



# FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

## MEETING MINUTES: 12/13/24

### The following members were in attendance:

Matthew Sparling	Miami-Dade	President
Phil Wotton	Delray Beach	Treasurer
A.J. Miller	Volusia County	Secretary
Gerry Falconer	Miami Beach	VP South
Ian Montgela	Martin County	VP Central
Joe Westerman	Manatee County (Retired)	Advisor
Andrew Ritchie	St. Lucie County	
Alex Bagwell	Fort Lauderdale	
Mike Huck	Dania Beach	
Jo Wagenhals	Pompano Beach (Retired)	
Mike Brown	Deerfield Beach	

### The following Lifetime Members were in attendance:

Bob Maler	Miami-Dade County (Retired)
Tom Fogan	Fort Lauderdale (Retired)
Breck Ballou	Fort Lauderdale (Retired)
Jim Kehl	Pompano (Retired)

### The following members attended through Zoom:

Austin Turnbull	Navarre Beach	VP North
Rick Hinkson	Sarasota County	VP West
Marc Fichtner	Lantana	
Colin Perlack	South Walton Fire	
Chet Brown	Manatee County	
David Vaughn	South Walton Fire	
Jim McCrady	Hallandale Beach	

### The following guests were in attendance:

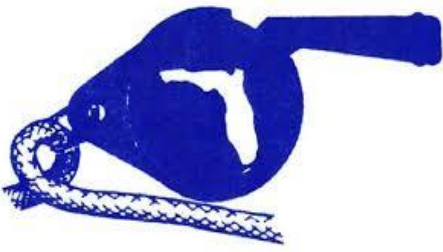
Katherine Arroyo	Pompano Beach
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### Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Matthew Sparling called to order at 11:11. Welcome and Introductions

### Communications

The focus of the meeting was on elections



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## Officer Reports

**Matt Sparling President-**

**Sparling: Miami-Dade-**

**Joe Westerman Advisor – Manatee County (Retired)-**

**Phil Wotton Treasurer:**

- Statement Balance November 30, 2024 \$5,566.86
  
- November Income
  - Destin Fire District \$125.00
  - John's Island Club \$125.00
  - Dania Beach \$125.00
  - Delray Beach \$200.00
  - Martin County \$125.00
  - Manatee County \$1,000.00
  - Boynton Beach \$125.00
  - Marsh Landing / FBPCA \$70.00
  
- November Expenses
  - Marsh Landing \$191.44
  - Go Daddy Website 2-year renewal \$399.98
  
- 2025 Membership
- Email Distribution List
- Salary Survey
- Operation Hours Survey
- Jacket Sunscreen

**Delray Beach-**

- Starting on December 28, 2024, lifeguard towers will start closing @ 1730

**A.J. Miller: Secretary –**

## SOUTH

**Gerry Falconer: Miami Beach VP South-**

**Jason Casanova: Miami Beach – Not in Attendance**

**Joel Fernandez: City of Miami – Unable to Attend**

**Alex Bagwell: Fort Lauderdale-**



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**Jim McCrady: Hallandale Beach –**

- Halladale has an open LT position

**Ramo Cline: Hollywood Beach – Not in Attendance**

**Mike Huck: Dania Beach –**

**John Meskiel: Palm Beach County (submitting application) – Not in Attendance**

**Doug Woakum: Lake Worth – Not in Attendance**

**Pete McGinnis: Pompano – Not in Attendance**

**Justin Halloway: Pompano – Not in Attendance**

**Mike Brown: Deerfield-**

- Deerfield Beach acquired 4 FTE

**Tom Fogan: Fort Lauderdale –**

**Luis Andrade: – Miami-Dade County – Not in Attendance**

## CENTRAL

**Clint Tracy: Boca Raton VP Central–**

**Tom Mahady: Boynton Beach – Not in Attendance**

**Ian Montgelas: Martin County –**

**Andy Ritchie: St. Lucie County – Not in Attendace**

**Chris Henderson representing Johnathan Billings: Indian River County –**

**Nathan Rieck: Vero Beach – Not in Attendance**

**Ken Keaton: John's Island - Not in Attendance**

**Mark Fitchner: Lantana Beach-**

**Helena Khoshnevis: Breakers – Not in Attendance**



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## North

**Jeremy Watkins: St. Johns County VP North– Not in Attendance**

**Jessica Earl: St. Johns County- Not in Attendance**

**Maxwell Ervanian: Jacksonville Beach – Not in Attendance**

**Tom Gillin: Flagler Beach – Not in Attendance**

**Sam Swor: Brevard County- Not in Attendance**

**Eisen Witcher: Brevard County – Not in Attendance**

**Tamra Malphurs: Volusia County– Not in Attendance**

## Panhandle

**Will Spivey: Panama City Beach VP Panhandle – Not in Attendance**

**Joe DAgostino: Destin Beach – Not in Attendance**

**Rich Huffnegale: Okaloosa County – Not in Attendance**

**David Vaughan: South Walton Fire District –**

**Austin Turnbull: Navarre -**

**Dave Greenwood: Pensacola – Not in Attendance**

**Joe Earl: Gulf Shores- Not in Attendance**

**Daryl Paul: Panama City Beach- Not in Attendance**

**Dustin Mazsden: Bay County- Not in Attendance**

**Colin Perlaky: South Fort Walton-**

- Panama City acquired 11 new FTE



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## West Coast

**Rick Hinkson: Sarasota County –**

**Chet Brown: Manatee –**

**Patrick Bradford: Clearwater Beach – Not in Attendance**

**Andrea Moreira: Pinellas County – Not in Attendance**

## DISPOSITION OF BILLS

Concurrent Resolution 41

- <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-concurrent-resolution/41/text>
- Please still contact your congress person in support of the bill

