Not to Scale

October 10, 2000

To: Mr. Rob McGowan
U.S.L.A. Competition Committee Chairman

From: Tom Gill
Captain - Virginia Beach Lifeguard Association Competition Team
Vice President - South Atlantic lifesaving Association

Re: Competition Rule Change Proposals

Dear Rob,

First of all, let me congratulate you on a well - run competition in San Diego. It was by far the best organized and obviously the most time conscious of any national competition I have attended. In addition, save for one incident, I felt it was the fastest and most enjoyable in recent years. Thus the purpose of this letter is to simply expand on the momentum we now have to improve our competitions.

The main purpose of the following rule change proposals is to serve three main goals. First, it is time to increase the number of places receiving points for their team. In the open and senior categories, there are plenty of competitors to justify moving the open scoring to the top 20 places and the senior scoring to the top 10 places. Without seeing final results, it is doubtful that this will help or hinder the top teams in their hopes of winning a national championship, but it will certainly justify the trip of smaller beaches to send their top competitors with a hope of scoring points.

The next reason for the changes is to further increase the speed and organization of heat and lane assignments. It is inconceivable that there is no organized heat and lane assignment other than sitting on the sand and having the main officials have to spend time and energy counting out the numbers. Then they are forced to assign lanes when necessary, and then often someone must record the names of those entered. This takes time and a toll on both the officials and the competitors. These changes call for a clerk of course to handle this assignment with the assistance of entry cards for every competitor in every event. Opening the registration for events for 15 to 30 minutes, closing them 15 minutes prior to the event start, and organizing the heats before the event means one official could come and collect the participants for each heat, lead them to the starting line or their specific lane, and begin the race on time every time.

Finally, the last reason for the shift to a true clerk of course would benefit the constant attempt to recognize competitors and increase crowd awareness at competitions. Craig Hummer was excellent in San Diego with his vast knowledge of many of the participants and races, but imagine if he had a list of every competitor in each final or consolation final. Add to that the potential parade of finalists to their starting line or lane as if you were in a major track and field or swim meet. This will allow for an event with television knowing where to be at all times.

This championship is one step from giving competitors and officials a chance to put their best foot forward for every event. I look forward to discussing these changes with you at the meeting in Newport in November, but would be happy to discuss them with you further beforehand.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas G. Gill
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Proposed Changes are in conjunction with current rule - book sections.

1. 14 - Scoring -	Open & Women's Open		Senior Men & Senior Women	
	<u>Place</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Points</u>
	1	27	1	12
	2	24	2	10
	3	22	3	9
	4	21	4	8
	5	20	5	7
	6	18	6	5
	7	17	7	4
	8	16	8	3
	9	15	9	2
	10	14	10	1
	11	12		
	12	10		
	13	9		
	14	8		
	15	7		
	16	5		
	17	4		
	18	3		
	19	2		
	20	1		

2.5 - Competitor Marshaling Areas (Change to Clerk of Course)

The clerk of Course should consist of an area adjacent but not blocking or impeding a competition area. If at all possible it should be covered and include benches or chairs for competitors and a table and chairs for the officials working in the clerk of course.

3.8 - Recording Tent (Change to Officials Tent)

The Official's Tent will be a large tent centrally located between the courses on the beach. It should have chairs and refreshments for the officials as well as all of the officiating supplies necessary for the competition (i.e. stopwatches, clipboards, pencils, dipsticks, etc.). The Official's Tent Coordinator will be responsible for sending officials to the proper course as needed and working with the Clerk of Course to determine the numbers of officials needed for each event and the equipment based on the numbers of competitors in each event.

3.9 - Clerk of Course

- Responsible for registering competitors for each event.
- Will determine heat and lane assignment prior to start.
- Will collect and hold consolation finalists and finalists for the parade to the start.
- Responsible for checking the entry numbers by a single chapter in each event.
- Will reissue entry cards to each participant (individual or team) with the heat and lane written on the card.

3.13 - Assistant Starter

The Assistant starter will collect the entry cards for each individual verifying the heat and lane for each competitor. This can be done in the Clerk of Course Tent or on the starting line.

4.1 - Equipment (Additions)

18. Entry Cards (see below)

Chapter _____					
Event _____					
Caterory	Open	Senior	Master	Vet	SuperVet
(Circle One)	Women	SW	MW	VW	SVW
Name				Comp #	
_____				_____	(Individual)
_____				_____	
_____				_____	
(Turn in card to Clerk of Course at least 15 minutes before the start of the event.)					
Assigned Heat _____			Lane _____		
Place _____		Time _____			
(Shaded areas to be completed by officials only.)					

(These cards could be printed on pads and produced in bulk for minimal costs.)

