

## **CUSBC 2017 State Convention Recap**

Sat. & Sun., June 10-11, 2017

Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center

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### **Saturday:**

9am – 12 noon – Delegate Registration (which David Waybright worked).

11am – 12 noon – Youth Meeting (which David Waybright attended).

1pm – 4pm – USBC Jamboree

Guest Speakers were Mr. Tracy Ebarb, Director of Operations – International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame in Arlington, TX and Mr. David Prange, USBC Western Regional Manager.

Mr. Ebarb spoke first and presented two different ways bowlers could become a part of the International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame. You can join their membership program that has two different levels (\$29 for individual member or \$199 for professional member), or you could do their “Buy a Brick” campaign that starts at \$175 and has levels up to \$5,000. Texas has the largest base of contributors, but California is closing in. Donations are used to help keep the Museum going. Their current project is converting film of older bowlers that is deteriorating to a digital format to save it. We then watched a promo film that took you on a tour inside the International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame. For more information on the International Bowling Museum, go to [www.bowlingmuseum.com](http://www.bowlingmuseum.com).

Mr. Prange gave us a presentation that summarized what took place at the 2017 USBC National Convention for USBC updates that would be of interest to everyone. He said that associations need to update ByLaws by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Association Managers need to refer to ARC/Association Resource Center for replacement for forms and manuals pages. Go to [bowl.com/ARC](http://bowl.com/ARC).

Another change coming is for Equipment Specifications for Lane Inspections beginning in 2018. Lane inspections will require three (3) signatures—Inspector, Bowling Center Manager and Association Manager. USBC will be conducting (20) Lane Certification Clinics across the country starting in August.

84% of lanes are synthetic in the US.

He explained the three types of leagues that will be available this coming fall season—Standard, Challenge and Sport. Standard is leagues that bowl on a regular House shot; Challenge is patterns between a House and a Sport; and Sport shots are Sport Shot patterns.

Be aware that Tournament Managers and Association Managers are to report Re-rated or Adjusted Averages of bowlers who participate in tournaments and have their averages adjusted. There is a form to submit on [bowl.com](http://bowl.com) under “Find a Member” page. This is to help all upcoming tournaments to have a more accurate accounting of bowlers’ correct averages. Under Association Development there was discussion on how to handle “Why Should I Certify” with the upcoming membership increase (15-22%) this coming Fall season. All Association Directors and Officers need to be able to let league bowlers know why it is important they keep certifying their leagues and need to be sure the League Secretaries understand as well. Rules – Standards – Governance.

20% of league bowlers are new each year but we are losing 25% of league bowlers each year as well.

Did you know about the USBC app "Benefit Help"? This is for USBC members and gets you discounts on food and services! Check it out!

5pm-9pm – Awards Banquet

- We were welcomed by CUSBC President Rosie Parker and had a nice buffet dinner.
- Next was Raffle Drawings where a BVL bowling ball was given away as well as a 50/50 raffle and all money went to CUSBC BVL to kick-start this year's campaign. Over \$1,000 was raised!  
BVL Presentations to State Associations where each contributing State Association was announced for how much they raised total and how much that broke down per each of their members. A plaque and certificates were handed out to those present.
- Hall of Fame Inductions:
  - Phyl Knoll – Meritorious Service
  - Roy Stuart – Meritorious Service
  - Lou Mathews – Superior Performance
  - Bruce Pederson – Superior Performance
- Special Awards:
  - Ron Briseno – General Manager of the Year
  - Orange County USBC – Local Association of the Year
  - Brent Korff – Coach of the Year
  - Lee Fitzgerald – Coach of the Year
  - Megan Carpenter - \$1,000 Youth State Scholarship
  - Jennifer Loreda - \$1,000 Youth State Scholarship

### **Sunday:**

9am-noon – California USBC Association Annual Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 9:04am by President Rosie Parker. Twenty-six late delegates were approved to be added.

Credentials Count: CUSBC Officers – 4; CUSBC Directors – 11; Adult Delegates – 70; Youth Delegates – 21, for a total number eligible to vote – 106.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Open & Women's State Championship Tournaments: Kathy Bruegeman stated this will be her last time to serve as Chairman of the Tournament Committee. She expressed how she appreciates the association leaders who go out of their way to organize teams to come compete. She also showed us the two new red, white & blue bowling shirts they now offer (go to [DownLaneClothing.com](http://DownLaneClothing.com)) to check them out!
- Youth & Pepsi Youth: Andre Eubanks and Lynn Matsubara reported that CUSBC will be emailing Association Managers for youth updates. Youth State has 85 teams. Under 8 and Under 10 Pepsi winners get a FREE entry into Youth State. Pepsi gave out \$50,000 in scholarships. 2018 Pepsi Finals will take place at Winnetka Bowl in San Fernando Valley.
- BVL: Eugene McCown & Mabel Sheasley reported that to date CA has donated over 9 million dollars to BVL. Last year CA was again the top State Association collecting

\$103,000 and they thanked all the bowling associations for their continued support to keep CA on top. Location was not yet set for the 2018 BVL Helen Duval State Classic but it will be down south. Eugene thanked all delegates at this convention as a total of \$1,800 was raised over the weekend!

#### New Business:

##### **Legislative:** By-Laws Proposal B-1 regarding Officers.

- Currently CUSBC has a president, three vice presidents and a sergeant-at-arms (the 3<sup>rd</sup> VP shall be a youth member of the association 14 years of age or older). Proposed change would have CUSBC have a president and two vice presidents (the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP shall be a youth member of the association 14 years of age or older). Reason for proposal was to lower Workers Compensation salary by eliminating officer positions to cut down workers compensation expense.  
Proposal was APPROVED.

##### By-Laws Proposal B-2 regarding Board of Directors – Management.

- Currently the CUSBC Board consists of (18) with (23) Directors. The number of Youth Directors is (6). Proposed change would have the CUSBC Board consist of (15) with (18) Directors. The number of Youth Directors would be (5).  
Reason for proposal is they continue to have a number of vacant positions on the Board of Directors.  
Proposal was APPROVED.

##### **Nominating and CUSBC Board Elections:**

- A ballot vote was done to elect the (5) Director positions up for election this year. Those incumbents re-elected were Larry Worrall, Linda Stewart, Gary Forman and Mike Lucas. Larry Campbell was nominated from the floor and was also elected. David Waybright (Golden Empire USBC) was elected into the Youth 2<sup>nd</sup> VP position.

Linda Stewart was elected a youth director  
Pauline Armstrong was elected as 9<sup>th</sup> district director.

President Rosie Parker and Assoc. Manager/Director Larry Peppers were voted to be the 2018 USBC Delegates for CUSBC.

Meeting was adjourned around 11:30am.