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JOHN EDACK ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE SURPLUS LINE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO, California – (February 18, 2009) -- The members of the Surplus Line Association of California (SLA) elected John Edack as their Chairman during the SLA 2009 Annual Meeting held January 29 in Beverly Hills. John Edack is the Executive Vice President of Arch Specialty Insurance Agency, Inc., in San Francisco, California.



Elected Vice Chairman was Les Ross of Crump Insurance Services, Inc. Elected Secretary-Treasurer was Patrick Hanley of Socius Insurance Services. In addition, ten Executive Committee members were elected as follows: Warren Stanley of Wholesale Connection Insurance Services, Pamela Quilici of Crouse & Associates, Frank Cravens of M.J. Hall & Company, Inc., Doris Barnett of Colemont Insurance Brokers, Anne McNally of ABD Insurance Services Financial, Gerald J. Sullivan of Gerald J. Sullivan & Associates, Inc., Davis Moore of Worldwide Facilities, Inc., Chris Brown of Brown & Riding Insurance Brokers, Kris Bauer of AmWINS Insurance, and Phil Mazur of Swett & Crawford.

The Chairman also asked for a vote to approve the appointment of former Insurance Commissioner Justice Harry Low (Ret.) for a one year term as SLA Mediator. The motion to appoint Harry Low as Mediator was passed by a unanimous vote.

The SLA is an organization of 4,000 California surplus line broker licensees. Surplus line brokers negotiate and place insurance with nonadmitted or surplus line insurers. The SLA serves as the official surplus line advisory organization to the California Department of Insurance under California Insurance Code Sec. 1780.50 et seq. All California surplus line insurance policies must be filed with the SLA for recordkeeping, regulatory compliance, and statistical reporting. In addition, the SLA is responsible for reviewing and evaluating the suitability of nonadmitted insurers seeking to become eligible surplus line insurers in the state of California.
