

**Important
Announcements
In this Issue**

Call for Nominations for Directors. *Note: we will only elect six this year.*



Changes in Membership Dues effective this year.



And thanks to all who submitted articles and photographs on Grand Jury Awareness Month (See Pages 1 through 5)



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Grand Jurors' Journal

President's Message

Editors note: For this issue of the Journal President Lazenby will forgo her usual message because of the importance surrounding the governors proclamation and the many ceremonies around the state that she participated in.

On February 1, 2008, President Lazenby kicked off Grand Jury Awareness month by presenting the official proclamation to the Sacramento County grand jury foreperson, **Don Prange** and that jury's advisor, Judge Cadei.

Governor Schwarzenegger has issued only two official proclamations during his term, and the Official Proclamation designating February 2008 as California Grand Jury Awareness month was one of them.

On February 29, 2008 at the Reception celebrating Grand Jury Awareness Month, hosted by the San Francisco County Chapter of CGJA and the San Francisco Superior Court, Barbara Kaufman, the Governor's Representative in the San Francisco office, presented the Governor's



left to right Nita Gonzalez, CGJA member Santa Cruz County; Judi Lazenby, Judge Cadei; Becky Castenada Grand Jury Coordinator; Don Prange, Foreperson Sacramento County Grand Jury



Barbara Kaufman, Governor's Representative (left) Jack McNulty, President of San Francisco Chapter (Center) Judi Lazenby (right)

Photograph Courtesy of San Francisco Superior Court

Proclamation to President Lazenby.

Barbara Kaufman also chose this occasion to announce that during this awareness month, Governor Schwarzenegger had taken action to do more than just "... encourage all

Nominations-Elections Committee

By Catherine McKown, Chair

Committee Members:

- North:**
Barbara Carolan and Ivor Thomas
Central:
Owen Haxton and Catherine McKown
South:
Mary Johnston and John Mainland

***** CALLING ***
ALL POTENTIAL CANDIDATES
FOR CGJA DIRECTOR**

The election season is almost here. Consider running for Director and joining the CGJA Board to do the important work of the organization. Discuss and vote on compelling issues, affecting the membership. Board members are responsible for the direction of the organization.

Directors' responsibilities are covered in the CGJA Bylaws, Article 6, Section 4. Duties (a-g). In addition, it is expected that Directors are active on at least one of the six standing committees and be able to attend regular scheduled monthly board meetings (by teleconference). Some form of electronic communication, preferably e-mail, is desirable. Directors have an obligation to avoid personal agendas in order to serve the best interests of the organization.

Two (2) Directors will be elected from each of three (3) regions (North, Central, and South) for a total of six (6) Directors. The two-year term begins at the annual Conference on October 23, 2008.
Important dates:

July 1 - Due date for **Intent to Run statement** (send to N-E Committee at: nominations@cgja.org or call the committee chair at (415) 383-5262.

July 31 - Candidate must be a **member-in-good-standing** as of this date

July 31 - Due date for **candidate's statement** (up to 200 words)

Interested CGJA members: please contact the committee at: nominations@cgja.org with your name, region, and county of residence. As a follow-up, you will be contacted by a committee member, and more detailed information will be provided.

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citizens to consider becoming part of our grand jury system." [Official Proclamation]

Kaufman announced that on February 26, 2008, the Governor had taken *first-in-the-nation* action to recognize volunteers and volunteerism by signing an executive order to establish a new position on the Governor's cabinet; the Secretary of Service and Volunteering.

The Governor's action was prompted by his recognition that government gives direction, but real change has to come from each and every Californian through civic engagement. The Governor's action gives volunteerism a stronger voice and greater visibility and will encourage millions of Californians to make their valuable skills available especially to achieve a positive legacy in their communities, hopefully through grand jury service.

Editors note: The full Proclamation and more information about volunteerism can be found at <http://gov.ca.gov/issue/volunteerism>.



L—R: President Lazenby, John Mainland current Foreperson of Kern County grand jury, Leone Harrison president of Kern County Chapter of CGJA, Larry Walker and Tony Noce

On February 21, 2008, President Lazenby, presented the Governor's Proclamation to the Kern County grand Jury and members of the Kern County Chapter of CGJA. The request that the Governor issue such a Proclamation originated



Judi Lazenby with Patricia Rex Foreperson Santa Cruz County Grand Jury with the Santa Cruz County Supervisors' Proclamation

from members of the Kern County Grand Jury.
Editors note: see page 3 for full story.

