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President's Message

By Judi Lazenby

Dear Colleagues:

I welcome those veteran board members as well as the seven new directors who have just come on board. CGJA, like any successful organization, needs a good mix of institutional memory and fresh perspectives.

As we close out 2006, we pause to acknowledge the valuable contributions and unselfish service of Director and past President, Jack Zepp. We also acknowledge Director Dian Picone's valuable service who, along with Director Zepp, was responsible for the CGJA Compendium. We extend thanks and best wishes to them as they deal with personal and medical issues.

To replace Dian, who was reelected, the Board has approved my appointment of Rose Moreno to fill that two-year term.

Please join me in welcoming several new standing committee chairs: Bob Geiss, Legal Affairs; Serena Bardell, Operations; Lew Avera, Training; and Ivor Thomas, Finance. My thanks to Ira Grooms who served last year as Finance Chair even though not a Director.

During 2006, CGJA experienced a notable increase in membership and Chapter formation. In furtherance of the CGJA mission, CGJA's training program expanded to five regional training seminars.

This added growth, while a reason for celebration, has placed added demands on the organizational structure.

As this new administration begins our new term and a new year, we have our work cut out for us. I have a vision for a new CGJA: a vibrant and professional organization that can support robust growth in membership and, more importantly, a committed Board to design the future of CGJA in accomplishing its goals.

Our plan will be to assign the Executive Committee the task of educating all of the committee chairs as to their responsibilities; working with each committee to develop clear and accurate policy to carry on the day-to-day work of the organization, separately detailing the procedures for implementing that work; and, designing documented succession plans for all positions.

Meanwhile, all CGJA Board Members will be called upon to focus on the public benefit that our mission is all about. This mission is important to insure safeguarding and strengthening the Grand Jury system. This board's main commitment must be on ensuring the organization has ongoing capacity to provide that benefit, and on the values and ethics by which that work will be accomplished.

Going forward, I will ask that this new administration be judged on what we do, or do not do, not on what our predecessors may have done.

I appreciate the expressions of faith, good will, and offers of help from our many members, and promise to do my utmost to prove deserving as I work to fulfill my responsibilities as your President.

My personal best wishes for a Happy Holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Vice President's Message By Ivor Thomas

Friends of the grand jury,

It is a great honor to have been elected vice president of CGJA. My family moved to California in 1998 for career advancement, and I was called on to serve on the grand jury in Butte County in the spring of 2004 and served through 2006. When I received the summons, I began to research the California Grand Jury system; the summons indicated something was different about the California system. This was my first contact with CGJA, and while details were sketchy on what I was called to do, I did understand that the job was considerable and worthy.

I bring to this new role that same belief that the work that CGJA and this new Board will do is awesome in its value to the citizens of our state, that the work we do will be admired by and helpful to our colleagues in every corner of the state.

There is much work to do; as an all-volunteer army with no central office or paid staff, we must work much harder to keep our communications and documentation in order. It is my goal to work with our volunteers to design a website that includes an electronic library for all matters CGJA: to provide freely downloadable orientation materials for local juries that wish to use them; to provide a "Blog" space for all paid members of CGJA, to provide access to e-mail news lists to each committee and volunteer project; and to provide each member in good standing of CGJA a separate e-mail address at cgja.org that each member can forward to a private e-mail address or maintain separately as part of the CGJA service. This separate e-mail address would allow members to choose what types of dialogue they receive or participate in and allow them to remove themselves should they so desire.

With the great advances in technology of the last few decades, using web services this way has become as easy as saving a file or sending an e-mail, but there will still need to be training and consensus on appropriate decorum in using these improved communication tools. Please understand this is currently a goal and a vision but not a commitment as we need to work out error-proof details.

Each of us has our own limits on how many volunteer hours we can dedicate to CGJA; making that time count will be our greatest success. When friends of the grand jury see our good work, help will be on the way.

Election 2006 By Diane Masini, Nominations Committee Chair

This year's Nominating Committee (NC) members were Lew Avera (S), Bill Bowen (C), Tim Colbie (N), Director Jeanne Forbes (S), and Director Owen Haxton (C).

The ballots submitted by membership needed to have a postmark of fifteen or more days before the conference.

