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Dear CGJA Members,

First, allow me to thank you for the warm reception you've given me regarding my recent appointment as president. I recently met with the chapter presidents and established an effective line of communications between the Board of Directors and CGJA's hard-working chapters and associations. We have a very impressive group.

As an all-volunteer organization, the CGJA depends on, and is fully staffed by, members like you who graciously give their time and talent. In addition to the 12 directors, we have five executive committee members, 11 committees, and multiple workgroups. You can imagine all of the duties to be performed: from financial reporting to website support; from securing the association's records to serving the membership; from publishing the *Journal* to training the constant flow of jurors, legal advisors, and presiding judges; and the list goes on. So...we always need help!

If you have skills in website development or support, QuickBooks, accounting, database management, Constant Contact, social media marketing/communications, blogging, Zoom, or Dropbox, please contact membership@cgja.org and volunteer, or fill out our [Volunteer Interest Form](#). The pay is low (none actually) but the satisfaction is enormous.

Several of you have asked about me. Though I have served in the CGJA for six years, I've had minimal contact with the membership. I spent 29 years in high-tech, starting in software engineering and ending as the CEO of the laptop/tablet division of a tech conglomerate. Subsequently, I served on the faculty of Cal State Monterey Bay, College of Business, for 12 years. I was foreperson pro tem of the Monterey County Grand Jury in 2014/2015, have been a CGJA Trainer for six years, vice president for two years, chaired the Technology Committee for four years, and now, I am privileged to follow Jim Ragan as president.

Lastly, director nominations are open right now for six board seats. One can nominate one's self. Information is on the [website](#) and in the most recent *Grand Jurors' Journal*.

My contact information is below and I look forward receiving any feedback you would like to offer. Thank you...and I look forward to meeting you in person.

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