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I would like to welcome the Delegates and guests attending the 2021 California USBC Annual Meeting. Since we were unable to conduct our annual meeting and conventionalities last year due to the pandemic, we are conducting our meeting virtually this year. This is a first for us and I am hoping it goes well. The reports of the officers, directors and committees are available on our website at [calusbc.com](http://calusbc.com) for you to review and print.

Congratulations to our 2020 and 2021 award recipients. Our Hall of Fame inductees for 2020 were Frank Weiler, Meritorious Service and in the Superior Performance category Steve Matthews and Alvin Lou; Star of Tomorrow - Jennifer Loreda and Leoj Chin; \$1000 Braheme Memorial Award – David Waybright; and \$1000 State Scholarship Award – Leoj Chin and John Mehlum, Jr. The 2021 Hall of Fame inductees are Bette Addington, Lynn Graves and posthumously, Charles ‘Chuck’ Russell Ellena in the Meritorious Service category. We look forward to honoring all our award winners at next year’s awards banquet.

I attended the USBC Virtual Convention in April. It was different and even though they had some technical issues to deal with it went well. There are something’s that happen that you have no control over, but I felt that USBC handled those issues the best they could. Delegates approved the board appointments for 2020 and elected three board members for 2021: Jay Daryman, Dennis Hacker and Chrissie Lee. Proposed legislation for 2020 and 2021 were presented; six were for league rules, five were tournament rules and eight by-law proposals. To see the complete run down of the USBC board elections, voting results for proposed legislation and the convention itself, you can log on to [bowl.com](http://bowl.com).

Not being able to bowl this past year, having to cancel our tournaments and meetings has been hard on all of us. For a while it seemed that we would be stuck in limbo forever, but then I remembered someone telling me once that *‘this too shall pass, you just have to have faith that things will be better then all will be right with the world once more’*. It does look like we have turned the corner and there is hope that by this time next year we will all be able to meet in person. I sure hope so because I miss seeing our bowlers at the tournaments and especially meeting and greeting the delegates at our annual meeting. I miss being able to talk to someone in person without a mask on, to give them a hug, a high five or even a pat on the back.

Thank you to the Directors on the California USBC. I appreciate your continued support and taking the time to meet in virtual meetings when called for. I look forward to the day when we will once again see all of bowlers competing in our tournaments and joining us at convention!

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Bruegeman



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Welcome Delegates. This has been a very trying year with the pandemic and the shutdown of the bowling centers and association for the past year.

With the shutdown of the bowling centers and the association there has not been much activity. The state sponsored tournaments all had to be cancelled because of COVID-19. This limited the duties of the State Association.

We did manage to have two online board meetings that I attended.

The centers and association are slowly starting to re-open and hopefully we will be back to normal soon. I look forward to a very productive year in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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This is my final year as Association Manager of the CUSBC, Lynn Matsubara will be taking over the position on August 1, 2021. We have been and continue to prepare to move the office to Lakewood, CA. We are sorting records, cleaning out the storage unit and shredding out-of-date records. The Association has effectively been shut down, except for the above work.

Most centers in California have been shutdown for the entire year. We did run the Senior and State Singles Tournaments and the Diddy Watts Youth Championship in fiscal year 2019-20. We refunded all Adult Tournament entry fees for the 2019 tournament since we were unsure of when we might hold a future tournament. We have had to forego all remaining adult and youth tournaments for the fiscal year, 2019-20, and all but a possible youth or youth/adult tournament in 2020-21. We have received only \$24,000.00 in dues for this fiscal year (2020-21), as of April 30, 2021.

We did request and obtain our initial Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan on May 11, 2020, this provided funding to maintain staff until October 2020. We furloughed our Adult Tournament Director on October 16, 2020 and on February 1, 2021 we reduced pay for all remaining staff. We obtained our most recent PPP 2 loan on March 26, 2021, and under the terms of the loan agreement we have now restored the remaining employees to full-time effective May 1, 2021. We have filed for forgiveness on our first PPP loan and received final approval from West America Bank May 4, 2021.

I would like to thank Kathy Bruegeman, Lynn Matsubara and Vern Coleman for all the help they have provided in preparing to move the office. Kathy Bruegeman has been available on numerous occasions to sign documents, both in person and on-line for the various loans and contracts we obtained. Lynn Matsubara has found an office in Lakewood, set up operations there and is preparing for the move in early July. Vern has spent many hours cleaning out the storage unit, sorting records and setting up files and boxes for the move.

