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To the California USBC Board of Directors, Delegates and Guests,

I am pleased to welcome everyone to this year's convention. Thank you for continuing to allow me to lead the California USBC into the future. I am confident the organization is turning around and headed in the right direction to be as strong as ever. The success 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 2025-26 season.

Respectfully submitted,

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Welcome Delegates and Guests to our annual convention in San Jose!

We are over the hump with another busy season. We just finished five consecutive weekends of the Open & Women's Championships held next-door at 4th Street Bowl in San Jose and the Pepsi District and State Finals events are completed as well. We still need to break down the scholarship amounts for the Pepsi Championships, but we are looking at awarding approximately \$50,000 in scholarships this year.

We have four upcoming events for the year. The Cal State Masters will be held at Bowlero Moreno Valley in August and we are bringing back the Cal State Queens event also in August. That event will be held at Bowlero Fullerton. We should get a turnout since the bowl is just around the corner from Disneyland! Our Senior Singles event is going to be held at AMF Rocklin Lanes also in August and our State Singles event will be held in San Diego in October. We are finalizing our calendar for the next season and we are looking at hosting a few of our tournaments at centers we have never been to before. One of the centers will be Arlington Lanes in Riverside that will be hosting the 2026 Open, Women's and Youth Championships.

I want to thank our state board for their hard work this past year. Our events have been very successful and almost selling out each time, so it looks like our modifications and efficiencies have been working. We will continue with our changes to make things easier for both the bowlers and for our Directors in running these events.

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.

Congratulations to the 2026 Class of Hall of Fame inductees. With the introduction of the new Professional Performance category, our awards dinners are now great reunions for these legendary bowlers. Also, congratulations to the four youth scholarship winners. We are so proud of them all and know that they have a great future in education and in bowling.

I wish everyone the best of success for the remainder of this season and I'm looking forward to the upcoming season in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Matsubara



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Director

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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 allowing me the privilege of meeting 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. It was thrilling to Chair the Helen Duvall BVL tournament in Napa this year, our State Association's first tournament held with string pins.

In addition to tournaments, I have participated in several meetings and committees of the Association. This year I also had the opportunity to throw my name in the hat as a candidate for the USBC Board of Directors. By participating in a two-day USBC in-depth Board Candidate Retreat, I gained a behind the scenes look at how USBC's board shapes the strategy of the organization. I learned much about the inner workings of USBC at the national level and look forward to sharing with our local and state associations.

With input from bowlers around the state and experience I have learned 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, Director



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I would like to welcome the Officers, Directors, Delegates and guests to the convention this year being held in San Jose.

We have had a busy year with tournaments and meetings. I helped at the CALUSBC tournaments and saw a lot of the bowlers that I haven't seen for a while. It was a pleasure working and greeting the bowlers as they checked in. I attended all the meetings that were held either by virtual or in person.

I would like to congratulate all the Hall of Fame recipients and Youth bowlers on their achievements and awards who will be honored at the awards dinner and luncheon today.

I have decided to retire from the board of directors with this being my last year on the State board. I will miss working with all of them as they have made my time on the board very rewarding. I will still work the State Senior tournament in October at Mira Mesa Lanes in San Diego and hope to see everyone there as this is a great tournament.

A huge thank you to Andre Eubanks and Lynn Matsubara for all their assistance. It has been a pleasure working with them. Also, I would like to thank all the delegates and guests for attending the convention this year as without you we would not have the BEST BOWLERS as they do come from CALIFORNIA! San Diego has three of our youth bowlers on the National Junior Team USA for 2025 and as PBA Ambassadors. We are very proud of these young ladies.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pauline Armstrong*



**DEBBIE ELLIOTT**

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

Beginning my second year as a Director, I was a member on the BVL and Tournament committees and attended all CUSBC board meetings. I have received a lot more knowledge and experience by assisting at state tournaments.

My biggest accomplishment this year was being the chair for the CA State Singles tournament that was held in October at 4<sup>th</sup> Street Bowl. There was so much to learn. I would like to especially thank Lynn Matsubara for all her guidance and patience. Another special thanks to Tanya Nelson for ALL of her assistance and knowledge as well.

I was able to apply the knowledge that I received from the State Singles to the CA State Championships where I assisted Tanya Nelson with the tournament operations. The tournament was held at 4<sup>th</sup> Street Bowl in San Jose for five consecutive weekends. The next tournament that I will be assisting with will be at the Youth Championships in June. That event will also be held at 4<sup>th</sup> Street Bowl.

It has been a great learning experience as a new Director. I am looking forward to the upcoming year as I am acquiring knowledge and experience.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Elliott, Director



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Welcome to all Delegates, guests and the California USBC Board of Directors to the 2025 CUSBC Convention and membership meeting here in San Jose. Thank you for your time.

It has been a very busy and productive year with meetings and a multitude of CUSBC hosted tournaments (The BVL - Helen Duval Veterans Tournament held at the Napa Bowl in Napa; the Adult State Championships – at 4<sup>th</sup> Street Bowl here in San Jose; this convention; Pepsi State Finals; State Queens and Masters for Youth; the upcoming Youth State championship; State Masters; Queens; Senior Singles and last, but certainly not least, the State Singles tournament. The amount of effort and work that Andre, Lynn and the rest of the board put in make all of these events enjoyable and successful for all Association members is truly phenomenal.

