



There is still time to register for the Annual Conference

Elections



By now all ballots have been received.

The Elections Committee wishes to thank all who voted. Results will be announced at the Annual Conference, along with the new slate of officers.



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Grand Jurors' Journal

President's Message

By Tony Noce



As I prepare my last President's Message I want to thank all the wonderful people I have had the pleasure to work with these past two years along with all the members who support this great organization. Together we have accomplished many of our goals. Early in my tenure I stated I looked forward to the day when I could say, "Our dreams have become reality." The following is my report to the membership. Have our dreams become reality?

As President I truly believe that in the past year our Board of twelve directors operated in a very efficient and productive manner as a

governing group.

Our emphasis on successorship and continuity has been very successful this past year as we had only one chairmanship change out of thirteen active committees.

Once again the Governor acknowledged the month of February as California Grand Jury Awareness Month in support of grand jury recruiting efforts throughout the state.

The Training Committee had another record breaking year in spite of the continuing tough economic environment. They trained more new jurors and alternates (840), in more locations (5 regional seminars and 12 on-site locations) than ever before, including two rural counties for the first time -- Del Norte and Mono. And still to come are the Report Writing Workshops

The Legislative Affairs Committee has responded to a continual flow of questions and inquires from grand juries, jurors, court personnel, citizens and members throughout the year. Their responses have been very well received and appreciated by all. This year they also participated in two telephone conferences regarding a possible state grand jury. CGJA is gratified to be looked upon as the experts on the grand jury system.

The Membership Relations Committee supported by the Database Manager had a banner year as the CGJA welcomed Sonoma, Shasta and Contra Costa Counties as new Chapters of the CGJA. The Committee also introduced a one year Introductory Membership program which offers a free, non-voting membership to first time grand jurors who attended the CGJA Training Seminars and enrolled in the program. It is the CGJA's hope that many of these new jurors will retain their membership in future years and become paid, voting members.

The Committee also conducted the first Chapter Regional meeting this year in the Central Region. It was so successful that the group will be meeting quarterly in the future. It is the Committee's hope that similar regional meetings will be held in other locations

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throughout the State in an effort to strengthen and support CGJA Chapters.

The Public Relations Committee, with the support of the Publications Committee, has provided new jurors and members with valuable resource material such as our new *California Grand Jury System* book.

The Committee is continually upgrading both the Journal and the website and we now have a Blog which posts grand jury news from throughout the state. The Committee is also helping the Central Information Committee in creating a secure storage site for important CGJA data that needs to be preserved. The Committee working with the Humboldt County Chapter, now has a generic recruitment DVD that can be used in all the counties that do not have a local recruiting program. The DVD can be aired in jury service rooms and used in public relations programs

The Board is venturing forth with a new teleconference provider that will allow Board meetings to be more user friendly with more functionality options, and at a significantly lower cost. We have also established a new Awards Standing Committee that will oversee all the CGJA awards and recognitions acknowledged each year. Creation of this new Committee was in response to an increasing interest in the annual awards.

The Board is currently in the process of reviewing Bylaw changes recommended by the Bylaws Review Ad Hoc Committee.

Thanks to our new History Ad Hoc Committee, the Board now has access to most of CGJA's past documents and historical material, gathered from many sources. The expectation is that the material will not only be preserved but also utilized in the future.

A new Grant Writing Committee was created to apply for funding to be used for various activities and projects.

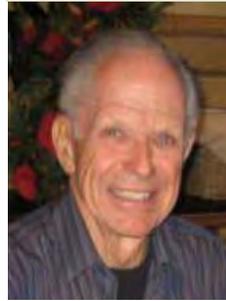
The Board and all of its Committees are able to move forward because the CGJA now has a solid financial foundation thanks to our Treasurer, Database Manager and Finance Committee who have work tirelessly in recording, tracking, preserving, reviewing, and meeting all our financial obligations.

In closing I'd like to say, in my opinion I am pleased to say, "Many of our dreams have become reality" and I look forward to many more becoming reality as we continue to dream of a bigger, better CGJA organization that can help preserve the Grand Jury system as it was meant to be by our forefathers.

Committee Reports

Public Relations Committee

By Jerry Lewi, Chair



This report is a preview of my report to the Annual Conference in October.