On March 7, 2008, President Lazenby received from the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, their Proclamation designating March 2008 as Santa Cruz County Grand Jury Awareness Month, and acknowledging California Grand Jurors' Association for its efforts in strengthening grand juries.

At the March 11, 2008 Watsonville City Council meeting, Mayor Kimberly Peterson presented President Lazenby and Santa Cruz County Grand Jury Foreperson, Pat Rex, that City's proclamation designating

March 2008 as Grand Jury Awareness Month in that City.

**Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
Proclamation**

DECLARING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY GRAND JURY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Grand Juries are crucial components of California's justice system; and

WHEREAS, like other California counties, Santa Cruz County has a Grand Jury composed of individuals who dedicate their time for a full calendar year serving in the Grand Jury system; and

WHEREAS, as a powerful volunteer fact-finding institution of citizen democracy, the Grand Jury helps the justice system give the accused equal treatment under the law; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Jury also ensures that local governmental entities are operating efficiently and legally; and

WHEREAS, the California Grand Jurors' Association strengthens juries statewide by providing training, tools and techniques to assure that each jury operates under the same standards of efficiency and integrity to which they hold local government; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to provide a designated opportunity to recognize the efforts of those who have volunteered, and are volunteering, their time and service to advance the work of the Santa Cruz County Grand Jury.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ellen Pirie, Chairperson of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaim the month of March, 2008, as Santa Cruz County Grand Jury Awareness Month.




 Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
 March 5, 2008
 Date

More Grand Jury Awareness Month Events

Counties of Ventura and Santa Barbara

Jerry Lewi, Journal Editor

We received a good response to our efforts to spread the Governor's proclamation to as many counties as we could. You will see several examples in this issue. Two that I am more personally aware of occurred in my County of Ventura and in neighboring Santa Barbara County.



In Ventura, on February 26, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors issued a similar proclamation. I attended the meeting, spoke about CGJA's role, and cited several examples of effective reports issued by Ventura Grand Juries in recent years.

For those in Ventura County interested, this Board meeting can be viewed on the County website by going to the video archives for that date and clicking on agenda item 29.

Here is an email from Ted Sten, Foreman of the Santa Barbara Grand Jury:

"This morning (which was also February 26), as the first item on the Board of Supervisor's agenda, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Salud Carbajal, presented to me, as Foreman of the Grand Jury, a "Resolution Proclaiming February as California Grand Jury Awareness Month in Santa Barbara County." The Proclamation was signed by all 5 county Supervisors and I intend to have it framed and I will present it to my Jury this Thursday. The proceedings were televised live on the County access channel and will be televised several times over the course of the week. Following the presentation,

Salud gave me the opportunity to describe the dedication and commitment of the Santa Barbara Grand Jurors.

Salud Carbajal has always been a very strong and consistent supporter of our Grand Jury and has repeatedly helped us in our various endeavors here in Santa Barbara County."

This ceremony can also be seen on the County's website by going to video archives and clicking on agenda item A-1 on that date.

February Is Now Grand Jury Awareness Month Throughout the State

Reprinted from the San Luis Obispo Chapter Newsletter

As you know, February is Grand Jury Awareness Month in San Luis Obispo County. The Board of Supervisors and the councils of the seven cities said so. Now Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has entered the fray. We reprint below the February 3 press release from the California Grand Jurors' Association.

Judi Lazenby, President of California Grand Jurors' Association (CGJA) a statewide organization of veteran and current grand jurors, announces that
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Kern County Celebrates

Grand Jury Awareness in Front of County's Liberty Bell

By: Trudi Slater

At 10:00 a.m. on February 21st, in true American style, the Kern County Grand Jury celebrated Grand Jury Awareness activities in front of the County Liberty Bell in Bakersfield. Activities included a Crossroads Honor Guard posting the



American and State flags, introductions by Grand Jury Foreman John Mainland, speakers, and presentations to both Grand Jury essay winners and local media supporting Grand Jury efforts throughout the year. Bakersfield Fire Department personnel flew the City's two-story high American flag during the ceremony's presentations.

California Grand Juror's Association President Judi Lazenby was also on hand to present a copy of the Governor's State Proclamation declaring February as Grand Jury Awareness Month and formally announced Kern County as the host for the Association's annual conference.

