



News Release

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CEIL NORTON ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE SURPLUS LINE ASSOCIATION

SAN FRANCISCO, California -- (January 31, 2007) -- The members of the Surplus Line Association of California (SLA) unanimously elected Ceil Norton as their Chairman during the SLA Annual meeting. Ceil Norton is the Branch Manager for Burns & Wilcox Insurance, Fresno, California. The SLA Annual Meeting was held January 23, 2007 in San Francisco and January 25, in Beverly Hills, California.

Elected Vice Chairman was John Edack of Arch Specialty Insurance Agency, Inc., San Francisco, CA. Elected Secretary-Treasurer was Warren Stanley, Wholesale Connection Insurance Services, Woodland Hills, CA. In addition, ten Executive Committee members were elected as follows: Jim Pettipas of Socious Insurance Services, Rupert Hall of M.J. Hall & Company, Greg Crouse of Crouse & Associates, Davis Moore of Worldwide Facilities, Chris Brown of Brown & Riding Insurance Brokers, Jerry Sullivan of Gerald J. Sullivan & Associates, Inc., Les Ross of Tri-City Brokerage, A Division of BISYS Commercial Insurance Services, Inc., Frank Cravens of Cravens, Lefler & McCormick, Kris Bauer of AmWINS Insurance, and Phil Mazur of Swett & Crawford.



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The SLA is an organization of 1,400 surplus line brokers licensed by the State of California to negotiate and place insurance with nonadmitted insurers. The SLA serves as the official surplus line advisory organization to the California Department of Insurance under California Insurance Code Sec. 1780.50 et seq. With few exceptions, all California surplus line insurance policies must be filed with the SLA for analysis, regulatory compliance, record keeping, and statistical reporting. In addition, the SLA is responsible for reviewing, analyzing, and evaluating the suitability of non-admitted insurers seeking to become eligible surplus line carriers in the state of California.
