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I am honored to serve the membership of the California USBC, representing the interests of all bowlers in our great State. I have had the opportunity to actively participate in 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.

Participation in meetings and on committees of our Association has given me the opportunity to become a stronger member the leadership team the California USBC has created (and continues to create). Our work is not done as we diligently to listen to the needs/desires of our bowlers and react accordingly.

With input from bowlers around the state and experience I have gleaned as a local Association Manager for the last 10 years; I believe I have been and will continue to be a valuable member of our California USBC Association.

Respectfully submitted,

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Welcome Delegates and Guests to our annual convention in my hometown of Long Beach... GO BEACH!

We have had another very busy year and right now as I am writing this report, we are almost done with the 2026 Adult State Championships running at Arlington Lanes in Riverside. We are already at 420+ entries. Next year's location has already been confirmed, and we will be at Country Club Lanes in Sacramento for the entire month of May.

The Youth Scratch Championships was a juggling act this year, but we got through it. Thanks to the District Directors for helping to process the entries and thanks to those that worked the State Finals.

We have four upcoming events for the year. The Cal State Masters and Cal State Queens will be held in Modesto (Aug); the Senior Singles event is back at Forest Lanes in Lake Forest (Aug) and the State Singles event will be held up north at Bowlero Brentwood. We hope to see everyone there.

I want to thank our state directors for their help with year. We have been successful using tournamentbowl.com with our events and the bowlers are complimenting the changes as well. Moving to a web-based software makes things more transparent, and things can be fixed by multiple people from different locations. That's a huge plus.

I also want to thank our great youth committee. I appreciate their time and hard work in running the Youth Scratch Championships and helping with our other youth events. We will also be losing our two youth, Arden and Lindsay as they will be off to college in the fall. We are so very proud of them and wish them the very best.

Congratulations to the 2026 Class of Hall of Fame inductees. I also bowled JAT so this means a lot and am very proud to be a part of this. It's amazing how much time has gone by. I remember bowling those tournaments like it was yesterday! Also, congratulations to our youth scholarship winners. We are extremely proud of all of them 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. Let's keep this sport going in our great state.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Matsubara



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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 Awards and Convention/Awards Dinner committees and attended CUSBC board meetings. My knowledge and experience has increased by being on the State Board.

My greatest excitement this year was at the CA Youth Scratch Championship held in Fresno on March 14-15. I was able to see a youth from my local association bowl his first 300 game. What an accomplishment for any bowler, especially a youth bowler.

It has been a great learning experience as a Director. I am looking forward for to the upcoming year as I will continue to acquire knowledge and experience.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Elliott



KIT HANNAH

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Well... So far so good. My experience thus far has been limited to a single tournament in Fresno, my hometown and home alley. I, along with some of my Fresno Youth Bowling Coaches and Staff, helped keep afloat the California Youth Scratch Championship presented by SMART, formerly the Pepsi Tournament. We all did the best with what we were given. We found out that Fresno's machinery does not take too kindly to heavier sport oil patterns. Our whole team literally ran back and forth reporting problems and keeping things on track the best we could. Unfortunately, Lucky Strike being a business, they made some decisions that we did not agree with especially when it was their equipment at fault. But we did our best to move, weave and dodge what we needed to do to pull it off in the end, even though a bowler was bit by a dog... Yep, it was that kind of thing. But looking back, overwhelming success.

I look forward to playing a role in upcoming events. I appreciate that at least my first was on familiar ground where I could provide some deeper insight and help mitigate and clear some of the hurdles that others may not have been able to.

I look forward to working with everyone and getting to know where I can be of service! Thank you to everyone for the vote of confidence and I welcome what is to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Kit Hannah



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Hi California Bowling,

The 2025-26 bowling season has been very eventful. My local house installed string pins in November and it has been a very humbling experience. The actual machines are a nice reprieve from the 60+ year old machines they replaced. No more out of range, very few respots (you can actually do it on the control panel) and no waiting for pins unless you count a few tangles here and there. The pin action leaves quite a lot to be desired though. Averages definitely came down about 12-15 pins for nearly everyone. It's a different experience, that's for sure.

Youth bowling is big for me. I'm on the California Youth Committee and worked the Queens & Masters, Prince & Princess tournament again this year. It is very refreshing to see that competitive youth bowling is doing very well in California. I also run my local youth program with nearly 50 youth bowlers competing in 2 leagues. There is definitely a Future for our Sport.

