

UNITED STATES LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MINUTES

May 8 & 9, 1981

I. CALL TO ORDER

The United States Lifesaving Association Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Richard L. Miller, President at 7:38 P.M. at the Colisium Inn in East Meadow, New York on May 8, 1981.

The following directors were present:

Great Lakes

Pecoraro  
Gilles  
Gillan  
Tietjen  
Engenmann

West Coast

Miller  
Baird  
Dorsey  
Bowman  
Story  
Moore  
Simpson

New England

Reagan

Mid-Atlantic

Kolonkowski  
Daly  
Hoffman  
Martinez  
Quinn  
Kiziukiewicz

Southeast

Bergman  
Williams  
Barron  
Wiecek

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Carl Martinez to defer approval of minutes.  
Seconded by Dave Story.

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III. OFFICER REPORTS

President- Richard L. Miller

President Miller gave an overview of the activities of the U.S.L.A. during the last 1½ years. In spoke of the unification of the various regions through competition and the exchanges. He spoke of the Galveston report that assisted in the upgrading of the Beach Patrol there. He expressed concern for finance problems in operating a national organization and communication. The President also spoke of the tremendous professionalization and friendship that has been undertaken.

**Vice-President**

Gene Bergman gave a report and expressed his concern about the upcoming Swim-a-Thon and the need for better communications among the regions.

**Secretary**

Doug D'Arnall was unable to attend the meeting.

**Treasurer**

Dave Story announced that \$3380,90 was in the USLA Checking Account as of April 30, 1981. See attachments.

**Recurrent Representative**

Rob Patterson was not present at the Meeting.

**Advisor**

Joe Pecoraro gave a brief report.

**Liaison Officer**

Max Boman gave a report on past and proposed international programs and exchanges. See attachments.

**IV. Staff Report - Executive Director - Byron Wear**  
See Attachments.

**V. Regional Reports**

- Southeast- Gene Bergman
- Mid-Atlantic- Bob Kolonkowski
- New England- Bill Reagan
- Great Lakes- Joe Pecoraro
- West Coast- Richard Miller
- Hawaii Region- No Representation

· Each region gave a verbal report accompanied with a slide show. See Attachments for further details.

**VI. Glen Spiritis, Deputy City Manager, City of Long Beach, New York, gave a Presentation on "Lifeguard Facilities and Federal Grants."**

**VII. International Exchanges**

- A. Chris Simpson presented a slide show and report on the USLA Educational Tour to Peru. (report deferred until the following day)
- B. Bob Moore and Max Boman spoke of the Competitive Tour to South Africa that took place in January of 1981.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

The Meeting was called to order by Richard Miller at 9:45 A.M. on May 9, 1981.

ITEM/ACTIVITY

VIII. Major Discussion and Action Items

A. Certification System - Bruce Baird - National Certification Officer

A Draft plan for certification was provided for the directors review. The plan was approved in concept by the Executive Board on April 22, 1981 with some changes as was noted. The cost for certification was recommended to be established as \$5.00. It was recommended to approve implementation with criteria and direction on the matter of grandfathering. Said implementation to begin when textbook is "off the press."

There was a motion to defer final action on Certification System until Fall Meeting and approve Pilot Program for Southeast Region.

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There was a motion to spend no more than \$300.00 for certificates for Certification Program.

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B. Competition - Chris Simpson, National Competition Coordinator

The National Championships are well organized. AVCO is providing funding for competitors outside of the West Coast Region. Criteria needs to be established as to how funds are dispersed. The final draft of rules and regulations was approved by the committee.

There was a motion to direct staff to consider future reductions in the amount of funds spent on the Competition Awards.

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There was a motion to approve Bob Moore as National Competition Team Coach.

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It was moved to fund each region \$446.00 from Avco funding for travel expense to the USLA National Competition in Laguana Niguel. Motion also included \$466.00 to go to the West Coast Region to offset costs of travel and arrangements for the Competition.

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C. Public Education - Beach Safety Week and Swim-a-Thon

It was announced that the National Beach Safety Week would take place June 21-27 and

the Swim-a-Thon would take place June 1 - July 15. At the last meeting, the board did not allocate any funds for the local chapter. The Executive Board made adjustments, however, the Chapters requested a larger percentage for their own local public education efforts.

There was a motion to change the National Swim-a-Thon percentages as follows:

Chapter	50%
Region	5%
National	25%
Hall of Fame	20%

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#### D. Lifesaving Standards

There was a review of the Standards Conference by Dr. Jim McCloy, Director of the Coastal Zone Lab, Texas A&M and Tim Dorsey, National Standards Chairman. The following was reported by Tim Dorsey.

##### Completed Reports

1. Beach and Open-water survey Report
2. Galveston Beach Survey
3. Open-water Swim Guidelines
4. Rosarito Beach Survey - first draft

##### Future Reports

1. Standardization of Statistical Reporting
2. Revamping of glossary terms
3. Lifeguard vision standards
4. Close observation of certification standards
5. Still-water survey report

Motion made to approve the Standards Committee Report.