Jerry Lewi, CGJA Public Relations Committee chair, presented the 2007 Excel-

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CGJA President Judi Lazenby presents to John Mainland 2007-2008 Kern County Grand Jury Foreman, a copy of the Governor's State Proclamation declaring February as Grand Jury Awareness Month and formally announced Kern County as the host for the Association's annual conference.

lence in Reporting award to the Kern County Grand Jury and further recognized local Kern County chapter members, including Leone Harrison and Tony Noce, as being instrumental in securing approval for the State proclamation.

Additionally, Foreperson Mainland was pleased to announce the Board of Supervisors' Grand Jury Awareness proclamation, an annual occurrence in Kern County. As John mentioned, "Our goal in this endeavor is not just to increase public awareness of the Grand Jury System but to encourage all citizens who are willing and able to become involved to seriously consider applying for service on the Grand Jury."

Grand Jury Member Doris Duquette announced student winners of the Grand Jury's essay contest entitled "Transparency in Government." First, second, and third prizes (\$100, \$75, and \$50) were awarded to both high school and junior high school winners. High school winners in first, second and third place were DeWayne Shepard, Michael Sprenger, and Daniel

Peck. Junior high school winners in first, second and third place were Sahara Khouja, Zach Lewis, and Fatimah Masri. The Mountain Enterprise Newspaper from Frazier Park tripled the amount of winnings from students in the Frazier Park area; thus, Sahara and Zach (from Frazier Park) ended up with \$300 and \$225 for their award-winning essays.

Others attending the ceremony included County and City officials, Kern County Grand Juror's Association members, teachers, and media personnel. After the formal presentations, attendees were invited to visit the Grand Jury rooms which were open for the occasion and enjoy refreshments.



Left to right: Kevin Knutson, Aaron Flucker, Doris Duquette, John Mainland, Judi Lazenby, and Jerry Lewi

KERN COUNTY WINNING ESSAY By: DeWayne Shepard

School: Redwood High School, KCSOS Grade 12 Teacher Corrine Raub

This essay will include: what makes up the Grand Jury, what the Grand jury focuses on, what it takes to become a Grand Juror, and what the Final Report is. In the United States, the states of California, Minnesota, and Nevada all have Grand Juries at a county level. The

California Penal Code governs the Grand Jury in California. Grand Juries are not subject to the Brown Act.

The Kern County Grand Jury is made up of nineteen jurors. It is also seated on a fiscal year level. A county-level Grand Jury mostly fo-

cuses on oversight of government. For example: institutions, schools, and city agencies. But anyone who receives public money can be examined by the Grand Jury.

The Grand Jury may also issue an accusation against public officials.

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This can result in a removal from office if held up in court. But no individual grand juror that's acting by himself has any power or authority; however as a group, the Grand Jury has quite an amount of authority.

To become apart of the Kern County Grand Jury you must be a citizen of the United States, have lived in Kern County for at least one year, able to speak and understand the English language, you must be eighteen years or older, and cannot have been convicted of a felony. All of these things are required if a person wants to successfully become a part of the Kern County Grand Jury.

But what really makes the Grand Jury something special is the Final Report. The Grand Jury's Final Report is an annual report containing a summary of the findings, also the recommendations of each committee, plus general information about the county. The Grand Jury issues its final Report to a presiding judge at the end of its term. You can find portions of the Final Report pertaining to investigation on the internet and even in the newspaper. The Grand Jury uses their Final Report to show what they have found against the institution or city at hand. That's really the goal of the Grand Jury to find things wrong in an institutional and write about it in the Final Report. So that they can distribute it to the public and the people can vote to fix it.

The Grand Jury is one of the best judicial systems because it checks on cities and institutions to make sure they are doing their job. They let the people in the city know what they are doing, by writing their Final Report and issuing it to the public. This is why I believe the Grand Jury is important to Kern County, be-

cause with out this part of government we would not know half of what's going on in our city agencies or our schools. Now we can get an idea of what's happening around the schools and even in our juvenile institutions. That is why I and many other members of the community believe that the Kern County Grand Jury is very important.



County News Release
San Diego County Proclaims Grand Jury Awareness Month
By Laura Nicks,
San Diego County Grand Jury Liaison

A delegation from the Past Grand Jurors Association (PGJA) was on hand this week to hear San Diego County Supervisor Greg Cox proclaim February Grand Jury Awareness Month. The PGJA is comprised of more than 60 persons who have previously served on one or more grand jury panels.