I also competed in the Open Nationals tournament in Reno in March. I didn't have to hang my head in shame this year posting some decent scores in every event. I really enjoy meeting other bowlers from all over the country.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Kociemba



STEVE JOHNSON

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I would like to extend a warm WELCOME to all Delegates, guests and the California USBC Board of Directors to the 2026 California USBC Convention, being held at the Staybridge Suites/Holiday Inn in Long Beach, CA.

It has been a very busy and, I believe, productive year with meetings and tournaments.

During this past year I have participated in all CUSBC board meetings, in addition to the 2025 State Convention held in San Jose, and committee meetings as assigned. I look forward to attending this year's CA State Convention and the Hall of Fame Awards dinner on Saturday May 30th where several new members will be honored with induction. I hope to see everyone there to honor our Hall of Fame, Star of Tomorrow and scholarship recipients. I have also attended the USBC National Convention as a local association Delegate.

I worked several State tournaments to include the State Championships and the Senior Singles tournament. Last year was also my 37th State Championship tournament. I hope to see many of you this year.

In addition, I am running for reelection as a Director. I am doing so because I believe that I still have much to offer in support of all of you – adult a youth alike –more to achieve and more to learn.

I would like to thank CUSBC President Andre Eubanks and Association Manager Lynn Matsubara for their considerable help and assistance throughout this past 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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Delegates,

Another season is winding down. I was able to work many of our tournaments this season. It seems like our squads were larger so growth is good. It was nice to meet new bowlers and see some old friends on the lanes. Can't wait to work the youth tournament in June at Arlington Lanes. Seeing previous youth bowlers bringing their kids to bowl now is showing my age. I'm looking forward to next season - being even better.

For all youth directors and coaches... remember to apply for our state youth honor awards. Youth can earn 11-in-a-row, 299 game, 300 game and 700 (Girls), 750 & 800 series awards. There is an online app that can be submitted online at CALUSBC.com. Then fill out national app and submit the honor score to your local association. USBC does not give youth awards, but they do post them on bowl.com for the 11-in-a-row, 300 game and 800 series scores.

On another good note, our local association, Greater LA County USBC opened a new center Alhambra Valley Bowl that welcomes certified leagues and tournaments. It's great to see a center opening instead of closing.

Keep the ball rolling.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Leigh



TANYA NELSON

Director

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

During this past year as a CUSBC Director, I attended CUSBC board meetings and was a participant on the Legislative and Convention Committees. I've also gotten more experience running and helping at state tournaments.

This March, I had the privilege of working at the Youth Scratch Championships (formally Pepsi) finals in Fresno, CA. It was great to watch all the young bowlers in California perform so well and impress with multiple high scores. The future of the sport of bowling is in good hands with the exceptional youth bowlers we have here in the state of California!

As I continue to gain knowledge and grow as a CUSBC director, I look forward to continuing to support all the bowlers here in the state of California in any way I can.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Nelson, Director



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Welcome California USBC Board Members, Delegates and Guests to the 2026 Convention in Long Beach.

I am a newly appointed State Board member and have participated in two virtual meetings thus far. I am scheduled to work at three tournaments between now and August 2026. I have been a member of the CYC since 2019, having responsibility for managing the Youth Scratch Championships - District #5, (formerly known as Pepsi).

I am excited for the opportunity to serve California bowlers as a CUSBC board member and look forward to the work ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Philip



LINDA STEWART

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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 Grandson is graduating from high school and I will be in Maryland.

I have attended all Board meetings via ZOOM and worked the State Tournaments and the chance to be with old and new friends. I have had a great time working in the different areas of California.

I would also like to thank the CYC Committee for the chance to work and help grow the Youth program for California.

I am looking forward to again being a member of the Board and growing bowling in the State. "The Best Bowlers come from California"

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Stewart
Director and District 6 Youth Director



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I would like to welcome everyone to the 2026 convention.

This past year has gone by quickly. I helped with the Helen Duval BVL Tournament and had a great time watching the bowlers. They all had a great time. I will be at the State Tournament at Arlington Lanes on Memorial Day weekend and hope to see you all there.

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

I would like to thank Andre Eubanks and Lynn Matsubara for their help.

Submitted:

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