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To California USBC Board of Directors, Delegates and Guests,

I am pleased to welcome you all to this year's convention. This first year term as president has brought about many changes to the California USBC. I am confident the organization is turning around and headed in the right direction to be as strong as ever. The successes of the organization would not be possible without the hard work and cooperation of all the board members, and I am forever grateful for what we continue to build.

My vision for the California USBC, and bowling in general remains unchanged. And that is to create an all-inclusive and collaborative space where all ages and skill levels can find their favorite tournament to compete in for years to come. Changes must be made and embraced to ensure the success of any organization and we will continue to tweak the events and services we offer to continue serving the bowlers of California.

Leading with transparency and strengthening the alliance with the local associations and the bowlers remains front of mind as well. An organization of this size and reach is not successful without strong partnerships. All views will be respected and considered as we move the organization forward into the future.

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 – for without it – I would not be present today. This year was a spectacular year for scholarship opportunities, as we awarded over \$100K through various events and programs. Participation remains lower than in years past, however, we are committed to ride the wave and keep pushing for our future bowlers.

I am very thankful for the opportunity to continue serving the bowlers of the California USBC and I hope this past year has been kind to all of you. I look forward to the upcoming 2024-25 season.

Respectfully submitted,

Andre Eubanks



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Welcome Delegates and Guests to our annual convention!

Time really does fly. We offer nine tournaments to youth, adults and seniors. Even though they are all held in different months, they all seem to mash together as I have entries coming in and being finalized all year round and almost seems like it's all at the same time. You would think the youth are the ones keeping me on my toes, but you are wrong... it's the seniors! They will submit their entries at least 7 months in advance... how great is that!!

We have been working hard streamlining and making minor modifications to our events making it easier and better for the participants as well for us in running and processing the entries. Our State Singles event held last November and this year's Adult Championships at Oak Tree Lanes (5 weekends) were both completely sold out. That has never happened in the past and we are seeing a lot of new first-time bowlers also participating, which is great!

We awarded a lot of scholarship money this past year. Because there were deadlines on using SMART funds, the current youth really reaped the benefits. There are still a lot of youth that are not participating in our tournaments, so please help us to pass on the word! Pepsi and the Youth State Championships are for youth of all ages and averages.

I want to thank our state board for their hard work this past year. At our board meetings, the discussions have been very productive because everyone has been so supportive, understanding and communicative. We have made many modifications to adapt to our new bowling and tech environments, which make things easier for everyone. So far, the adjustments are working. We have received great feedback at our tournaments and it's definitely showing with our participation numbers.

I also want to thank our great youth committee. Our Pepsi Directors and CYC Directors are so dedicated and are truly vested in helping to grow youth bowling. I appreciate your time and everyone's hard work in running the Pepsi District Finals and our other youth events.

We have big goals for the future, and I know we can do it together. We can share with everyone our streamlining changes, and hope that everyone will be growing their memberships in the upcoming 2024-25 season.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Matsubara



CINDY AKIN

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I am honored to serve the membership of the California USBC, representing the interests of all bowlers. I have had the opportunity to actively participate in several tournaments as a staff member. Working tournaments has given me the privilege of meeting with numerous passionate bowlers from all walks of life – each with unique stories and impressive skills. Their dedication and love for the sport have left a lasting impression on me, and I am thrilled to be a part of an association that nurtures and supports such talented individuals.

In addition to tournaments, I have participated in several meetings for the Association. With input from bowlers around the state and experience I have gleaned as a local Association Manager, I believe I have been and will continue to be a valuable member of our California USBC Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Akin



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I would like to welcome the California USBC Board of Directors, Delegates and Guest to the Convention this year being held at the Holiday Inn in Ontario, CA.

We have had a busy year with meetings and tournaments. The BVL Helen Duval Veterans Tournament was held at Bowlero San Bernardino during a torrential rain storm, but it was still a successful tournament with 37 bowlers and 10 veterans bowling with each receiving a California USBC BVL bag tag and lapel pin – see my report for BVL.

