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LES ROSS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE SURPLUS LINE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO, California – (February 5, 2010) -- The members of the Surplus Line Association of California (SLA) elected Les Ross as their Chairman during the SLA 2010 Annual Meeting held January 26, in San Francisco and January 28, in Beverly Hills. Les Ross is Executive Vice President of Crump Insurance Services Inc., in San Francisco, California.



Les Ross

Elected Vice Chairman was Patrick Hanley, President of Socius Insurance Services, Inc. Elected Secretary-Treasurer was Davis Moore, President of Worldwide Facilities, Inc. In addition, ten Executive Committee members were elected as follows: John Edack (immediate past chairman) of Arch Specialty Insurance Agency, Inc., Dean Adrighetto of Westchester Specialty Insurance Services, Pamela Quilici of Crouse & Associates, Frank Cravens of M.J. Hall & Company, Inc., Doris Barnett of Colemont Insurance Brokers, Anne McNally of Wells Fargo Insurance Services, Gerald J. Sullivan of Gerald J. Sullivan & Associates, Inc., Chris Brown of Brown & Riding Insurance Brokers, Phil Mazur of Swett & Crawford, and Ian Fitt of Western Re/Managers Insurance Services, Inc.

The Members also voted to approve the appointment of former Insurance Commissioner Justice Harry Low (Ret.) for a one year term as SLA Mediator. The motion to appoint Harry Low as Mediator was passed by a unanimous vote.

The SLA is an organization of 4,350 California Surplus Line Broker licensees. Surplus Line Brokers negotiate and place insurance with nonadmitted or surplus line 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 recordkeeping, regulatory compliance, and statistical reporting. In addition, the SLA is responsible for reviewing and evaluating the suitability of nonadmitted insurers seeking to become eligible surplus line insurers in the State of California.