4.4 Consolation Finals/ Championship Finals

There will be a consolation final immediately followed by a Championship Final for the following events in the Open and Women's Category:

- | | |
|------------------|---------------------|
| American Ironman | Rescue Board |
| Rescue Race | Rescue Board Rescue |
| 4 x 100 Relay | Surfski |
| Surfboat | Beach Flags |
| Landline | |

There will be a one heat final of the Surf Swim and Run Swim Run that will consist of at least 20 competitors determined by the preliminary heats.

4.5 Heat Placement

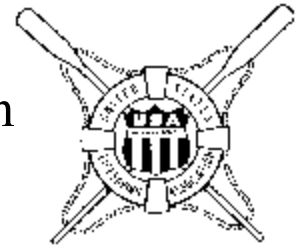
Competitors will be placed in heats and lanes (if necessary) by the Clerk of Course.

5.1 & 5.2 (add a final stipulation that "The top twenty finishers in the final will be recorded for the point scoring.")

5.3 - 5.10 (Add a final section to each rule stating, "A consolation final of the 11th through 20th place finishers in the preliminaries will be held immediately prior to the Championship Final of the top ten qualifiers in the preliminaries.")

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Heroic Acts Committee Action Report

Bill Richardson, Chair

1. Asking for appropriated funds to acquire a Meritorious Act Award for Mr. Steven Lloyd who attempted to rescue Mr. Garrett Coupels in the rescue of Matthew Bufford. Cost is for Perma-Plaque and postage only.
2. Asking for appropriated funds to acquire two Heroic Acts awards for firefighters Rodger Scalf and Jack Bennet who performed a successful rescue and resuscitation of a teenager caught in a rip current off the 51st Street jetty in Galveston, Texas. Cost for Perma-Plaque and Postage only.
3. Asking for approval of the expenditure made in Perma-Plaquing the award for Garrett Coupels presented at this meeting.

Total appropriated funds for all of the above is approximately \$350 - 400.

**UNITED STATES LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION
2001 SPRING
JUNIOR LIFEGUARD COMMITTEE MEETING**

PROGRAM LIST BY REGION

We are collecting a list of JG programs by region. There has been one person assigned by region to return this list to the JG Chairperson ASAP to use as a basis for future mailings and information.

JG USLA MEMBERSHIP

\$10 per participant. (\$8 for the kit and magazine and \$2 back to your region.) JG's can only register with their Coordinator.

ACTIVITY LIST

Please continue to supply you program activity lists.

AMERICAN LIFEGUARD MAGAZINE

Feature programs: Summer 2001=St. Johns Co. Winter 2001=Newport Beach Spring 2002=?

Special Interest JG Program=Duke Brown

PADDLE BOARDS

Only all soft boards can be uses at the National Competition 9" or under for C and B divisions.

USLA JG HISTORY

Max Boman will help research the history of USLA JG programs.

NATIONAL COMPETITION

Information will be mailed to each JG program. Please register early. Tom Daley will act as the head JG official for the Competition.

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United States Lifesaving Association

MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL COUNCIL

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This past winter was a cold one in the Mid-Atlantic Region but the lifeguards of the USLA we still plenty busy. On the legislative front we were made aware of State Assembly Bill 1143 which would eliminate the need for lifeguards at State Parks. The bill allows swimming in a bathing facility of area designated for swimming in a State Park even if a lifeguard is not on duty, during the hours that the State Park is open to the public, and signs shall be posted stating swimming at your own risk. The bill passed the Assembly by a 65-2 favorable vote but to date we have been able to stall the bill in the State Senate. Amendments have been proposed and we are awaiting a listing of such.

Our Public Education Committee once again worked hard over the winter making sure that our region would be well stocked with public education material. Lead by Tom Daly, the committee place an order for an additional 10,000 coloring books that are due to be delivered by May 10th. We still have plenty of "Water Safety Tips" cards and just received from the National our supply of rip-current posters.

Our after-hours response teams have had a busy winter season. Some teams established ice rescue protocols and drilled the procedures on the frozen lakes. On Saturday April 21, the Manasquan Coast Guard Station held an all day joint training session in water rescue with many of the Monmouth and Ocean County rescue teams. The day consisted of classroom sessions on incident command, search patterns, rescue swimmer responsibilities, dive team coordination and helo hoists. After the classroom drills got underway in search patterns, rescue swimming, and helo hoists utilizing their HH-65 Dolphin Helicopter out of Atlantic City.

Our regional competitions have been set with our non-craft events taking place in Rohoboth Beach, Delaware and the craft events being hosted by the Belmar N.J. Beach Patrol. For the second year in a row we are going to host our regional Junior Competition in Wildwood, N.J.

Our region would like to welcome Panama Jack on board as our new "official" sun care products. We are looking forward to a great National Board of Directors Meeting in Philadelphia.