I attended the awards committee meeting where we selected several Hall of Fame members to be honored at this year's awards dinner on Saturday, June 1. The dinner selection of either Lasagna or Grilled Citrus Chicken with Mashed potatoes, Garden Salad, Rolls, and Fudge Cake will make a fun night with our honorees. I hope everyone has reserved their dinner tickets to honor our Hall of Fame and Star of Tomorrow recipients, which is a great honor for all.

I worked the State Championships, which is being held at Oak Tree Lanes in Diamond Bar. The Senior Singles will be held August 24-25 at Forest Lanes, in Lake Forest which I will be working that weekend as well. I hope to see several of our seniors bowling in the tournament.

Thanks to President Andre Eubanks and Association Manager Lynn Matsubara for all their help and assistance this year.

I want to thank all the Delegates and guests for attending the Convention this year and keep on bowling as the **BEST BOWLERS COME FROM CALIFORNIA!**

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Armstrong, Director



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I would like to welcome the California USBC Board of Directors, Delegates and Guests to the 2024 Convention.

I was recently appointed to the board in October of 2023. I am very excited to be working alongside this talented group of people.

Since my appointment, I have served on the Awards committee where we selected this year's Hall of Fame inductees. I have also attended one in-person CUSBC board meeting and one virtual board meeting, both of which taught me much about the state board.

I recently worked at the Adult Championships, which is being held at Oak Tree Lanes in Diamond Bar. It was fun to see how the State Championships operated and to meet the great bowlers from California.

Thanks to President Andre Eubanks and Association Manager Lynn Matsubara for being available to answer any questions I had as a new director. I look forward to continuing to work with everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Elliott, Director



STEVE JOHNSON

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Welcome to all Delegates, guests and the California USBC Board of Directors to the 2024 CUSBC Convention, being held at the Holiday Inn in Ontario, CA.

It has been a very busy and productive year with meetings and tournaments. The BVL Helen Duval Veterans Tournament was held at Bowlero San Bernardino. Despite a torrential rain storm making travel a bit more difficult, the tournament was still a success with 37 bowlers and 10 veterans participating.

I attended all CUSBC board meetings during this past year and all but one committee meeting. I attended the Hall of Fame board meeting during which several new members were selected to be honored at this year's Awards dinner being held on Saturday June 1st. I hope to see everyone there to honor our Hall of Fame and Star of Tomorrow recipients. I also attended the 2024 USBC National Convention in Las Vegas as a local association Delegate.

As noted above, I worked the BVL tournament March 30th in San Bernardino as well as the opening weekend of the State Championships being held at Oak Tree Lanes in Diamond Bar. I will also be working the Senior Singles Tournament being held August 24-25 at Forest Lanes, in Lake Forest. I hope to see many of you there.

I would like to thank CUSBC President Andre Eubanks and Association Manager Lynn Matsubara for their considerable help and assistance this year.

Again, thank you to all of the Delegates and guests attending this year's CUSBC Convention. Keep bowling and remember - **The BEST BOWLERS COME FROM CALIFORNIA.**

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Johnson, Director



BRETT KOCIEMBA

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Hello everyone, I'm Brett Kociemba, Director from Chico, California. That's way up north, a couple hundred miles from Oregon and a couple hundred miles from San Francisco. This was my first year as a full director for the California USBC, prior to this I've been on the Youth Committee as the Pepsi Championships District #1 Director for the past 4 years. We ran the Pepsi Championships District #1 Finals at Bowlero Chico earlier this year in January.

My highlights for the year have been being asked to join the Board and attending a Board meeting in person. I participated in several Zoom meetings throughout the year, learning about processes and procedures that must be followed.

I spent a couple of very long weekends last year helping at the California USBC Adult State tournament in Rocklin and at the Youth State tournament as well. I learned a lot about dealing with many different personalities but especially enjoyed watching the upcoming talent of our Youth Bowlers.