Our committee has had three major achievements this year: the completion of an educational video (see separate story); the publishing of a new book, *The California Grand Jury System*; and the creation of a BLOG on our website. The book was well received at our training seminars. As a result, we have made a second printing. Copies will be available for purchase at the conference.

An update to the *Grand Jury Achievement Report* will be available by the time of the conference and will be posted on our website about that time. We have been gratified by the number of additional entries but are seeking ways to accelerate that process.

We have made several presentations to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute chapters including Fresno State and Humboldt State. Next month we will present to the University of California Riverside OLLI Chapter at two locations.

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CGJA member Phil Minor, Humboldt Chapter, with his display at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Chapter presentation at Humboldt State University.

Annual Conference Update

By Meredith Avery, 2010 Annual Conference Chair (San Diego)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have registered for this year's annual conference in San Diego...The title of the conference is 'Unity and Support - Keeping the Grand Jury System Alive'...The panels that we have assembled will address this issue specifically. There are those who have been critical of Grand Juries as being ineffective....the only way to stop this is to continue to improve the way Grand Juries interact with and affect the community. One panel addresses the issue by illustrating better ways of report delivery that will enable better communica-

tion between Grand Juries and the city/county agencies they serve. Another panel will address the issue of what makes a Grand Jury Report appealing to the different media, thereby engendering support for that report.

Please see the conference program and registration form elsewhere in this issue and on our website. It's not too late! Hope to see you all in San Diego.



Letter from the Editor

By Jerry Lewi

As I read Meredith's report, a quote from the Los Angeles Times on September 22 seemed to echo her message. The quote was from Los

Angeles County District Attorney, Steve Cooley, regarding the City of Bell situation: Cooley said several factors allowed corruption to flourish in Bell, inducing a lack of civic participation by residents and little scrutiny from the media until the recent Times' stories. "The electorate of these cities has to be involved if they truly care about their city," he said. "That was not the case in this instance."

Many have wondered, "Where was the Grand Jury?" In defense of the Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury, because of the enormity of their county including 88 cities, they do not have the time or resources to investigate city matters very often. But Cooley's message is clear and could have easily included Grand Juries as part of the civil oversight



World Premiere!

The world premiere of the new CJGA/Humboldt Chapter video will be at our annual conference. This video was written and produced by members of our Humboldt Chapter, headed by our own Keath North. It is a five-minute presentation that explains the grand jury system to anyone viewing it and also acts as a recruiting tool. Immediately after the conference it will be available through our website. So after October 21st, visit our site and find the link.

We are working on plans to make this video available to all California courts with the objective of it being shown to trial jurors as a captive audience. We also plan to have DVDs available for any member or chapter or even grand juries themselves to show to local community organizations as part of local outreach programs.

Training Committee *By Bette Flick*

From June 15 to September 7, 2010, the CGJA Training Committee and instructors travelled to 15 locations to train new and returning grand jurors on recommended practices and procedures for grand jury work. This year we instructed 889 participants from 50 counties as follows:



Cities	Dates	Attendees	Type of Session
San Diego	June 15 & 16	24	on-site
San Bernardino	June 28 & 29	33	on-site
Ventura	July 8 & 9	20	on-site
Humboldt/Del Norte	July 8 & 9	22	regional
Santa Rosa	July 11	10	foreperson workshop
Santa Rosa	July 12 & 13	74	regional
Redding	July 14	7	foreperson workshop
Redding	July 15 & 16	90	regional
San Joaquin	July 15 & 16	26	on-site
Sacramento	July 18	24	foreperson workshop
Sacramento	July 19 & 20	196	regional
San Mateo	July 22 & 23	61	regional
Visalia	July 21	8	foreperson workshop
Visalia	July 22 & 23	101	regional
Merced	July 24	20	on-site
Tri-Counties	July 26 & 27	62	regional
Eastern Sierra	July 29 & 30	22	regional
Imperial	August 2 & 3	23	on-site
Alpine	September 2 & 3	9	on-site
San Mateo	September 7	20	on-site

This was our most successful training season since we began offering it ten years ago. We owe a large debt of gratitude to our hard-working volunteers in each venue who assisted with checking participants in, handing out manuals and schedules, serving as timers for the sessions, answering questions and assisting the trainers in a myriad of other ways.

We added three new instructors this year: Ray Frisbie, Ray Tjulander, and Kathy Wylie which brought our number of qualified trainers up to 18 and enabled us to provide training in more than one location on the same date. Augmenting our presentations were representatives from the California Corrections Authority, Local, Agency Formation Commission and California Special Districts Assn. who provided helpful hints on Jail Inspections and special districts.