## USLA Update

- USLA SER Training Officer Academy starts on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>
- “The Guards”, book written by Tom McCann about the history of lifeguarding in the New Jersey

## Old Business

## New Business

Discussion from Austin Turnbull in reference to include the two beaches from Alabama in FBPCA. Suggestion for him to hold meetings opposite ours to share information.

Bob Maler-Recognized Jim Kehl as one of the founding fathers of our organization. Passed around last year’s banquet brochure. He has been keeping a history of the board members. The awards since the early 2000s.



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## **25-26 Election Proceedings and Results**

### President

Ian Montgelas was nominated by Matthew Sparling, seconded by Joe Westerman.

**Accepted. Unopposed. PU**

### Treasurer

Phil Wotton was nominated by Matthew Sparling, seconded by Gerry Falconer.

**Accepted. Unopposed. PU**

### Secretary

A.J. Miller was nominated by Joe Westerman, seconded by Jo Wagenhals

**Accepted. Unopposed. PU**

### VP North

Jessica Earl was nominated by A.J. Miller, seconded by Matt Sparling.

**Accepted. Unopposed. PU**

### VP South

Gerry Falconer was nominated by Phil Wotton, seconded by Mike Brown.

**Accepted. Unopposed. PU**

### VP Central

John Meskel was nominated by Gerry Falconer, seconded by Jo Wagenhals.  
Nomination withdrawn.

Marc Fichtner was nominated by Bob Maler, seconded by Joe Westerman.

**Accepted. Unopposed. PU.**

### VP Panhandle

Austin Turnbull was nominated by Jo Westerman, seconded by A.J. Miller.

**Accepted. Unopposed. PU**

### VP West

Rick Hinkson was nominated by Joe Westerman, seconded by Gerry Falconer.

**Accepted. Unopposed. PU**

### Advisor

Matthew Sparling

### Beach Patrol of The Year

Lantana Beach.

Presented by Marc Fichtner.

City of Miami Beach

Presented by Gerry Falconer



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## Navarre Beach **Winner**

Presented by Austin Turnbull

## South Walton Fire

Presented by Colin Perlaky

## Lifeguard of the Year

Mariano Martinez (Sarasota County). Presented by Rick Hinkson **Winner**

Greg Okonski (Lantana). Presented by Marc Fichtner.

## Heroic Acts

Jo Wagenhals (Pompano). Presented by Jo Wagenhals **Winner**

## Special Recognition

Chase and John Franco (Martin County). Presented by Ian Montgelas **Winner**

## Meritorious Acts

Marcel Lopez. Ragnar Mendez. Presented by Matthew Sparling **Winner**

## Lifetime Achievement Awards

Gerry Falconer was nominated by Bob Maler, seconded by Jo Westerman **PU**

Jo Wagenhals was nominated by Bob Maler, seconded by Joe Westerman **PU**

## Life Member

Joe Westerman was nominated by Bob Maler, seconded by Jo Wagenhals **PU**

## President's Award

Surfing's Evolution & Preservation Foundation

## Years of Service

Greg Wolfe, Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue, 50 years

## In Memorial

Richard Morrison, Boca Raton

Buzz Mogck, Cape May

## **Banquet Update-**

TBD

**Need Submit/Discuss Disposition of Goals 2024 (if time allows)**



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Here is a DRAFT Schedule for 2025 – If anyone would like to host a meeting let us know.

2025 Meeting Schedule	
January 6 <sup>th</sup> @ 11-2	Navarre Beach
February 12 <sup>th</sup> @11-2	Miami-Dade County
March 12 <sup>th</sup> 11-2	Zoom – Spring Break
April 18 <sup>th</sup> 11-2	Water Safety Products – Palm Bay
May 16 <sup>th</sup> and May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Orlando --- 2025 <i>Lifesaving Awards</i> Banquet & Educational Conference
June 20 <sup>th</sup> 11-2	Martin County
July TBD	USLA Regionals – Volusia
August 20 <sup>th</sup> 11-2	Fort Lauderdale
September 12 <sup>th</sup> 11-2	Lantana
October 17 <sup>th</sup> 11-2	Manatee County/Sarasota
November 12 <sup>th</sup> 11-2	Marsh Landing
December 12 <sup>th</sup> 11-2	Deerfield Beach

## **Meeting Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn Wotton, seconded by Joe Westerman 1355.

BPOTY Presentation  
6495 Caroline St # M  
Milton, FL 32570  
8:30AM

Chiefs Meeting Following:  
8640 Blue Heron Ct  
Navarre, FL 32566  
11:00AM

Topic: FBPCA

Time: Jan 6, 2025 12:00 PM **Eastern Time** (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95077637911?pwd=gWYf5OvY50be302pAGIYW0ykOVUIBe.1>

Meeting ID: 950 7763 7911

Passcode: 746101