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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Alan Barcelona CSLEA President FOP Lodge 77 President

As we start the new year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your valued California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) membership and to reiterate that CSLEA exists for you. We are here to support your employment and membership needs.



The CSLEA board of directors, the legal, political, legislative, membership and communications teams are all readily available to you. Our six attorneys (three in Southern California, three in Northern California) answer calls and respond to emails from our members on a daily basis. Do not hesitate to seek answers to the questions that might arise in your workplace.

The first of the year is a great time for all of us to update our files and information, both at home and at the office. We are doing that here at CSLEA. As always, you can update your contact information with us here. This is always a good time to remind everyone that the State does not notify us when you have a change in address or contact information.

Over the past six weeks, the CSLEA communications department has been working on transferring to a different service that assists us in sending out emails to you. While much work has been done to keep the number of hiccups to a minimum, if you become aware of a colleague who is suddenly not receiving our emails, please have them contact our Director of Communications Teri Cox at tcox@cslea.com. Communicating with our members is of upmost importance to us here at CSLEA. The decision to change email service providers is the result

of member feedback. Some of our members using work email addresses have not been receiving our emails, as departments blocked the service CSLEA was using. We have worked with some of those departments and think the change will help correct this. We value your input and feedback.

I would also, like to take this time to remind you of our Exclusive Member Discounts Program which gives you access to discounts on products, services, travel and entertainment throughout the United States. Members who are not signed up, can do so here.

Some of our members have inquired about our 2017-2018 scholarship program. The application to apply for our 2017-2018 scholarships will be available next month and information will be placed online and in our monthly newsletter.

And one more bit of housecleaning, please be sure that your beneficiary information for your CSLEA \$15,000 life insurance benefit is up-to-date. We have the information provided in this newsletter below, but for your convenience - here is the contact information.

To update beneficiary information, contact:

**Catherine Ross** 

Executive Assistant Myers-Stevens & Toohey & Co., Inc. 880-827-4695 ext. 610 cross@myers-stevens.com

Thank you, and may 2017 hold great happiness for you and your family.



# CSLEA WORKING FOR YOU





#### CSLEA FOP Lodge 77 Attends California FOP Board Meeting

IRVINE – On January 6-7, 2017, CSLEA FOP Lodge 77 President and California FOP 2nd Vice President Alan Barcelona attended the 2017 first quarter California FOP State Lodge Board Meeting in Irvine.

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#### CSLEA Visits Cadets at Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement Academy

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NAPA – In the first week of January 2017, Member Service Representatives Chris Scrimiger, Jim Laughlin, and Shelley Bishop met with newly hired police officers, firefighters and communications operators at Napa, Coalinga and Metro State Hospitals.



#### CSLEA Representatives Make Holiday Visits to Members as the Year End

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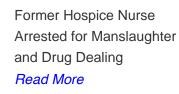
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#### Recent California Cases May Signal Erosion in Vested Pension Benefits

Kasey Christopher Clark, Chief Counsel CSLEA FOP Lodge #77

Two recent decisions of California Appellate Courts ( *Marin Assn. of Public Employees v. Marin County Employees' Retirement Assn.* and *Cal Fire Local 2881 et al.*, v . *California Public Employees' Retirement System*) have called into question what was believed to be longstanding pension protections for existing

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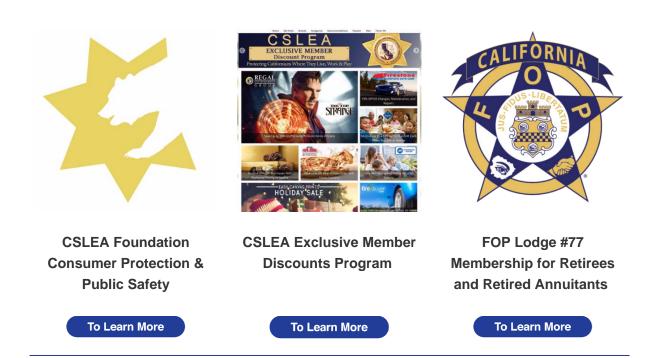
#### Meet Your CSLEA Legal Division

CSLEA Legal employs a staff of six attorneys. Our mission is to zealously defend Unit 7 members in disciplinary proceedings and to enforce the collective bargaining agreement between CSLEA and the State of California.

Each CSLEA attorney has been designated as a principle point of contact for representation issues.

To identify your individual point of contact

# ADDITIONAL CSLEA INFO



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#### **CalPERS Benefits Education Events**



CalPERS Event Calendar



#### To Update Beneficiary Information for \$15,000 Life Insurance Benefit

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**CSLEA's Membership Encouragement Program** 

CSLEA's Membership Encouragement Program continues to be a hit.

Here's how it works:

If your Unit 7 colleagues are not full members of CSLEA and sign up using your name as a "sponsor" - CSLEA will thank you with \$50.00. Ask around.

CSLEA members receive enormous <u>benefits</u> over fair-share members. The difference between fair-share and full-dues is minimal, in most cases just \$5 to \$10 a month.

Full-dues paying members receive a \$15,000 basic life insurance policy and a top-notch, proven <u>Legal Defense Fund</u>, that, as a consumer protection or public safety employee, no one should be without.

Full-dues paying members also receive access to scholarships, the CSLEA Exclusive

Member Discounts Program and the Fraternal Order of Police benefits program.

Your fair-share Unit 7 colleagues can <u>upgrade membership status here</u>. Don't forget to have them include your name as the sponsor.

# The CSLEA APP

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