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SLA Elects Robert Gilbert Chair of the Board

Members Also Elect 2018 Board, Reappoint Judge Harry Low As Mediator

SAN RAMON, CA—The members of the Surplus Line Association of California (SLA) have elected **Robert Gilbert** of Markel West Insurance Services as the new chair of the SLA Board of Directors. Gilbert'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. 6, 2018 and Feb. 8, 2018, in San Francisco and Los Angeles, respectively.

Also elected to leadership were **Terri Moran** of Cove Programs Insurance Services, who becomes vice chair, and **Janet Beaver** of Tokio Marine-HCC Casualty, who becomes secretary/treasurer.

Gilbert takes over from **Tom Ciardello** of Worldwide Facilities LLC, who completed his 2017 term as chair and was elected to a seat on the board as past chair.

Completing the 13-member board are the following individuals who also served on the 2015 board:

- **Tim Chaix**, R.E. Chaix and Associates
- **Rich Gobler**, Burns & Wilcox
- **Hank Haldeman**, The Sullivan Group
- **Cameron Kelly**, Worldwide Facilities, LLC
- **Pam Quilici**, Crouse & Associates Insurance Services of Northern California, Inc.
- **Les Ross**, Wholesale Trading Insurance Services, LLC
- **Kathy Schroeder**, Sierra Specialty Insurance Services, Inc.
- **Gerald Sullivan**, The Sullivan Group
- **John Washington**, Arch Insurance Group

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 2018 board will serve until balloting is completed following the next SLA Annual Meeting in February 2019.

ABOUT THE SLA:

Based in San Ramon and 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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