I have attended all CUSBC board meetings during this past year and committee meetings. I look forward to attending the Hall of Fame dinner honoring the accomplishments and achievements of the newly selected members of the 2025 Class to the California USBC Hall of Fame. Congratulations to each and every one of them. I also look forward to honoring our youth scholarship winners. I hope to see everyone there. I also attended the recent 2025 USBC National Convention in Las Vegas as a local association Delegate. It is always fascinating and fruitful to converse with delegates from around the country and learn from them.

I worked the State Open tournament here in San Jose (in addition to participating) and will also be working the upcoming State Masters tournament (August 24-25 at Bowlero Moreno Valley) and the State Singles tournament (Mira Mesa Lanes in San Diego, August 18-19). I hope to see all of you there.

I would like to thank CUSBC President Andre Eubanks and Association Manager Lynn Matsubara, as well as all of our other Directors for their continued help, assistance and support 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*



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It was a very busy year serving as President of my Local Association, coordinating one Youth league and one Youth/Adult league and serving on the California USBC board for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

I had the honor of helping at the BVL State Finals in Napa where the competitors bowled on string pins, for most it was their first experience. There were some very respectable scores posted even if the sound and action of the pins was quite different from what we are used to.

District #1 had a very successful Pepsi District Finals event held at Bowlero Chico this year with some really great scores from all divisions.

My next new adventure was helping President Andre Eubanks at the California Youth Masters & Queens, Prince & Princess tournament at Country Club Lanes in Sacramento. It was a very impressive field of youth bowlers navigating a fairly challenging lane condition. It really seems like there are no obstacles that our California bowlers aren't able to overcome.

This last weekend was spent working the California Adult State Championships right here in San Jose. This event is one of my favorites; I really enjoy seeing all the different people who come from all walks of life to participate in our sport. It was a great weekend working my fellow Directors helping our bowlers have a memorable experience at State.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Kociemba, Director



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Delegates,

Another year has flown by too quickly. I worked several events and spent most of last summer in Diamond Bar working the State Championships.

In July, we ran the last DW Challenge event in Fresno and in August, I helped Andre in running the Cal State Masters event held at Steve Cook's Fireside Lanes.

March was busy working the Pepsi District #5 Finals held at Harley's Valley Bowl in Simi Valley and then drove up to help work the BVL Finals at Napa Bowl. It was weird that the center is so quiet with the string pins.

I did work two weekends of the State Championships in San Jose and was able to bowl singles event as well. Sometimes it is better to just be a spectator. LOL

I am looking forward to our upcoming events, especially at the centers that we have never been to before. Next season hopes to be bigger and better.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Leigh



**TANYA NELSON**

Director

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

During my first full year as a CUSBC Director, I attended CUSBC board meetings and was a participant on the Legislative and Convention Committees. I have also received more experience running and helping at state tournaments.

This October, I worked with Director Debbie Elliott to run the CA State Singles tournament at 4<sup>th</sup> Street Bowl. I learned a great deal about running the state tournaments through working with Debbie and with Lynn Matsubara, which I put to good use helping with the CA State Championships that were also held at 4<sup>th</sup> Street Bowl from April 26<sup>th</sup> until May 25<sup>th</sup>. It has been so much fun to see how the state tournament operated and to meet the great bowlers from California. Looking forward to doing it again in June when the youth bowlers come to San Jose.

This first year as a director has been such a learning experience. As I continue to gain knowledge and grow as a CUSBC director, I look forward to working with everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tanya Nelson, Director*



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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. I am sorry that I cannot attend this year's annual meeting. My Granddaughter is graduating from Orange Lutheran High School.

I have attended all of the board meetings via ZOOM and worked the State tournaments seeing old friends and making new friends. I have enjoyed working the tournament in different parts of California.

In my area as District 6 Youth Director, we have lost several bowling centers, so we have combined District 6 and 8.

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 upcoming 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,

Linda Stewart



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I would like to welcome everyone to the 2025 convention.

This past year has gone by quickly. The 2024 Senior Singles tournament was a great success. Lots of senior bowlers and high scores.

I also worked the State Championship tournament in San Jose. The two weekends that I worked were great. Working with Tanya Nelson and Debbie Elliott was great along with the other directors that were there. We had some high scores the weekends that I worked.

Again, I attended all the board meetings, virtual and in-person. I was appointed the chair for the Legislative committee and a member of the BVL committee.

The last two years went by quickly and I am up for re-election this year. I am running and hope to get re-elected to the position.

I would like to thank Andre Eubanks and Lynn Matsubara for their help over the last two years.

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*Donald Way*

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Dear Delegates and Guests,

The 2024–25 season was a busy and exciting one for our California bowlers. We kicked off in June with the Youth Championships in Diamond Bar, followed by the State Seniors Tournament at Forest Lanes in August. In the fall, we headed south once again for our state board meeting.

March had us back on the road for the Pepsi District #4 Finals in Fresno and many bowlers made the trip north for the Pepsi State Finals in Rocklin and to the State Open and Women's Championships in San Jose.

I would personally like to thank the Central Valley USBC (Fresno Youth Bowling) for the assistance during the District #4 Finals in Fresno. To the bowlers and their parents, thank you for the time that you put into coming to the event, the travel involved and the change in plans.

This weekend marks the culmination of our season. We're proud to honor our youth scholarship winners and induct our newest Hall of Fame class — showcasing once again why the **Best Bowlers come from California.**

Respectfully submitted,

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