The Training Committee is pleased to be able to again present a one-day workshop on Report Writing in San Diego on Saturday, October 23 from 9-4:30. This will enable those jury members in attendance at the annual conference to save the expense of another trip. In addition, the workshop will be offered in the Sacramento area (Maidu Center, Roseville) on Friday and Saturday, November 12 and 13. More information and registration forms for these workshops can be found on the CGJA website.

Help Wanted! *By Dan Mufson*

Most of you reside in counties where we have a chapter and you've been content to participate locally. Have you considered helping out at the state committee level? We have six standing committees and several others such as the EIR Awards working group that are made up of members from around the state that have a talent they share by activity on these committees. Most of the committees are composed of Board members because they each have a very high level of commitment to the CGJA Mission. While that commitment is a virtue, it is important that many *individual* members get to provide input to the organization. I suspect that many of you don't play at this level primarily because you don't know what is required and we don't know your passions. Well, let's try to fix that. Here is [your current](#) page 5

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"Help Wanted" column. If you see something you'd be interested in, speak up and volunteer.

For example, the Training Committee needs some one to do database entry during the registration season, and could use the help of an event coordinator, an audio/visual tech person, and a computer tech. We need additional trainers (knowledgeable, good public speakers), and it would be nice to know someone who has expertise working on video productions. The Public Relations Committee has needs too -- like a web page designer. The Finance committee is seeking members who can share their financial expertise. The Membership Relations Committee (MRC) is seeking enthusiastic people who can travel to nearby counties to discuss how to organize an *alumni* group with our Introductory Members as they complete their Grand Jury service. And as far as CGJA in general, maybe someone who is familiar with video conferencing and could help us work with DimDim, or is interested in non-profit fundraising.

**Agenda and
Minutes of
Board of
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2010 Annual Conference *By Meredith Avery, Conference Chair*

PRELIMINARY ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Doubletree Hotel, San Diego

October 21-22, 2010

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 21, 2010

- 9:00 Conference Convened by CGJA Pres. Tony Noce & Conf. Chair Meredith Avery
- 9:15 Welcome by San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders
- 9:30 Remarks from Presiding Judge Kevin A. Enright
- 9:45 Panel this panel will deal primarily with options for delivery of GJ reports to City and County Agencies (successes and failures)
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Open Forum/Report to Membership
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:15 Panel - Building Chapters and Training Continued, to be led by Dan Mufson
- 2:15 Excellence in Reporting Awards
- 3:15 Break
- 3:30 Panel- Media Relations focusing on what inspires media to publicize certain reports and not others (they will receive three question packet to address before Q&A)
- 4:00 Close meeting

THURSDAY EVENING

- 5:00 Cocktails with musical accompaniment
- 6:00 Dinner followed by presentation of Angelo Rolando award Walter Ekard, San Diego County Administrative Officer (tentative)

FRIDAY MORNING

- 7:00 Breakfast meetings for GJ coordinators/Chapter & Assoc. Presidents (continental breakfast will start at 7:00 and run through mid morning-meetings held in ballroom before 9:00 start)
- 9:00 Welcome
- 9:10 Panel -Legal Issues for the CGJA and Grand Juries
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Speaker, San Diego County Sheriff William D. Gore
- 12:00 Closing and Adjournment

Please check our website for more conference information including the registration form

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Other achievements include continuing to upgrade the *Grand Jurors' Journal* and our website. One major objective for the next year is a significant upgrade of the website to make it easier to navigate to all of the important and useful information available on our site or obtained via many links.

Membership Relations Committee News

By Dan Mufson, Chair

Annual Report 2010

Our goals were to stabilize voting membership levels by careful follow up on renewals and by providing service and care to the 80% of our members who reside in a chapter.



We have sought a means to identify and communicate with sitting jurors: the Introductory Membership program we introduced has the potential to markedly increase our membership.

We communicate regularly with chapter and association officers to build bridges and ties to the CGJA Mission.

We seek and then help individuals to organize a local group of former GJ.

