



Bear News



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Officers

- President: PDG Rick Silveria
- Immed Past Pres. Lion Greg Martella
- 1st Vice Pres: Mike Okamoto
- 2nd Vice Pres: Open
- Secretary: PDG Brad Weeks
- Treasurer: PDG John Holland
- 2 Year Directors: Lion Joe Trezza, Lion Greg Martella,
- 1 Year Directors: Lion Fred Bunch, Lion Marie Bunch
- Director Emeritus: Lion Kay Stack
- Bear News Editor Open

Pin Trading Events

Virginia Pin Swap 11/12-14/20
Richmond Va.

suemac@verizon.net

Susan Golladay 540-869-3784

Southwest Pin Swap 1/15-16/21
Ardmore OK

Bill Middleton 580-747-1158

Southeast Pin Swap 2/24-27/21

Jim Herbert 662-719-8667

Presidents Message By Lion Rick Silveria

Hello Pin Traders,

Well the Western States Pin Swap is in the books. Many thanks go out to Lion Joe Trezza and his crew for putting on a great swap in these difficult times. This years pin theme was in line with the International theme of Circus and Carnival and our pins were clowns. You can see the complete set on page five of this newsletter. The hotel and pin swap area were very nice and close to each other. International Pin Traders President Kent Clovis was in attendance and thanked us for make the pin swap happen.

It looks like the MD-4 Convention is going to be moved to June to stand a better chance of having it be somewhat of a normal Convention. We will be



having our meeting in February by Zoom. Once all of the logistics for the meeting have been set we will send the information and link to the meeting.

I also would like to thank Lion Mike Okamoto for stepping up and filling the 1st Vice - President's position.

At the Reno Club meeting it was discussed to start scanning all of the issues of the Bear News to have a premiant record of all the issues. I have received a number of issues from Kay Stack going back to 1987. I also know that Greg Martella will be getting a number of issues from Fred and Marie Bunch. Joe Trezza also has many of the Bear News that we can use to fill in the blanks. I will start listing what we have so far and circulate the list to hopefully fill in all the blanks.

Stay Safe and see you all soon
Rick Silveria President CLPTA

Western States Pin Swap Photos



Western States Swap 2020

By Lion Joe Trezza

We didn't have our largest crowd for our new location at Silver Legacy. It doesn't take many Lion

Pin Traders to have a great time. We numbered just under 30 in attendance.

Silver Legacy treated us royally. I had many requests to have it there again next year. I have entered negotiations with management to do so. We are hoping to be able to have Hospitality next year if Covid allows and our usual attendance figure in the 70's.

Pin trading area was spacious. It was right across from many restaurants. Most gravitated to the American Cafe or the Brews Brothers. Pin trading lasted basically 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days before we were all traded out.

I had probably 10,000 pins for sale at \$1 per pin. Lion Jay Puls blessed us with his collection before he passed away. Sold 2000 pins. Funds will go to Camp Pacifica-Lions Camp for Deaf and Handicap

and to Canine Companions as Lion Jay requested. Still have 8000 pins if anyone is interested.

Getting ready for Virginia. There format also affected by Covid but still will be a great event.

Lion Joe Trezza WSPS chairman

CLPTA Board Meeting Minutes

By PDG Brad Weeks

California Lions Pin Traders Association (CLPTA)
October Fall Meeting, Sunday, October 11, 2020
Western States Pin Swap, Reno Nevada
In the Silver Legacy Executive Boardroom

Meeting Minutes

Call to order by President Richard Silveria Time: Approximately 4:20 pm

Pledge was led by Lion Mike Okamoto

3. February 21, 2020 (MD-4 Convention, Visalia) minutes; were presented to the membership.

4. Motion to approve by IPP Greg Martella

Motion 2nd Lion Joe Trezza

Motion was passed.

5 Treasurer's report: Secretary Brad reported for Lion John Holland, that as of September 21, we have a balance of \$14, 048.76 in the Admin Account with all bills paid and taxes filed on July 9, 2020.

State Pin Development Treasurer's report: Secretary Brad reported for Lion Fred Bunch. Lion Fred sent in a report stating he starts out with \$6,000.00 opening balance. He was \$118.61 from breaking even on pin sales due to the cancellation of the International Convention giving him an ending balance of \$5,888.39. He added that over the last 10 years, CLPTA has made a profit of \$5,030.57.

