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SLA Formally Elects 2019 Board of Directors

Robert Gilbert Re-Elected As Chair, Harry Low Retained As Mediator

SAN RAMON, CA—The members of the Surplus Line Association of California (SLA) have reelected **Robert Gilbert** of Markel West Insurance Services as 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. 5, 2019 and Feb. 7, 2019, in San Francisco and Los Angeles, respectively.

Also re-elected to leadership were **Terri Moran** of Paul Hanson Partners, who remains vice chair, and **Janet Beaver** of Tokio Marine-HCC Casualty, who will serve a second term as secretary/treasurer.

The leadership team won a second term following the board's vote in 2018 to allow officers to serve in their positions for two years.

Additionally, voters approved the Nominating Committee's proposed slate for the entire 13-member board. Three new members won election to seats on the board this year, including **James Faley** of Vela Insurance Services, **Charles Rosson** of R-T Specialty, and **Terrence Villar** of AmWINS.

Completing the 13-member board are the following individuals who also served in 2018:

- **Tim Chaix**, R.E. Chaix and Associates
- **Rich Gobler**, Burns & Wilcox
- **Hank Haldeman**, Worldwide Facilities, LLC
- **Cameron Kelly**, Worldwide Facilities, LLC
- **Pam Quilici**, Crouse & Associates Insurance Services of Northern California, Inc.
- **Kathy Schroeder**, Sierra Specialty Insurance Services, Inc.
- **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 2019 board will serve until balloting is completed following the next SLA Annual Meeting in February 2020.

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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