Following is a list of our achievements for the past year:

1. Hosted Chapter President's lunch at 2009 Annual Conference
2. Maintained regular communication with each chapter and association; plan to periodically collect

survey information and share with chapters; suggested they contact sitting GJ for new members in spring; prompted them to submit reports for the EIR Awards (14 reports were submitted which is a record); many chapters communicated with operational questions

3. Assisted the formation of two chapters (Sonoma and Contra Costa) and the conversion of an association to chapter (Shasta); helped to recruit chair for Nevada County Chapter. Presented certificates to new chapters.

4. Formulated Introductory Membership (IM) program and presented concept to Board for approval; coordinated with Training Committee to introduce IM program; 325 jurors applied.

5. Initiated membership renewals by email; use of short-form renewals;

6. Updated chapter bylaw templates for use by new chapters

7. Took responsibility to confirm that chapters have filed IRS Form 990n.

8. Initiated Board Action: to make Roger Loper a life member with waiver of dues

9. Membership data base soundly maintained by Manager

10. Initiated Board Action: The Board should actively, if not aggressively, encourage all members to promote CGJA membership which will strengthen us organizationally and fiscally

11. Initiated Board Action: The Board should provide a unified platform for all CGJA membership and training applications to allow the collection and use of addresses, phone numbers and email address

for any legitimate use by the organization: It is prudent that the current language of the membership applications and training registration documents be made the same.

12. Preparing MRC session for 2010 Annual Conference: four chapter presidents will lead discussion, "How can I contribute locally when I don't have a chapter."

13. Coordinated with TC to hold training session for IM at Annual Conference

14. Introduced first regional meeting of Bay Area chapters with 23 attendees

15. Prepared a history of CGJA chapters using maps to demonstrate the ebb and flow of chapter health

16. Answered questions from IM on non-legal matters

17. Groups that recently formed chapters (Sonoma, Contra Costa, Shasta) had larger increases in CGJA membership since last August than existing chapters. Humboldt also recorded a large increase in CGJA membership, which Keith North attributes to the DVD project in which many members got involved and felt ownership in the organization.

18. Initiated Board Action: to modify language regarding IM.

Excellence in Reporting



A record number of submittals were received this year. The winners will be announced at the annual conference.

California Grand Jurors Association 29th Annual Conference

October 21 & 22, 2010

REGISTRATION FORM

Doubletree *Club* Hotel, 1515 Hotel Circle So., San Diego, Ca. 92108

Conference rates are \$95.00/day (single or double)

Make room reservations directly with hotel (619) 881-6900

Mention CGJA Annual Conference for \$95.00 rate

(Reservations must be made by Oct. 7, 2010 to guarantee \$95.00 rate)

Name: _____ Guest(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St.: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

AFFILIATION: CGJA Member Chapter Member Assn. Member Associate Member Sitting Grand Juror Court Representative Other Specify: _____

REGISTRATION: Conference Attendance \$60.00/person # _____ = \$ _____

DINNER: Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010 \$35.00/person # _____ = \$ _____

CHOICES: Tri-tip w/demi glace Wine Country Chicken Pasta Primavera w/Veg.

LUNCH: Thurs. Oct. 21, 2010/MISSION VALLEY DELI BUFFET

AND

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST: Fri., Oct. 22, 2010 \$40.00/person # _____ = \$ _____

Price includes beverage service 8:00a.m – noon

TOTAL PAYMENT DUE

(excluding hotel room, which attendees book directly with hotel)= \$ _____

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CGJA Chapters Reports and Chapters in the News

Sonoma County Chapter

The Final Report... Where Does it All End?

By Barbara Cogbill,

Editor Note: *This article presents a unique and innovative way to follow up on Grand Jury reports to find out their effectiveness. I consider the report described in this article a candidate for The Grand Jury Achievement Report.*

Looking back in time to our days on the sitting Grand Jury, engaged in final report writing, we may all recall the fleeting question as to the long-term impact our reports would have on the community, and would we ever know the extent of this impact.

Now, fast forward to the present. At the onset of our newly formed Sonoma County Chapter, it became apparent that others were having these same questions, thus the formation of our Oversight Committee. This newly formed committee, in its quest to determine the impact of a Grand Jury final report on the community ... and having decided to target reports dating back for the past 5 years ... selected the 2006-2007 report *Sonoma County Employees Waiting to be Trained for Disaster* as its first assignment.

Each committee member read this report in its entirety. Our next step was to then contact the Director of Emergency Services for Sonoma County ... not as members of the sitting Grand Jury, but as private citizens now associated with the CGJA and to request a meeting. Prior to this scheduled meeting our committee proceeded to develop strategy, concerns, questions ... with particular attention paid to

“Required Responses”.

