Technology Committee

Mandate
The SLA must satisfy the following requirements of the commissioner relative to information technology:

- Maintain the administrative capability and recordkeeping facilities to process all surplus line filings in California (Cal. Ins. Code § 1780.54(a)(2)).
- Maintain the data processing capability and the necessary personnel to perform appropriate security review of all nonadmitted insurers (Cal. Ins. Code § 1780.54(a)(3)).

Function
- The Technology Committee is the SLA’s forum for reviewing, evaluating, and recommending strategies, plans, and policies for stamping office information technology (IT). Specifically, the Technology Committee has been charged with identifying (i) strategic directions, capabilities, and objectives for stamping office software technology and broker filing technologies, and (ii) opportunities where IT can help the SLA achieve stated goals of the Board of Directors and the California Department of Insurance.
- The Technology Committee monitors information technology trends and advises the Board of Directors and the SLA’s other standing committees on the impact of those trends.
- The Technology Committee promotes the use of state-of-the-art computer technology applicable to the Stamping Office.
- The Technology Committee facilitates the use of IT in ways that seek to diminish fraud, enhance safety from intrusion, and protect privacy.
- The Technology Committee engages in the exchange of ideas, experiences and knowledge in the development of IT cooperation among the state stamping offices.
- The Technology Committee reviews and evaluates new and existing IT of interest to the surplus line broker community.
- The Technology Committee makes budget recommendations to the Board of Directors for the formulation of the SLA IT annual budget.
- The Technology Committee aids the Board of Directors in updating the SLA strategic plan.
- The Technology Committee supports the management of SLA proprietary/legacy systems.
- The Technology Committee develops long-range strategy for automation of the Stamping Office, as well as standards for data processing, the financial database, electronic filing, and deployment of SLA information on the Internet in an effort to serve the surplus line broker community, the California Department of Insurance, and California insurance consumers generally.