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To my fellow lifeguards,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the lifeguard corps for their support and introduce myself to the members of the newly formed New York State Lifeguard Corps. I have been a Jones Beach Lifeguard since 1968 as a lifeguard and a boatswain. I have served as a member of the Jones Beach Lifeguard Union as a shop steward, trustee, elections chair and am currently Vice President. In addition, I have served as a NYSUT and AFT delegate for over twenty years. I was involved in the decertification process and the creation of our union under the auspices of the United University Professions.

The results of our first election are listed on the side of our stationary. I would like to congratulate the officers and delegates and thank them for their service to our union. These positions are for one year so that we could begin to organize. Future officers and delegates will serve a two year term. We plan on a state-wide meeting in early February to update negotiations, discuss representation and a membership drive to include all of our brothers and sisters across the state.

Mike DeFina, a member of the Jones Beach Lifeguard Corps has created a website to keep all of our members informed and up-to-date. I encourage you to check this website frequently for the newest information. As noted above, the website is www.NYSLC.net.

In addition, you can contact me at (516) 551-1875 or by email at brucemeiro@yahoo.com.

I look forward to meeting you this summer.

In Solidarity,

Bruce Meirowitz
President