The result of this two-hour meeting was found to be extremely satisfactory to both the committee and, we believe, to the Agency Director and staff coordinator as they were able to express their feelings about the original report during a face-to-face discussion with former Grand Jury members (one of whom was coincidentally a writer of this 2006-2007 report).

We followed up with a letter of appreciation to the Agency plus a Letter to the Editor of our local newspaper. It is our belief that this endeavor observed how important follow-up and assessment are to building the community’s understanding of the Jury’s work and its impact.

Regional Meetings: A Good Place to Share Your Knowledge

By Beate Boultinghouse, President
San Francisco Chapter

Summary: On August 28, six of the Bay Area chapters met to harness some of their brain power and share experiences, successes, and questions, in conjunction with some good old fashioned camaraderie. Some of the many topics brought to the table were increasing your pool of potential jurors and maximizing the chapters’ membership to ensure involvement by all. Discussions evolved to our relationship with the courts and how important this is to the existence of each of our local chapters of the CGJA. Continuity and accountability of county entities were also hot topics, as were budgets and publicity.

The twenty two members present were energized by the meeting, felt it to be very beneficial, and are

looking forward to the next regional meeting to be held on November 13.

Does your local chapter of the CGJA ponder on how to recruit more potential jurors? Do you wonder how to get more people involved with your chapter? Do you wish you could see more media attention given to the jury and its reports? How do you develop a healthy relationship with the court? How do you capture the enthusiasm of new chapter members? What can you do to follow up on findings and recommendations and hold respondents accountable? How do you make the work of the jury and your local chapter more meaningful?

For the answer to these and many other questions, who do you call? Ghostbusters? Forget that, they don’t know about the *Regular (Civil) Grand Jury*, or the *California Grand Jurors’ Association* and its local chapters. Who does know best? Why the state and local chapters, of course. But how to share all the knowledge the state, local chapters and individuals have?

Dan Mufson, the CGJA Membership Chair invited the CGJA chapters in the San Francisco Bay Area to the first regional meeting held on August 28, 2010 that included 22 members from the counties of Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Sonoma. In attendance from the state association was the CGJA Vice President, Keath North, who was generous enough to make his way south all the way from Humboldt County for this inaugural event.

After introductions were made, we discussed several topics which were of concern to all of us. First we shared insights about our chapters’ health and vibrancy agreeing that

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the number of active members is critical, as are new members who bring in fresh ideas and energy. Many of the chapters offer a free one-year membership for those who have just finished their term on the jury. A good relationship with the jury and especially the court is imperative.

The discussion led to what makes our association meaningful and visible. Several chapters have developed DVDs to show in the jury assembly room, at recruitment/educational presentations, and as PSAs on local TV channels. Keath revealed the generic DVD, created by the Humboldt County Chapter, for use anywhere in the state, to a standing ovation. Information on obtaining the DVD will be forthcoming from the Public Relations Committee. One chapter publishes the *Civil Grand Jurors' Gazette* which gives a summary of the reports published for the term, letters from the foreperson and the president of the local chapter of the CGJA, as well as facts and figures about the jury and how to become a juror.

Other chapters follow up on reports by meeting with various entities requested to respond to reports and question them about follow-through. Of course, these questions are asked as interested citizens, and not officials of the CGJA. This was a hot topic and we agreed to further pursue it. *Editor Note: See Sonoma County Chapter Report.*

We found that there are a number of chapters that interview prospective jurors and make recommendations to the court. Statistics are kept on demographics, how they learned about the jury, and why they are interested in serving. Many of these chapters also offer local training sessions as an adjunct to the excellent training that is offered

by the state CGJA.

There is a difference between a board-run chapter and a member-run chapter. The member run chapter is more likely to be inclusive and garner participation from its members, thus making it a stronger chapter. Some social activity for the members adds to bonding and camaraderie which carries over to the desire to participate in chapter business.

After a delightful lunch, our discussion veered toward the relationship various chapters have with the court. It was concluded that the stronger the relationship, the better the functionality of the chapter and the jury. Depending on the structure within each county, the presiding judge, the jury commissioner and the county counsel are all keys to building a good relationship. The relationships between the court and the local chapters ranged from very appreciative and supportive to benign neglect.