Attending were Walter Hofmann, MD, president; Craig Orange, immediate past-president; Richard Matheron, who chaired the San Diego County implementation review committee; Meredith Avery, secretary and Julius Katz, vice president--the latter two were co-acceptors of the document.

At the beginning of the month, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger issued a similar proclamation naming February 2008, California Grand Jury Awareness Month. The City of San Diego also plans to honor the grand jury.

There are 19 members of the San Diego County Grand Jury currently serving a year-long term that ends this coming June. The culmination of grand jury service is the release of a report to the public, including, but not limited to, the jury's inspection of county detention facilities

and the findings of its examination of county agencies.



Continued from page 3 February Is Now Grand Jury Awareness Month Throughout the State

Governor Schwarzenegger has issued an Official Proclamation designating the entire month of February as GRAND JURY AWARENESS month.

In furtherance of its mission to educate the public on the valuable work that grand juries do throughout California functioning as a civil watchdog over local governments, CGJA had petitioned for an Official Proclamation to set aside February as the month to emphasize Grand Jury awareness.

California's independent grand jury is a powerful volunteer, fact finding body with the potential to recommend constructive change in local government, and actually make a difference.

This proclamation is a fitting tribute to citizens who have served in their local grand juries and to the important achievements these juries have accomplished.

For the month of February and beyond, all Californians are challenged to become more familiar with this unique system, and to volunteer to serve on their local juries. These grand juries are among the oldest, most respected, and most powerful civil institutions. Grand jury service promises volunteers unique exceptional benefits which include the following rewards:

A significantly enhanced understanding of local governments, a meaningful and significant say in local government through published reports of investigative findings, and a renewed faith in the power of Citizen Democracy to make a difference.

To quote Margaret Meade, "A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that has."

Mayor Sanders Appoints 7 to the Past Grand Jurors Association Implementation Review

Ed Note: Most of you are probably aware that the San Diego Past Grand Jurors' Association has had a long-standing agreement with San Diego County for an Implementation Review Committee that looks at all grand jury recommendations agreed to by the County to see that they are actually implemented. This press release describes a similar agreement recently reached with the City of San Diego. Congratulations to the association for making this happen!

San Diego- Mayor Sanders has appointed Dr. David Higgins, Dr. Walter Hofmann, Dr. James Kelly, Richard Matheron, Bill Rose, Pamela Swain, and Lillian Wagner to the Past Grand Jurors Association Implementation Review Board, subject to City Council confirmation.

David Higgins, Ph.D., is a Consultant specializing in the biotechnology industry. He served as the Jury Foreman for the 2006-2007 San Diego County Grand Jury. Dr. Higgins resides in North Park. He will serve for a term expiring June 30, 2008.

Walter Hofmann, M.D. has been a practicing California Psychiatrist since 1953. He is the current President of the San Diego Past Grand Jurors Association and served on the San Diego County Grand Jury from 2004-2005. Walter is a member of the Board of Directors of CGJA.

James Kelly, Jr., Ed.D., is a retired Bank Executive who worked in various leadership positions for Great American Bank, formerly San Diego Federal, from 1983 – 1994. Upon retiring from the banking industry in 1994, Dr. Kelly became very active in service to the Navy and the community. He was the President of the San Diego Council of the Navy League of the United States in 1996, and a national member of the Leagues' Board of Directors for three years. He served as the Jury Foreperson for the 1997-1998 San Diego County Grand Jury and served for a brief period on the Board of CGJA.

Richard Matheron served in the United States Foreign Service under the Department of State for 39 years. During his various roles at the U.S. Foreign Service, Mr. Matheron was the U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland, and Ambassador in Residence at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. Mr. Matheron has been a member of the Past Grand Jurors Association of San Diego since 1995. He served on the San Diego County Grand Jury from 1994-1995 and 2002-2003. From 2004 to 2007, Mr. Kelly served on the County's Past Grand Jurors Association Implementation Review Committee, and was the Committee Chair from 2005-2007.

Bill Rose has more than 27 years experience within the educational arena and is currently a Supervisor of San Diego State University's Student Teacher Program. Throughout his career, he has taught and lectured at various colleges and universities including National University, San Diego State University, Point Loma Nazarene College, and Redlands University in Redlands, California. Bill is a CJGA member and served on the Public Relations Committee.

Pamela Swain retired as a Social Worker after 30 years in various assignments for the County of San Diego and the County of Orange. Ms. Swain was elected Woman of the Year by the Business and Professional Women Association in Englewood, Florida in 1988. Ms. Swain served on the San Diego County Grand Jury from 2003-2004, and participated with various committees including the Environment and Public Works Committee, and Health and Human Services Committee. She also chaired the Legislation Committee.