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It was announced that the first draft of the Rosarito Beach Survey had been presented to the Cruz Roja Mexicana for their review and comment. It was also recommended that work begin immediately to develop a "Still Water" survey report.

#### IX. SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT

##### A. Lifesaving Postage Stamp

The announcement was made of the USLA's request to the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee to issue a lifesaving postage stamp or commemorative series. Australia recently had an envelope issued.

##### B. International Lifesaving Museum and Water Safety Center

The USLA is requesting space from a proposed redevelopment of the City of San Diego to establish a Lifesaving Museum and Water Safety Center. See attached report.

C. Policies and Operational Procedures

A policies and Operational Procedures Manual has been developed in draft form for the USLA. An outline was provided for the directors review and comment. See attachment.

D. National Headquarters Operation

The San Diego Chapter of the American Red Cross has agreed to assist the USLA in providing this organization with a headquarters and office space, The USLA is to move in on June 1, 1981.

E. Statistical Reporting - James Dodson - Research Assistant, Coastal Zone Lab, Texas A&M  
For Statistical Definitions see Attachments.

There was a motion by Simpson to adopt the USLA Statistical Definitions and refer the "near-drowning" definition to the Medical Advisor.

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Robert Keith and Associates, a manufacturer of large inflatable products, has requested assistance from the USLA for their program of flying large inflatable products over the beach areas. They are requiring our assistance to help provide them with statistics and safety inspections. The directors input was requested to begin negotiations with the company.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Phase I)

A. Finance/Ways and Means

Dave Story, Treasurer, gave a report on the financial status of the U.S.L.A. He indicated that the U.S.L.A. currently owes funds to the regional councils, their share of the dues. These funds are currently funding the USLA for the first half of the calendar year.

There was a motion to continue to fund the U.S.L.A. from regional rebate funds until January 1982, when additional membership dues should permit the regions receiving their rebates. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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B. Publications/Textbook

The USLA textbook will be published October 9, 1981 according to the report submitted by Doug D'Arnall, Chairman of the Publications Committee.

C. U.S. Lifesaving Magazine

U.S. Lifesaving magazine is progressing well with an edition expected each quarter.

D. Membership Delivery - 1981

Delivery of Membership Materials, Coppertone and T Shirt has been improved following discussions with Coppertone officials.

## AI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. Affirmative Action

A policy statement for Affirmative Action was provided for the Board's approval.  
See Attachment for details.

There was a motion by Joe Pecoraro to approve Affirmative Action Statement. Seconded by Barron.

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### B. Cliff Rescue

See Attachment

### C. Council for National Cooperation in Aquatics

Louise Priest, Executive Director of Council for National Cooperation in Aquatics was present to give a first hand report on their activities.

### D. Enviorment

Greg Abbot, Chairman, Enviornmental Committee has provided a report of the committee. Additional members are being sought from other regions outside of the West Coast.

### E. Heroic Acts

Ken Jacobsen reported that the Heroic Acts Committee received 6 applications for the Heroic Acts Award. Each application was rejected, consequently no awards were given in 1980.

### F. Junior Lifeguard

An outline of the Junior Lifeguard program was provided for the Board. See attachments for details. Conrad Liberty, Chairman of the Committee reported that the National Junior Lifeguard Championships would be held in San Clemente, California, on July 24, 1981.

It was recommended that the USLA establish a Junior Lifeguard Member classification and establish annual dues and include a magazine, card and the opportunity to compete in the National Junior Lifeguard Championships.

There was a motion to establish Junior Lifeguard dues at \$5.00 per year. The motion was defeated.

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There was a motion to establish Junior Lifeguard dues at \$3.00 per year. The motion passed.

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XII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Reorganization

A proposed reorganization of the Executive Board was briefly outlined by Byron Wear. The proposed revision would add one representative from each region plus the 5 basic officers of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Past President. In addition, Executive Board meetings would occur quarterly and Board of Directors Meeting would occur twice annually, once in the off season, and once during the competition. The concept was received favorably and staff will prepare the changes in Bylaws for presentation to the Board at the August Meeting.

B. Executive Director Staff Position

A proposed contract for management services was presented to the Board of Directors by President Richard Miller.

There was a motion by Gene Bergman, seconded by Chris Simpson to approve a salary of \$30,000 for the Executive Director contingent upon receipt of funds, approve the employment specifications for the position of Executive Director and to direct the President and Secretary to enter into a contract with Byron Wear for said services for a period of July 1, 1981 through July 1, 1982.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

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C. South Africa Visit - 1983

Max Bowman, Liaison Officer proposed extending an invitation to South Africa Surf Life Saving Association to tour the United States in 1983 at no expense to the U.S.L.A. After much discussion, there was a motion to extend the invitation to the South Africa Surf Life Saving Association for a competitive tour in Summer 1983. Motion Passed 16-5-1.

Special thanks were given to Bob Kolonkowski, President, of the Mid Atlantic Region and Tom Daly, Treasurer, Mid Atlantic Region for hosting the meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn. Motion Passed.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DOUG D'ARNALL,  
Secretary

BY: *Byron E. Wear*  
BYRON E. WEAR,  
Executive Director