A strong relationship with the court can result in:

- Maintaining a good relationship despite turnover within the court or the chapter
- Budgetary support for "extras" such as production of a DVD, publishing costs of a "Gazette"
- Hosting web sites
- Sharing of pertinent information like budget cycles, requirements, needs
- Including the Presiding judge and others in the annual meeting of the chapter

Lessening the load of the courts, making them more appreciative of the work of the chapter

One of the dilemmas the regular Grand Jury has is recruiting a diver-

sified group of jurors each year. We discussed the fact that we do not have ethnic, racial, geographic or age diversity and what some of our options may be in changing the "usual" demographics of the CGJ from people who are in their 60's and 70's and live close to the county seat and court.

Some ideas that were brought to the table were the use of social media such as Facebook; approaching colleges to have service on the Civil Grand Jury as an adjunct to one of their courses; working with high schools to help teach the students about the CGJ since "Civics" as a course has often fallen by the wayside with budgetary cutbacks; or approach major corporations which ask for community service hours of their employees to include Civil Grand Jury duty as an option.

There was also mention of sitting on the Little Hoover Commission as well as being involved with Girls and Boys State (run by the American Legion).

As you can see, many relevant topics of concern were touched upon. We ran out of time before we ran out of discussion points. The consensus was that the meeting was very beneficial and we should meet at least quarterly. Some other topics we felt were important to include on the agenda of future meetings were a further discussion on continuity and making the work of the jury meaningful by holding entities accountable for their responses to published reports; understanding the relationship of the association and the

All who attended this meeting in the Bay Area felt it was a very beneficial way to spend a day sharing experiences and ideas

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grand jury budget; and what to do about special districts which are composed of members from multiple counties.

The next regional meeting of the Bay Area CGJA chapters is scheduled for November 13. Those of us who will have attended the CGJA annual meeting in San Diego on October 21 and 22 will be sharing the excitement and energy from the meeting and all we learned.

All who attended this meeting in the Bay Area felt it was a very bene-

ficial way to spend a day sharing experiences and ideas. We all walked away from the meeting with thoughts of how to further improve the functionality of our own chapters. As president of the San Francisco chapter, I intend to run meetings as member meetings rather than board meetings so as to encourage further participation from members. I also wish to step up the social aspect of the membership as we have been "all business" up to now. A little camaraderie is good for the soul as well as the chapter.

Summary of Board Action

By Joann Landi

August 24, 2010

Approved transfer to DimDim teleconferencing system

Endorsed and authorized distribution of recruitment DVD produced by the Humboldt County Chapter of CGJA

Approved posting the Daye Index on the website and having available for sale in CD format

Approved revised Chapter Bylaw Template



Ask the Trainer October 2010

This is the first of a series of articles aimed at current jurors, especially those who have taken advantage of our new Introductory Membership (IM). We will attempt to remind you of key issues on a timely basis. Please remember the following: Any trainer is happy to try to answer specific questions in their area of expertise and may be contacted by using the information in Tab 10 of the training manual; you may not take any response as legal advice; and frequently you should contact your local legal advisors to answer questions. Please submit questions to me or the Journal Editor for future responses

Lew Avera. CGJA Training Chair

Continuity By Jerry Lewi

October 1 has come and gone, so by now all responses to last year's jury reports should be in your hands. While you have no legal obligation to do anything about these responses, we strongly recommend that the sitting jury review and evaluate all responses as most juries do. There are several things you can do in this regard as follows:

- Determine that responses have been received for all Findings and Recommendations. If not, you may and should ask the respondent to provide such responses.
- Determine that the response to each Finding is "Agree" or "Disagree." Partial agreement seems to be acceptable.
- Determine that the response to each Recommendation is one of the four legal responses: Has been implemented; will be implanted and when; will not be implemented and why; or need more time (up to six months).
- Publish a report on these findings, ranging from a simple statistical analysis to a complete report on the nature of the responses.

Ultimately, if you feel the agency just didn't "get it," you can initiate a new investigation under all the rules on any investigation.

Finally, if you find some outstanding reports that appear to have made a significant improvement in government service, consider submitting this as an item for the *Grand Jury Achievement Report* at any time and/or the *Excellence in Reporting Award* next year. See our website for further information.

We have noted two outstanding examples of Continuity Reports that you may wish to review: San Francisco County for 2008-2009 and Los Angeles County for 2009-2010.

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