L R: Dr. David Higgins, Dr. Walter Hofmann, Dr. Jim Kelly, Pam Swain, Richard Matheron, Lil Wagner and Dr. Bill Rose

Grand Jurors Ask *By Jack Zepp*

Some time ago I undertook to submit, from time to time, a column summarizing some of the inquiries CGJA has received over time. They come from various sources, primarily sitting grand jurors. Many CGJA members field these questions, though for obvious reasons they tend to be addressed to the trainers and Legal Committee members. Unless CGJA is officially on record

with a view, the answer will have been given as an individual opinion, not the official opinion of CGJA. Also, neither CGJA nor its members give legal advice and answers usually include a disclaimer to that effect. The information below is, similarly, neither the formal position of the CGJA (unless so noted) nor legal advice.

Query: To whom does the grand jury make

its Final Reports and how are they required to be distributed? How are they distributed in practice?

Response: There are few technical requirements regarding distribution of a Final Report. The primary one is that a copy of each Final Report (there may be more than one Final Report over the course of the year) must be submitted to the presiding judge and, after

2008 CGJA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OCTOBER 23 & 24, 2008**HOLIDAY INN SELECT BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA****PHONE: 1-800-227-4747**

CGJA's '08 Annual Conference (AC) Committee and the County of Kern are looking forward to seeing you at CGJA's 27th Annual Conference that will be held in the City of Bakersfield and the great County of Kern.

The Holiday Inn Select Hotel (soon to be Marriott) is located in picturesque downtown Bakersfield only two blocks from the Amtrak train and bus station, and a few minutes from the airport. The 2008 conference site is only a couple of hours car ride from the counties of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Tulare, and Inyo. Get together with other attendees from your county, form a group and have a fun trip to the conference.

The '08 AC theme is The Grand Jury System, "Created by Our Forefathers. Preserved by Our Citizens; A Learning Experience You Will Never Forget."

Kern's two hundred seventy former grand jurors and the conference's eighty local volunteers promise you the Biggest, the Best, the Most Informative, and the Most Entertaining experience in CGJA conference history.

A letter from the Governor's office received February 20, 2008 advised:

"Thank you for inviting Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to speak at the California Grand Jurors' Association's conference. The Governor is honored by your request for him to participate in your event.

We are currently in the process of reviewing your invitation. However, we are unable to make a commitment at this time. Once we begin to schedule the Governor's calendar for your event's time frame we will be in contact with you."

The AC committee and CGJA are encouraged the Governor's schedule will allow him to attend the conference.

The June issue of the CGJA Journal and the CGJA web site will have registration forms and more conference details, so mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

President Judi Lazenby will be accepting a Proclamation from the County of Kern's Board of Supervisors acknowledging the CGJA Annual Conference at their October 21 board meeting. Plan to come and join President Lazenby in accepting the Proclamation. The City of Bakersfield City Council will also be acknowledging the AC at their October 23 evening meeting.

Whether you are a seated grand juror, a former juror, or a future grand juror, do not miss this chance to learn more about California's regular grand jury system, meet fellow grand jurors, and have a fun time attending the 27th California Grand Jurors' Association Annual Conference.

Conference Chair Tony Noce

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his/her approval of it for legal compliance (NOT whether it is right, wise or grammatical), a copy of it is filed with the Court Clerk who must forward a true copy of it to the State Archivist to retain "in perpetuity." (Penal Code 933.) In addition, Penal Code 933.05(f) requires that a grand jury provide to an affected agency, two days before the release of a Final Report, that portion of a report that relates to "that person or entity." Finally, the last sentence of Penal Code 933(c) can be read to require each currently impaneled grand jury to retain a copy of prior Final Reports for five years. Other than as noted above there is no technical requirement that a Final Report be provided to any agency, official or jurisdiction, or made public, or retained.