I want to take a minute and thank all current and past Directors and Officers of the CUSBC for their help and understanding during my years as Association Manager. I also want to thank all the Local Associations staff who have assisted us in setting up and running tournaments, annual meetings and general support for the state association. I will remain on the Board of Directors until the expiration of my current term as Director, July 31, 2022, assisting where I can or as requested.

Thank you,



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California USBC Board of Directors, Delegates and Guests, welcome to the 2021 ZOOM Convention this year due to the COVID 19 Virus.

This past year has been difficult with the bowling centers being closed due to the pandemic. I attended a protest to open our bowling centers in San Diego and California. We mailed letters to our Governor hoping he would let the centers re-open to no avail. As of this date we have lost one of our centers and hoping the others will be able to open soon. Mira Mesa Lanes has opened under new management with leagues every night. The Youth program has over 100 bowlers on Saturday morning, which we are pleased to see our youth growing the sport.

I have attended all meetings and also committee meetings on our Microsoft Teams app when scheduled.

Congratulations to the Hall of Fame inductees for their outstanding achievements. Thanks to Mike Lucas as chairman who has done an outstanding job for keeping the committee informed of meetings and selection of candidates.

Thank you for allowing me to serve on the California Board of Directors as it is very rewarding and I look forward to working with the bowlers at the tournaments.

A Big Thank you to our Association Manager Larry Peppers and President Kathy Bruegeman who have been a great help and are appreciated for everything they do.

Will continue working with the board of directors to make the “*Best Bowlers coming from California.*”

Respectfully submitted,

*Pauline Armstrong*



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This past year has been a struggle for all of bowling due to COVID lockdown and regulations. A couple of bowling centers have recently shutdown and many kids weren't able to finish out their leagues and bowling seasons. Funding for the youth has diminished due to the pandemic at hand, but I look forward to helping to build that back up now that we are getting back to what we see as "normal". Future tournaments and youth programs are set to take place and will bring back the livelihood of the sport of bowling.

I look forward to seeing how much everyone has grown from such a difficult time for all.

Respectfully submitted,

Miranda Emery



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To California USBC Board of Directors, Delegates and Guests,

WOW!! is the only way to describe the last 15 months we have experienced... unprecedented times to say the least. I hope you have all managed to stay safe and have had limited exposure/impact with COVID-19. Let us continue to keep those that have contracted and/or succumbed to this illness in our thoughts and hope to return to normality.

Throughout all of that, I am still very thankful for the opportunity to continue serving the bowlers of the California USBC. Things have been predictably stagnant since we last met, however during this time I've continued managing my responsibilities with the Southern LA County USBC, raising my now 13 year-old son, and traveling out of state to remain competitive on the PBA Regional tour.

As I say every year, youth bowling continues to be where my passion lies. I would like to help today's youth have the same experience I had... many many years ago. Sadly we have not been able to host an event in 2020 or 2021 so far; however I do look forward to the State Youth Championships scheduled for July in Lake Forest. The Diddy Watts Youth State Singles Challenge will be cancelled again this year, but we do look forward to seeing bowlers return in 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,



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President Bruegeman, Officers, Directors and Delegates,

As we all know our world has been upside down for longer than we want to think about, but it does look like things are improving quite nicely.

Our Associations throughout the state have suffered a great loss, not to mention bowling centers closing and loss of memberships.

All of our State planned activities have been cancelled or postponed in the best interest of our members.

With some of the bowls opening up, people want to bowl, and I'm getting lots of calls about the dues and do we have to pay \$25.00 now and then \$25.00 in the winter, so I been explaining the basic membership and they don't like that because you can only bowl in the one league. My only answer is talk to USBC. Many of us have been trying to get USBC to go back to the Winter/Summer card, but again it failed at the recent USBC convention. So I'm asking them to think about the loss for our State and our local associations and if they would sanction, it would help all the way around.

This will be our first Virtual Annual Meeting, our goal is to have our membership join in and get caught up on what the future holds for the California State Association and the plans for coming years.

With so many people unsure if they want to return to bowling, it's now a wait and see of how many actually will. I hope you all have been safe and will return to the game we all love so much.

Thank you Kathy and Larry for all you have done for our State Association and we appreciate you very much.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lynn Graves*



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Welcome Delegates to our first virtual meeting. I can't believe that bowling shut down over a year ago, but thankful that things are starting to open back up.

We lost one center in our North LA County USBC association. This has been pending for a couple of a years, but Bowlmor Santa Monica, formerly AMF Bayshore Lanes finally closed its doors.

Our brick and mortar office on Devonshire Street in Granada Hill is also closing officially on May 31. With the pandemic and no income coming in, this was the right decision for our association. The office will be temporarily run out of my house until we figure things out for the new season.