I just spent the weekend in Diamond Bar at this year's Adult State Tournament where I met a lot really great California Bowlers who have amazing passion for the game. I look forward to helping increase participation over the next few years and representing Northern California.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Kociemba



TOM LEIGH

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Delegates,

Another season has gone by too quickly. I worked several events and spent most of last summer in Sacramento with the Pepsi Championships State Finals, Adult and Youth Championships. In August, I was in Fresno for the DW Youth Singles and in October, I helped work the State Singles and Cal State Masters events in Diamond Bar. In March, I worked the BVL Finals in San Bernardino and am scheduled to work two weekends in Diamond Bar for the Adult Championships. I am also attempting to bowl the State Championships Memorial Day weekend, so we will see how that goes.

I am looking forward to our upcoming events. Next season hopes to be bigger and better.

Congratulations to all of our award winners this weekend. It seems that some are very overdue. Keep the ball rolling!

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Leigh



TANYA NELSON

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I would like to welcome the California USBC Board of Directors, Delegates and Guests to the 2024 Convention.

I was recently appointed to the board in October of 2023 and have already had a chance to participate in many committees and activities that I have found very enriching.

Since my appointment, I attended an in-person CUSBC board meeting where we learned important parliamentary procedures. I also attended a Legislative Committee meeting virtually where we crafted the Bylaws proposals for this convention. Lastly, I was a part of the Convention Committee and helped choose the menu for our Hall of Fame dinner, which I hope many of you are planning to attend.

I had a great time working at the State Championships, which is being held at Oak Tree Lanes in Diamond Bar. It was fun to see how the State Championships operated and to meet the great bowlers from California.

These first few months as a Director on the state board have been very rewarding, I look forward to continuing to work with everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Nelson, Director



LINDA STEWART

Director

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I would like to welcome everybody to this year's convention. This year has gone by so fast and with the changes in the Pepsi Championships format due to having to use SMART unassigned funds or lose it, it seems like it was even faster. I want to thank Don Way and Mira Mesa for hosting my portion of the Pepsi Championships. Don allowed me to turn over the information so that I did not have to travel from Orange County to San Diego, so again Thank You Don.

I have worked several of the State Championships weekends and it is always so nice to meet the bowlers of California. There are friendships made that will last forever.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve on the California State board and to be a part of this great community.

Remember: **“The Best Bowlers come from California”**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Stewart



DONALD WAY

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I would like to welcome the California USBC Board of Directors, Delegates and Guests to the 2024 convention.

I am a new Director on the state board. I have attended all of the board meetings, virtual and in-person, this year. I have been appointed chairperson of the Legislative Committee. I am also a committee member on the BVL and the Convention/Awards Committee. I have attended all the committee meetings. It has been great working with my fellow directors on these committees.

The CA Pepsi Championships U8 and U10 District #6 Finals were held in San Diego at Mira Mesa earlier this year in January. I was asked to run the tournament and I hope everyone had a great time. Also, I have worked the State Championships and had a great time meeting new bowlers and seeing the high scores that can be bowled. I will also be running the California State Senior Singles Tournament in August at Forest Lanes. I hope to see you all there.

I would like to thank the bowlers of California for electing me to this position. I will do my best to help grow the sport of bowling in California and the rest of the country. Thank you to Andre Eubanks (President) and Lynn Matsubara (Association Manager) for all their help over the last year.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Delegates and Guests,

The 2023-24 was a busy one with a lot of travel up and down our beautiful state. Over the past year, I visited the Sacramento area a few times for both the Adult Championships and the Youth Championships. I went to Fresno for the state meeting and convention and then back to Fresno for the DW Challenge in August. In October, I attended the state board meeting in San Jose and in January, I was back in Fresno to run the District #4 Pepsi Championships for the U8 and U10 divisions. In between those tournaments, we met online for a few board meeting and committee meetings.

I enjoy these trips as I meet bowlers from all over the state and my highlights are watching the youth bowlers mature from year to year.

Now we are here in Ontario to elect our new board, pass some legislation and learn what the USBC has in mind for the upcoming year. Enjoy your stay and network with others so we can continue the legacy of bowling in California.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Waybright