REPORT OF MEDICAL ADVISOR

to the USLA National Board of Directors

Philadelphia, PA May 3, 2001



Gentlemen:

The beginning of the new Millennium has proved to be quite busy both in my practice and on the lifesaving front within the USLA and ILS.

In January, I met with the text book committee lead by Mr. Brewster in Austin, Texas where a very productive and hard working group produced appropriate revisions for our new text book. These changes included increasing the medical sections and a new chapter on sports medicine and lifeguarding injuries.

I have met with and kept in contact with the organizers of the Daytona Beach Rescue 2002 Games. I will continue to serve as liaison where needed, but will also function in helping to organize the medical commission, other ILS activities, site medical care for the athletes, and the drug testing program.

I am looking forward to assisting in choosing the U.S. team for the upcoming Goodwill Games. I plan to travel with the team as team physician and serving whatever other functions are needed.

Please remember that medical position statements regarding lifesaving are available on our USLA or on the new ILS web sites. A new addition was made this past December on "When Transport and Hospital Care are Indicated for Rescue Victims."

The Amsterdam drowning symposium is only a year away. I am involved with a rescue task force and will be discussing immobilization and treatment of cervical spine injuries. A preliminary document is present on the symposium's web site. Hopefully, the conference will generate concrete suggestions and positions for use world wide.

We wish to welcome Dr. Michael Hoffman to our organization. He should be present here at the meeting over the next several days. He is a physician who specializes in neurology and currently resides in the U.S. He was active in lifesaving and medical commissions for many years in his original home of South Africa. His presence would now double the size of our USLA medical commission.

Finally, on Friday at the educational symposium I will speak on "Injury Prevention for the Lifeguard." This talk is similar to the one given at Ocean City last year, but I was asked to present it to a more widespread audience here in Philadelphia.

As always, I look forward to a productive and enjoyable meeting.

Yours in lifesaving,

Peter G. Wernicki, M.D.
Medical Advisor USLA
ILS Medical Commission Chairman

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-ALWAYS SWIM NEAR A LIFEGUARD-

UNITED STATES LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION
SOUTH ATLANTIC REGIONAL REPORT
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
SPRING NATIONAL MEETING

Gearing up has begun in anticipation of the upcoming summer season. The South Atlantic Region looks forward to the many challenges it will face. The availability of lifeguards seems to be improving with some proactive steps we have taken to entice applicants for lifeguard positions. Incentives seem to break down some of the lack of interest to beach employment. In addition to incentives we have been going out actively soliciting participation at many school and community functions. The bottom line is that we must be diligent to assure quality personnel for our beaches. I would like to talk with anyone who has surmounted the visa process for Australian Lifeguards. On a recent trip I was asked by many of their lifeguards if work was available in the United States. Our summers are opposite and the opportunity is there.

Regional competition will be held in Jacksonville Beach, Florida and we look forward to an outstanding event. Junior competition will also be in Jacksonville Beach. The venue for both events will be at Hanna Park.. We have been increasing our numbers consistently for the competitions and we expect a large turnout for the event.

Sponsorship is improving and I would like to recognize Panama Jack and thank them for their support. I have been on record for some time now as a proponent of membership kit sponsorship. The national body should strive to supply enticements and product, rather than large expenditures from regional treasuries to supply kits that bolster membership drives. Panama Jack's commitment to supply product this year and next year as well as a gear bag, is a great advancement toward that goal. We must all endeavor to return the favor to sponsors that support us. Recognize them at functions and promote product loyalty to your members and supporters. As we become better recognized and receive more notoriety, we must critique ourselves to ensure the proper image and professional status that will draw attention of sponsors and develop involvement with the USLA.

Junior programs are increasing in the South Atlantic Region and we are continuing to have increased participation in our established programs. Ron Watson wants to remind any one who is contemplating a new program or enlarging established one, that he is available for assistance and direction.

International 2002 Competition planning is going well and the presentation that will be made at this meeting will outline it's progress and make you aware of some of the logistics related to the event. Remember, the event is next spring and the national meeting for the USLA is adjoined to it, to facilitate participation by the national body. We invite everyone to come and experience the international flavor and remind your competitors that it will not be this accessible for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Hensler, Pres. SALA

**Public Education Committee Report
Spring 2001
Philadelphia, PA**

First Chair Mike McKenna
Second Chair Dave Williams

Trading Cards

The last of the trading cards have been disseminated to the various regions. Individual agencies should contact their regional public education contact or president for distribution.

Rip Current Posters

5,000 Laminated and 10,000 un laminated Rip Current Posters have been received from the printer and distributed to the membership based on the following schedule. Individual agencies should contact their regional public education contact or president for chapter distribution information.

Northwest	_____
Southwest	_____
Great Lakes	_____
New England	_____
Mid Atlantic	_____
South Atlantic	_____
Southeast	_____

Internet Programs

The committee will report on the progress to create an interactive online classroom on the USLA.ORG web site with activities targeted to different grade levels.