Last year, one of our former youth bowlers, Wesley Low, Jr. from Palmdale shot 900 on July 20, 2020 at a tournament in Arizona. We have his 900 ring and crystal award from USBC and are just waiting for the right time to present it to him.

We are going to run the Youth Championships this July and already have entries on the books. We look forward to seeing all of the youth bowlers and their parents this summer. Keep the ball rolling!

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Leigh





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Thank you for attending our virtual meeting and welcome back to the game we all love. It's been a rough year for all of us and hopefully we will all be back bowling soon. As a Director for the CUSBC I've attended all the virtual meetings that we have had and kept up with all the new legislation that has come from USBC. I am anxious to see all my bowling friends bowling again and enjoying the game we love. Please don't hesitate to call or email me if you have any questions or concerns and I will try to answer them. Have a great summer and take care of yourself!

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Lucas,  
Director



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Welcome everyone to our first virtual annual Convention! It's nice to see that we are finally starting to come out the pandemic shutdown after the California bowling world completely shut down for an unprecedented 412 days. I was so proud to see the fight, the support and the outreach of our youth and adult bowlers to get the bowling centers open despite the stubbornness of our California government. My sympathies go out to those who lost family members or businesses, and I hope that everyone else remained healthy and safe during that time.

I have been busy the last few months, keeping our website and Facebook pages updated with any new information regarding California bowling. I've also been updating our bowling news website (calusbc.wordpress.com) with any articles that I can find about our centers and rallies. We have unfortunately lost some centers due the pandemic, which is very disheartening. The financial struggles and losses were astronomical, but we can now finally start to rebuild.

On another note, I am also a partner with Strike 12 Creations, a sports jersey company who started to make facemasks during the shutdown. Dave Williams, who writes regularly for our California news website has become a dear friend and is a big supporter of California bowling. I created a 'Dave's Corner' logo for him and sent him a custom 'Dave's Corner' facemask for Christmas. Such a small gift, but I was so glad it made him smile – even though no one could see his smile with his mask on. LOL.

One awesome thing did happen during the pandemic. One of our former youth bowlers and past Star of Tomorrow recipient, Wesley Low, Jr., shot 900 on July 20, 2020 at a certified tournament in Arizona. He was the 37<sup>th</sup> person to achieve that feat and we are extremely proud of him and how well his bowling career continues to grow. Congratulations Wesley!

Also, congratulations to our recent special award winners and our youth scholarship recipients. It's going to be a long and fun night recognizing all of you next year at our awards banquet in Fresno!

Lastly, thank you to Kathy, Larry P., Andre, Tom and our awesome Youth Committee for all of their help and support. Your time is valuable and I appreciate everyone attending our meetings, running the Pepsi District Finals and volunteering with our other tournaments. I look forward to an exuberant, virus-free 2022!

Respectfully submitted,



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I would like to thank the Board and Delegates of the CUSBC for allowing me to serve on the CUSBC Board of Directors.

This year past year was very different for all of us with the regulations that were put in place for COVID. During this past year I have renewed my RVP badge and have taken the SafeSport certification required for board members. I have attended all board meetings via ZOOM since the state shut down.

In my area as District 8 Youth Director, we have lost several bowling centers that have had to shut their doors due to COVID.

The CYC Committee has been active trying to figure a way to have the Pepsi Tournament but again it was not a possibility. I would like to thank the CYC Committee for allowing me to be a part of this committee to help grow the youth of California. I am looking forward to the Pepsi Tournament in the future.

I am looking forward to next year and the opportunity that we will have to once again meet as we work toward the betterment of bowling in the state.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director and District 8 Youth Director



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Welcome Delegates, Honorees, and Guests!

The 2019-20 bowling year brought lots of changes. I went from being a youth bowler to adult bowler and I began collegiate bowling at a brand new program at Arizona Christian University. As with most new teams, we had our ups and downs, but we were able to compete in several tournaments. In March 2020, I traveled to Dallas for the Intercollegiate Singles Sectionals. While there, the competition was canceled, but we stayed on and visited the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame. I was fortunate to get some lane time at the International Training Center.

The 2020-21 season was not much better for California bowlers. Our college team was only able to get to three tournaments as many of our competitions are in California. Arizona and Nevada houses were not closed as long as California and it was great to see a number of California youth bowlers travel to Arizona and Nevada to compete in various tournaments that were held. Youth are the future of our sport and I would like to thank the parents that took the time and financial burdens to get these youth out and bowling. Their passion for bowling is apparent!

Congratulations to the members that we are honoring this weekend. You truly stand out amongst the Best!

Respectfully submitted,

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