



## *News Release*

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## **PATRICK HANLEY ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE SURPLUS LINE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA**

SAN FRANCISCO, California – (January 27, 2011) -- The members of the Surplus Line Association of California (SLA) elected Patrick Hanley as their Chairman during the SLA 2011 Annual Meeting held January 25, in San Francisco and January 27, in Los Angeles. Patrick is President of Socius Insurance Services Inc., in San Francisco, California.



*Patrick Hanley*

Elected Vice Chairman was Davis Moore, President of Worldwide Facilities, Inc. Elected Secretary-Treasurer was Pamela Quilici, Executive Vice President of Crouse & Associates, In addition, ten Executive Committee members were elected as follows: Les Ross (immediate past chairman) of Wholesale Trading Co-Op Insurance Services, LLC, Dean Adrighetto of Westchester Specialty Insurance Services, Denis Brady of American E & S Insurance Brokers, Chris Brown of Brown & Riding Insurance Services, Inc., John Edack of Arch Specialty Insurance Agency, Inc., Ian Fitt of Western Re/Managers Insurance Services, Inc., Rupert Hall of M. J. Hall & Company, Inc., Phil Mazur of Swett & Crawford, Anne McNally of Wells Fargo Insurance Services, Inc., Gerald J. Sullivan of Gerald J. Sullivan & Associates, 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.

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