Beach Safety Week Pilot Program

The committee will report on the progress of the school based educational pilot program set for beach safety week.

USLA Promotional/Educational Brochure & Video

The committee will review a draft of the proposed brochure and video script for input and direction. Original photographs and video footage from "Master Tapes" representing the various regions will be requested from the membership.

The committee will entertain project proposals for the coming year.

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Membership Committee Action Report

Joe Pecoraro, Chair

1. Recommended Life Membership be awarded to Edward Kiziukiewicz.
2. Request an update of life memberships lists and subsequent publication in the American Lifeguard Magazine.
3. Reviewed Membership Kit. Support Panama Jack.
4. Send memberships and money to Greg Farry two weeks before National Championships in Miami.
5. Renewal Memberships will be processed in the same manner as last year.

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Ways and Means Committee Action Report

Greg Farry, Chair

1. The committee reviewed and discussed the accountants 3/4 year report and passed resolution for its adoption.
2. Chair informed the committee there will be slightly more than \$12,000 available to the public education committee through 6/30/02.
3. We had a general discussion about the funding of competition and public education as new monies flow in.
4. We recommend that the agreement with Sun Glass move forward and that financial support be given to the regions also. The new monies will help in locating available funds for the upcoming Goodwill Games.
5. We recommend the approval of the 2001-2002 budget at \$153,000 that will cover the realistic needs of our next fiscal year.
6. The Executive Committee needs to amend the contract for Dick Colosi to deal with goods and materials coming to the USLA. This should be retroactive to January 1, 2001.

Wilderness Lifeguarding Proposal

Safety Training for Remote Aquatic Environments

Introductory Note

On April 23 and 24, 2001, a group of people representing several groups met at Harvard University to discuss the need for enhancing the safety of outdoor leaders and persons in their care journeying to remote areas where they might be exposed to aquatic hazards. The result was a position statement, a set of recommended elements to address in establishing guidelines to improve safety, and a strategy for developing the guidelines.

Position Statement

Outdoor leaders, and people in their care, are often exposed to remote aquatic environments¹ that present unique hazards and perils. Fatalities and injuries occur as a result.

There is a lack of broadly accepted guidelines for prevention of and response to drowning, near drowning, and other injuries in remote aquatic environments. The development of guidelines could be expected to enhance the outdoor experience, to raise awareness of the risks, and to reduce the incidence of injury and death.

The guidelines should include appropriate practices and training recommendations that balance safety, practicality, and effective use of resources. They should address a wide range of groups, environments, and activities.

These guidelines should be developed through a process that involves input from recognized aquatic safety organizations, industry associations, and organizations leading trips in remote environments. The process should invite feedback and seek consensus.

The purpose of developing these guidelines is to assist organizations in improving their training and practices regarding water safety in remote environments.

Signed April 24, 2001, Cambridge, Massachusetts, by:

B. Chris Brewster
United States Lifesaving Association
International Lifesaving Federation

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Wilderness Medical Associates

¹ Remote Aquatic Environment – Any aquatic environment that is not a designated, appropriately lifeguarded swimming area or waterfront facility where the risk of drowning, near drowning, injury or other loss is possible. Attributes of remote aquatic environments include, but are not limited to, environments where rescue equipment is not available or must be improvised.

Recommended Elements of the Guidelines

The following are elements that should be addressed in establishing guidelines.

Administration Guidelines

- ◆ The program should be properly documented
- ◆ Leaders:
 - Minimum requirements for number of rescue-trained leaders for each group
 - Minimum age for leaders
 - Minimum verified skills for rescuers (including minimum swimming skills)
 - Pre-requisites skills prior to training
 - Training outcomes for leaders – minimum required knowledge and skills
 - Minimum level of CPR training
 - Required preseason Training
 - Required in-service Training
 - Health & fitness standards
 - Essential function capabilities of a leader
 - Minimum number of hours for training of leaders
 - Minimum level of first aid training
- ◆ Participants:
 - Medical screening
 - Aquatic skills assessment
 - Informed consent (from parent or guardian if a minor)

Equipment Guidelines

- ◆ What equipment is required under what circumstances
- ◆ Training that compensates for lack of equipment
- ◆ Improvised equipment principles

Training Guidelines

- ◆ Environmental assessment
- ◆ General:
 - Screening and skills development
 - Prevention (training for both leaders and participants)
 - Group Assessment
 - Preparation – Management of aquatic activities, to include, but not necessarily limited to:
 - Boundaries
 - (Lifeguard) positioning
 - Supervision
 - Rescues
 - Portable rescue equipment and its use
 - Improvising rescue devices
 - Personal Safety of Rescuer
 - Search and Recovery
- Site specific:
 - Situation assessment (site-by-site)
 - Aquatic situations and hazards