As a practical matter, in addition to the techni-

cal requirements, various grand juries engage in various other methods of distribution. These methods may be used for both single subject Final Reports issued throughout the course of a grand jury's term and compilations of Final Reports (usually called The Final Report) issued at the end of the term. Single subject Final Reports (often called "Interim Final Reports" or, misleadingly because it implies they are not final, "Interim Reports") are filed with the Clerk and released early to affected agencies, as required by law, and usually, distributed (again) in hard or electronic copies to affected agencies and officials, often with an explanation of the response requirements and deadlines found in Penal Code 933 and 933.05. They, in particular, are also usually released to the media accompanied by press releases and/or executive summaries to facilitate the dis-

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**SMCAGJ Scholarship
Winner Selected**

By Joanne Landi

The winner of our first scholarship award of \$300.00 was selected recently. His name is Marco Genesta. Marco will be graduating from Hillsdale High School this coming June. The award was presented by Mr. Robert Keropian, retired high school principal of El Camino High School, former San Mateo County Civil Grand Juror and presently the District Director of the National Football League Hall of Fame.

THE CITIZENS' VOICES

*By Marco Genesta, Hillsdale High School
San Mateo, Ca. January 2008*

Essay 300 Words of Less

Experiencing a visit to the outstanding and complete website created by the San Mateo County Association of Grand Jurors allows the public to discover how to be part of a jury as well as detailed information about the Civil Grand Jury and the Criminal Grand Jury. The interesting sections: "Teacher's Guide" and "Learning Center" persuade the reader to research more information in addition to what is already given.

The excellent explanation of the differences between the types of juries is not the only high point of the website; in fact, there is additional information that offers a better understanding of the requirements, the procedures and the functions of each type of jury. First, the importance of the grand jury system in California helps citizens to comprehend how each county randomly selects 19 citizens yearly to react to citizens' complaints about county government affairs and then investigating these accusations. Finally, investigations lead to documented findings and recommendations voicing their opinions and contributing to the county government.

By providing links related to this website, the San Mateo County Association of Grand Jurors opens opportunities for the reader to find a deeper and more conceptual explanation about the California Grand Jury system in case the main ideas are unclear or if the public is interested in other learning areas such as "The Outline Library of Books and Journals."

It is important to highlight that citizens' voices can be heard by collaborating on investigations as grand jurors. They can also constructively help the government make better decisions and protect the community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training Committee Report

By Lew Avera Committee Chair

The Training Committee has continued to work in the off-season to enhance the quality and outreach of programs in pursuit of our association mission.

The entire schedule of core programs, Law, Investigations, Interviewing, Report Writing, and Continuity has been reviewed and updated where appropriate by the instructional team for each subject. These reviews and updates provide for incorporating new information, keeping current with grand jury rules and practices, and effecting improvements based upon participant feedback from last year’s seminars. For the first time each of the five subjects has a professional level computer based visual presentation to accompany and support the trainer’s delivery. Use of this support will be standardized across all instructors for a given subject, thereby better ensuring a comprehensive and standard presentation.

For the first time in several years the training brochure used to publicize and promote our courses will have a dramatically new look. From a standard 9 X 11 inch magazine style format, the brochure will be reduced in size and created in a multi page folding brochure with significantly added graphic effects. The committee feels it will have a positive effect on repositioning the training programs in the eyes of the recipients.

Probably the most significant and exciting product of the training committee, however, is the continued expansion of our standard programs in terms of both content and geography. For the first time in recent years, the core programs were of-

fered in the Los Angeles area in the summer of 2006. We are pleased with the market penetration and will provide these programs again this year. In addition, two Report Writing workshops and an additional Foreperson workshop have been added to our scheduled programs for this summer. As of this article, advanced registrations and inquires of interest are the strongest they have been in years. A detailed schedule of our training programs, to include dates and locations, can be viewed on the CGJA website.

As the training season approaches members of the Training Committee and all of our trainers look forward to seeing many of you at the summer seminar programs. Without your dedicated assistance we would not be able to deliver the professional programs which we do.

Operations Committee Report

By Serena Bardell, Chair

While Operations (“Ops”) fulfills its mandate to oversee the 2008 Annual Conference (AC), receiving reports at each monthly meeting from the ‘08 AC Chair, Tony Noce, and providing the experience and perspective of Ops members who have chaired and/or participated in previous CGJA ACs, it has also begun the process of seeking bids for the 2009 AC. Ops Chair Serena Bardell sent emails to CGJA directors and chapters in the Northern Region inviting them to inform Ops by mid-April of their interest in hosting and to submit a preliminary proposal by mid-May.



The reason for moving on this so early is the Board’s decision to begin the process in time to sign a hotel contract before the start of the one-year “penalty period” that some hotels impose.

