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## SLA Elects Denis Brady As Chair of the Board

### *Membership Also Elects 2015 Board and Reappoints Mediator*

**SAN FRANCISCO**—The members of the Surplus Line Association of California (SLA) have elected **Denis Brady**, president of Burns & Wilcox Brokerage in San Francisco, as the new chair of the SLA Board of Directors. Brady's election was finalized after the SLA tallied the final ballots from members who were unable to attend the SLA Annual Meeting, which took place Feb. 3, 2015 and Feb. 5, 2015, in San Francisco and Los Angeles, respectively.

Also elected to leadership were **Chris Houska**, California managing director of R-T Specialty LLC, who becomes vice chair, and **Tom Ciardello**, senior vice president and manager of Worldwide Facilities, Inc., who becomes secretary/treasurer.

Brady takes over from **Ian Fitt**, vice chairman of Catalytic Holdings, LLC, who completed his 2014 term as chair and was elected to a seat on the board.

Newly elected to seats on the board are **Bob Gilbert**, director of underwriting and production with Markel West Insurance Services, and **Terri Moran**, senior vice president and western region executive with Vela Insurance Services.

Completing the 13-member board are the following individuals who also served on the 2014 board:

- **Janet Beaver**, Scottish American
- **Rupert Hall**, M.J. Hall & Company, Inc.
- **Chris Kiley**, AMWINS
- **Davis Moore**, Worldwide Facilities, Inc.
- **Pam Quilici**, Crouse & Associates Insurance Services of Northern California, Inc.
- **Les Ross**, Wholesale Trading Co-Op Insurance Services, LLC
- **Gerald Sullivan**, The Sullivan Group

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Additionally, SLA members reelected the Honorable **Harry Low**, a former insurance commissioner and retired presiding justice of the California Court of Appeal, as mediator.

All individuals elected to the 2015 board will serve until balloting is completed following the next SLA Annual Meeting in February 2016.

**ABOUT SLA:**

Based in San Francisco, the Surplus Line Association of California (SLA) operates as a self-governed private organization. Appointed by the Commissioner in 1994, the Association serves as the statutory surplus line advisory organization to the California Department of Insurance (CDI) and facilitates the state's capacity to monitor and direct surplus line brokers' placements of insurance with eligible nonadmitted insurers. Working with its members and the CDI, the Association assists its members' compliance with California laws and regulations; helps maintain a healthy, fair, and competitive surplus line marketplace in California; and strives to protect the interests of California insurance consumers.

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