With these dates in place, deadlines for the close of nominations, receipt of candidates' bios, and creation of ballots and documents were set.

We advised our membership and CGJA Chapters that nomination for directors was open.

At a special board meeting on August 21, the board approved the language of a measure to be added to the ballot, regarding giving Chapters to right to an additional vote as a Chapter.

Updating the voting database and mailing ballots at the last minute resulted in a couple of ballot mailing errors that were all rectified. On September 1, the NC mailed 267 ballots packets to CGJA membership.

Between September 2 and October 3, I received 190 sealed ballots that were in my possession until I turned them over to the Teller Committee Chair (TC) at the conference in Redding on the morning of October 19. Late in the day the committee was able to present the election results to the president who announced them to membership.

NC committee members called board members who were not at the conference advising them that they should call our conference phone line to participate in a Special Board Meeting to elect our new officers at the conclusion of the conference day session.

The election was conducted by NC member Bill Bowen who briefly explained the election process. Since a competitive election was anticipated for some offices, the Board approved that the vote be by secret ballot with the board members joining us via teleconference waiving their right to secret ballot.

The TC then tallied the ballots for president. The same process took place for vice president position. There were no other nominations for the positions of Treasurer and Secretary, therefore their election was by acclamation.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank the members of CGJA who agreed to run for office. Also, the Nominating Committee for all the hard work they put into making the election so successful.

We also want to recognize the outstanding job the Teller Committee did. The committee members were, Duane Mason, Chief Teller (N), Mike Miller (C), and Tony Noce (S).

Highlights Annual Conference 2006 Redding, CA October 19

By Jerry Lewi, Journal Editor

Ken Murray, Mayor of Redding

Ken Murray provided an unusual welcoming address as he has had the experience of serving on the Shasta County Grand Jury, and then as a city councilman and Mayor been the object of grand reports, some not so kind. Ken believes in the system and supports it, but is highly critical when juries start debating policy issues, rather than performance issues. He agreed with the comment that grand juries are hard pressed to criticize decisions but are on firmer ground when they review and critique the process by which decisions are reached.

Open Fourm

This popular event was initiated by President Jerry Lewi who reported a query from Ray Marsh, Editor of the Modoc Independent. Marsh asked if grand juries can be compelled to release names of jurors' committee assignments. The consensus of the discussion was "No" for a variety of reasons, but primarily because it would breach the confidentiality of internal grand jury proceedings. Conversely, it was also opined that juries could release such information if they cared to.

To encourage working people to serve on grand juries, several counties hold their regular meetings in the evening.

To reduce attrition, training and orientation of prospective grand jurors should fully disclose the level of commitment and the scope of work required.

Regarding a grand jury's ability to refuse a District Attorney's request to hold an indictment hearing (in those counties where regular grand juries still perform this function), the courts have never ruled on this issue.

The opinion was offered that terminating a grand jury prior to its schedule ending date (normally

June 30th) because “their work is finished,” may be illegal because the law states that a grand jury must always be in place.

Much concern was expressed about county officials editing grand jury reports including the idea that editing by someone other than the jurors makes the report not a product of the jury. There is a wide variety of practices regarding county official reviews of grand jury reports.

Report to Membership

This session started with reports from the standing committees. Some of these reports were covered in the last Journal And will not be repeated here.

Jack Zepp reported for the Legal Affairs committee that it has been quiet year on the legislative front, which is good news. One bill that may come back in the next session is from Sen. Gloria Romero (Los Angeles) that would require grand juries to be drawn from the trial jury pool - the rationale being that this would assure demographically balanced grand juries. However, it would be disastrous as it would remove the extensive volunteer effort that has worked so well for many years. There is a case in Yolo County where a Federal judge is to rule on whether or not a grand jury report from a panel not demographically balanced is valid. We do not want to take a position on this without hearing the evidence.

Les Daye reported for Operations that only four counties have never complied with the requirement to submit their grand jury reports to the State Archivist as required by law. Les thanked the Shasta group for their excellent work in arranging this meeting.

Bill Burnett reported on the current status of our finances. (see separate box). He thanked the Membership and Training Committees for their part in helping control our cash flow position that was critical for a short period due to the necessity to pay for training material well before counties pay their bills. This needs to be addressed in future years.