Tony and his Kern County colleagues have set up an amazingly detailed structure for assuring the success of this October’s AC in Bakersfield. The enthusiasm and energy displayed are a tribute to how deeply our colleagues in the south-central portion of the state value the jury and how carefully the local chapter laid the groundwork for this conference. Their outline of duties will surely serve as an aid to future conference planners in the ongoing effort to pass along AC knowledge and avoid annual reinvention of the wheel.

The *Excellence in Reporting* subcommittee is still accepting nominations in both the media and grand jury report categories for this year’s prizes. Deadline for submissions is July 15.

Ops has begun the process of updating and formalizing its Procedures, which both follow and differ from its Policies.

Meetings continue to be a tribute to cooperation and warm fellow-feeling. Those who wish to visit and/or join the committee are welcome to attend teleconferences, which have been moved from the second Monday to the **first Thursday of each month at 8 pm.**

Agenda and Minutes of Board of Directors Meetings Can be read online at www.cgja.org

Membership Relations Committee

By Tim Colbie, Committee Chair

A lot is happening in MRC as we ready for the upcoming 2008-2008 membership drive. At last month's board meeting, the board approved several new membership options.



1. We are now offering a lifetime membership at \$500.00. One payment will guarantee all benefits of membership and you will never have to remember to renew your membership.
2. The board approved a multi year membership plan. This plan allows you to purchase two (2) or more years at the current \$25.00 yearly rate. It will make it easy to write of \$50, \$75 or higher and get the discounted membership rate of \$25 per year.
3. The board also approved a membership increase to \$30 per year if you are renewing or joining for the first time.

Last night the board also authorized renewal dates based on the date you joined. For example, if you join on April 15, 2008 then your annual renewal date will always be the 15th of April.

Should you have any membership questions, please do not hesitate to drop me an email at tcolbie@carlsontravel.net.

HELP WANTED

Don't just be a member of CGJA, become a participating member.

All committees will welcome your involvement as new people and their ideas is what will keep our organization moving ahead in both educating the public and training grand jurors.

Finance Committee Report

By Ivor Thomas Treasurer

2007 Financial Report



Included in this issue of our journal is a final report of our finances for 2007. It was a successful and prosperous year, where we spent a great deal of time and energy trimming costs and raising funds to rebuild cash reserves. Our new cookbook was a success, and we sold off much of our excess inventory of publications and merchandise. That hard work brings us into a year where we cannot expect such surpluses, as much of

the focus of our board and committees last year was cleaning house; we have already begun the transition of changing our focus outwardly to our educational mission.

Outreach and educational projects cost money and are good investments; at the same time our 2008 budget allows for a zero net profit/loss. Membership dues cannot cover larger projects and the costs associated with our summer training seminars are rising rapidly as hotels raise their prices. The cash reserve we established last year only allows us to fund expenses for summer seminars before we receive payments from the counties, so we must continue to be diligent to fundraise and build reserves for larger multiple year projects.

California Grand Jurors' Association Profit and Loss (un-audited/un-reviewed) as of December 31, 2007

	Total			
	Jan - Dec	Jan - Dec	\$	%
Income				
3000 Administration Income	\$1,286.99	\$2,503.02	-	-48.58%
3200 Finance Committee In-	\$2,792.52	\$3,440.72	-	-18.84%
3401 Membership Committee	\$8,950.00	\$9,217.52	-	-2.90%
3600 Annual Conference In-	\$8,820.00	\$3,432.36	\$5,387.	156.97%
3800 Publications and Mer-	\$3,484.03	\$1,074.00	\$2,410.	224.40%
3900 Training Income	\$62,254.42	\$51,130.69	\$11,12	21.76%
Total Income	\$87,587.96	\$70,798.31	\$16,78	23.71%
Expenses				
4000 Administration	\$3,227.76	\$3,193.09	\$34.67	1.09%
5000 Finance Committee Ex-	\$1,349.93	\$2,136.94	-	-36.83%
6000 Membership Committee	\$442.98	\$207.64	\$235.3	113.34%
7000 Operations Committee	\$125.11	\$184.22	-\$59.11	-32.09%
7500 Annual Conference Ex-	\$5,478.96	\$5,591.29	-	-2.01%
7800 Publications/	\$2,593.71	\$2,565.77	\$27.94	1.09%
8000 Public Relations Commit-	\$3,792.47	\$3,837.32	-\$44.85	-1.17%
9000 Training Com.	\$53,460.89	\$44,930.00	\$8,530.	18.99%
Total Expenses	\$70,471.81	\$62,646.27	\$7,825.	12.49%
Net Operating Income	\$17,116.15	\$8,152.04	\$8,964.	109.96%
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Summary of Board Actions
 By Joann Landi

2/26/08 Board Actions

Approved restated Policies for the Public Relations Committee.