Motion to approve by Lion Mike Okamoto

Motion 2nd by Lion Joe Trezza

Motion was passed.

6. Old Business:

a. MD-4 Singapore Pin: Secretary Brad stated since Lions Clubs International canceled their Convention, sales were poor and we lost money this year. (see State Pin Development Treasurer's report listed above).

b. The CLPTA Board of Directors reviewed the proposed changes to the Association's Constitution and By-Laws. A couple of changes were tweaked a bit more to be better understood.

Lion Greg Martella made the motion to accept the changes as modified.

Lion Joe Trezza 2nd the motion, the motion was voted and approved.

7. Committee Reports:

Bear News: We lost Lion Jay Puls earlier who was the editor of the Bear News. Lion Joe Trezza stepped up and said he would try and submit articles and work with President Richard Silveria who will be the editor until another can be found for future issues.

Further discussions brought up that several members have many back issues of the Bear News and want to get rid of them. The Association will pick up these issues with the plan to have them digitized for future history. Secretary Brad email one company that does this sort of digitizing but they work with photos, film and tapes only. We will try and contact others that might be able to help us.

New Membership Pins Lion Joe turned over all membership pins (Blue, White and Red) to Secretary Brad to give out. Lion Joe will keep some as he travels the country visiting various Pin Swap and will hand out the pins to members who have not received them yet.

Pin designs for Montreal (2021) Our verbal contract with the District Governors of MD-4 has been canceled and they will/may create their own pin for the Montreal (2021) International Convention.

Further discussions is that we may design our own State Pin for the Montreal Convention without going through the MD-4 Council of Governors. MD-4 will not get a cut of the profits we may receive. Lion Joe Trezza will see about designing a CLPTA State Pin for the International Convention in Montreal.

8. New Business:

Bear News: Our Membership application states all members will receive 4 issues of the CLPTA newsletter, which we have not done in a number of years. We have decided to put out a Spring issue which would include the meeting at the MD-4 Convention and the Spring meeting. The Summer issue would contain information relevant to the International Convention. The Fall issue would contain information relevant to the WSPS in Reno NV and the Fall meeting. The Winter issue we thought of selling space for pin traders "want" lists. We haven't decided whether to place a limit of how many pins can be placed by a member or the cost to a member.

CLPTA Vice President: We were able to coerce Lion Mike Okamoto to be the Vice President.

2019-2020 taxes have been completed and turned in by Association Treasurer John Holland. Lion John states he has copies of all back-tax filings.

The association needs to complete a bank signature card. President Richard will look into possibly have those Lions visit their local branch to sign a card, have the bank notarize and send to the "home" bank location.

Designated signers would be the Association's Treasurer, John Holland

Secretary, Brad Weeks

WSPS Chair, Joe Trezza

State Pin Chair, Fred Bunch

The association's Secretary will send out this decision to Board members unable to attend this meeting for their opinion.

- e. The 2021 MD-4 Convention has been canceled due to the virus. An alternate location may be announced but the location is not known at this time. If there is not a MD-4 Convention, the CLPTA may hold a zoom meeting to fulfil the Spring Meeting requirements.

Reno Set 2020

1 Mike Okamoto



2 Gar Miller



3 Lance Balding



4 Joe Hinton



5 Ben Phillips



6 Harold White



7 Jim Moffitt



8 Rick Silveria



9 Joe Trezza



10 Fred Bunch



11 Marie Bunch



12 Steve Staudinger



13 Greg Martella

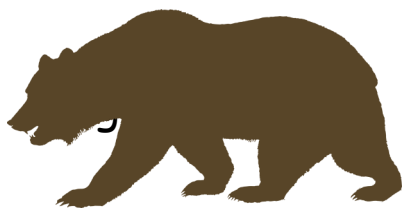


14 Larry Anderson



15 Joe Trezza





**California Lions Pin Traders
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The California Lions Pin Traders Association was formed in 1984 with the purpose of promoting fellowship through the hobby of pin trading. CLPTA is one of many clubs across the national and through out the world in Lions.

Lion First Pin Trader Second

