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Dear Jerry

President's Message by Beate Boultinghouse

As we wind down the season of training over 1,000 members of the 2014-2015 grand juries around the state, it is time to turn our focus to the California Grand Jurors' Association Annual Conference. Audrey Lynberg and her team from the Los Angeles Chapter have been working feverishly to create a dynamic program for us to enjoy and learn. Jerry Lewi from Ventura has been her right hand throughout the process. I thank them for their efforts in creating yet another exciting conference.

This conference is an annual event with a venue which moves around the state to make sure everyone has an opportunity to attend. This year it will be held in Burbank, in the Marriott by the airport to make it easier for those who are flying in to access it. The deadline to take advantage of the CGJA room rates with the Marriott is OCTOBER 15, and the final registration date for the conference is November 1. Find details about registering at [www.CGJA.org](http://www.CGJA.org) or the latest issue of the CGJA Journal.

This will be my fifth annual conference and I am excited to be attending. Why? It is at these conferences that I get to meet our members and jurors, many of whom I have only met via

email or phone. We finally get to meet face to face and get to know each other just a wee bit better. I get to hear what is on your minds, what is going on in our chapters, and what it is you want the organization to do for you. I learn so much from you!

You will meet other members of the CGJA and other jurors from around the state. You will share laughter with old friends and new. You will be privy to all the interesting talks throughout the two days of the conference. If you belong to a chapter, you will hear about various chapter projects that will keep your members involved and give their membership meaning. Marsha Caranci, the chair of our esteemed training team will facilitate a panel discussion concerning local orientation programs some chapters conduct for their incoming jurors. You may want to take notes that you may incorporate some of their practices into what your chapter does. Or you may share some of your practices with others.

If you are an officer in your chapter, I do hope you will attend the chapter officers meeting and dinner on November 12 at 4:30 PM. Last year, over 50 of you attended and all shared in one way or another. All came away with fresh ideas and new perspectives. Members of the CGJA Board will be there to listen, answer questions, and understand what your concerns are. If you have not already signed up, please be sure to reach out to Lynn Runyan (Kern County) at [runyanly@yahoo.com](mailto:runyanly@yahoo.com) to do so.

And awards, did I mention awards? Will you, your chapter, or someone you know win any of the awards for Excellence in Reporting either for an excellent report or excellent media coverage? Who will win the prestigious Angelo Rolando Memorial Award for outstanding service to the CGJA? Come to the banquet to find out.

There will be something for everyone at this conference. I hope to see you there. Please, be sure to say hello that we can get to know each other a bit better.

You may register online at: <https://cgja.org/products/conference/association-33nd-annual-conference> or print the attached form and mail it as instructed on the form.

See you in November,  
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