Approved Ad Hoc Publications proposal regarding merchandise, on line sales, complimentary copies, inventory control/accounting procedures and Publications Work Group.

Approved Marin Chapter request for proposed 12 month membership pilot program.

Agreed upon a face-to-face Board meeting in Sacramento on 5/17/08.

3/25/08 Board Actions

Ratified appointment of John Sitton as Chair of the Publications Workgroup.

Ratified appointment of Barbara Carolan as Northern Region member of the Nominations-Election Committee.

Approved four point policy relative to membership dues.
 (See separate article on page 9 for details)

Accepted proposal from the San Mateo League of Women Voters to receive, count, verify and retain 2008 election ballots.

Approved Bylaw changes to Article 6 to properly reflect the reduced number of CGJA Directors.

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semination of their findings and recommendations to the public. Additionally, single subject Final Reports, because of their narrow focus, are often provided directly to interested groups such as good government groups, advocacy groups and the like. Compilations of Final Reports, which usually are hardbound and may be laid out in a more professional manner (color, photos, graphics, etc.) are often expensive, especially in hard copy form, and are usually given limited distribution to the media and public places such as libraries, educational institutions, courthouses, etc. In many counties grand juries have arranged to have the compilation of

California Grand Jurors' Association Balance Sheet (un-audited/un-reviewed) as of December 31, 2007

	As of Dec 31, 2007	As of Dec 31, 2006 (PY)	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Bank Accounts				
1000 General Fund	\$19,908.54	\$24,876.15	-\$4,967.61	-19.97%
1050 Restricted/reserve funds	\$20,887.72	\$1,602.96	\$19,284.76	1203.07%
Total Bank Accounts	\$40,796.26	\$26,479.11	\$14,317.15	54.07%
Accounts Receivable				
2000 Accounts Receivable	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Total Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other Current Assets				
2101 Undeposited Funds	\$0.00		\$0.00	
2102 Prepaid Expense	\$1,675.00	\$0.00	\$1,675.00	
Total Other Current Assets	\$1,675.00	\$0.00	\$1,675.00	
Total Current Assets	\$42,471.26	\$26,479.11	\$15,992.15	60.40%
Fixed Assets				
2900 Property and Equipment	\$3,410.86	\$2,974.61	\$436.25	14.67%
Total Fixed Assets	\$3,410.86	\$2,974.61	\$436.25	14.67%
TOTAL ASSETS	\$45,882.12	\$29,453.72	\$16,428.40	55.78%
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable				
2200 Accounts Payable	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Accounts Payable	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Credit Cards				
1100 Credit Card	\$0.00	\$1,001.00	-\$1,001.00	-100.00%
Total Credit Cards	\$0.00	\$1,001.00	-\$1,001.00	-100.00%
Total Current Liabilities	\$0.00	\$1,001.00	-\$1,001.00	-100.00%
Total Liabilities	\$0.00	\$1,001.00	-\$1,001.00	-100.00%
Equity				
2311 Retained Earnings- Unrestricted	\$28,273.12	\$19,807.83	\$8,465.29	42.74%
2321 Retained Earnings- Restricted	\$492.85	\$492.85	\$0.00	0.00%
Net Income	\$17,116.15	\$8,152.04	\$8,964.11	109.96%
Total Equity	\$45,882.12	\$28,452.72	\$17,429.40	61.26%
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$45,882.12	\$29,453.72	\$16,428.40	55.78%

Final Reports reproduced as a pull-out supplement in the most widely circulated print media in the county. It is also now common practice in most counties to post copies of "The Final Report" on the county website and, in many cases, also publish the responses in such a way that the report and its responses can easily be found.

Some grand juries routinely provide copies of their compilations to the grand juries of other counties. And, it is not unheard of for a grand jury to provide a Final Report to a grand jury in another county believed to be facing similar issues as those addressed in the report, or to a state agency believed to have an interest in the subject. Lastly, grand juries regularly

respond to CGJA's standing request that they provide it with a hard copy of their compiled Final Report and a disk or link to its electronic version. No doubt creative grand juries have found other ways to enhance their value by getting the word out to the citizenry. If you know of any please let CGJA know.



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