Owen Haxton reported for Membership Relations that we have received an application for Chapter status from San Benito County and are expecting another from Fresno County. Owen expressed his personal frustration over the fact that there are 15 counties where there are not CGJA members.

Sherry Chesny's comments regarding the Training Committee were basically the same as reported in the last Journal and emphasized the tremendous growth of the Training program for Grand Jurors over the past seven years. On behalf of the Training Committee, Sherry awarded a certificate to Jack Zepp for his work on the committee and as a trainer. Jack is stepping down from the Board and the Training Committee. Sherry reported that Jack has given the Legal core workshop 90 times.

As Public Relations Chair, **Jerry Lewi** reported the major event for this committee has been to assume the responsibility for the Journal and the website. See separate story page 6.

Lewi concluded the reports by stating, as President, he would like to challenge all members to see what they can do to support the association and ask less what are the benefits for being a member. We all are members of this association because we believe in the system and want to see it flourish and improve. This association is the best way to do that and all members need to dedicate themselves to this premise.

Later in the day, this session was resumed for the purpose of members' comments. A number of suggestions were made that the Board will consider over the next few months. Reports on the outcome of these discussions will be made in future journals.

Karen Jahr Counseling Grand Juries

Shasta County Counsel Karen Jahr spoke about county counsel's role as advisor to the grand jury and shared information she obtained by conducting an informal survey of 10 comparable counties. It seems that county counsels fall into 2 categories: close and collaborative or aloof and distant. A Q&A session followed her presentation.

Les Daye - Commemorating CGJA's 25 Years

Director Daye presented the Secretary with 3 original documents submitted by Past President Pat Yeomans. The first conference was held in 1979 at Occidental College and had 200 attendees. The first President of the Association was Val Cavey of San Diego, a founding member. Mr. Cavey created the bylaws and established the north and south organizations in 1982. Our mission continues to be to educate the public on what the grand jury is all about.

President Lewi thanked Les for his service by presenting him with a certificate acknowledging his many contributions over many years. Lewi also stated that we must always recognize our roots and be mindful of the direction our founders set for the organization.

Our luncheon speaker, Chris Godley, CEM Manager, Marin County

Chapter Relations with CGJA

Owen Haxton, Chair, Membership Relations Committee, chaired this session. He started by stating that the relationship between CGJA and Chapters is a team effort. CGJA must always be mindful of its responsibility to meet regulatory requirements of a 501(3)(c). He distributed a handout with some questions to consider regarding the relationship between CGJA and local former grand juror organizations. Haxton's challenge is to determine how CGJA can improve the respect that local organizations have for CGJA. A number of comments were provided that the MRC will take under advisement in the coming year. The committee will make recommendations to the Board. Results will be published in future journals.

Recruiting Techniques for Grand Jurors

A panel consisting of **Duane Mason** (Chair, Shasta County), **Marsha Caranci** (Shasta), **Serena Bardell** (San Francisco), **Catherine McKown** (Marin) and **Diane Masini** (Nevada) presented a list of practices used in their counties to help recruit grand jurors. Several videos and presentations were shown to demonstrate such techniques.

Ed note: Time did not permit the showing of the Orange County recruiting video that was mentioned in the last journal. I urge you to view it by logging onto:

www.ocgrandjury.org/video/gj.wmv

Jack Zepp commented that diversity is considered politically correct. During training seminars he has noticed that some counties seem to have accomplished demographic diversity. Some counties summon a large pool from the petit rolls; can opt out if they cannot make the time commitment. Those counties get college students, stay-at-home moms, recent retirees, etc.--they are more age diverse. There are two movements afoot that could result in non-voluntary grand juries. One bill from Senator Romero, Los Angeles, would have eliminated volunteer juries and used petit rolls with very limited reason to be excused. The bill did not go forward but the sentiment is there. And then there is the Yolo County case which is not resolved. The law says you cannot have a selection process that discriminates in any way. The law says you have to try to get a diverse jury—it doesn't say you must

have a diverse grand jury.

McGregor Scott , Comparison Between Federal and State Grand Juries

Our dinner speaker McGregor Scott is one of four U.S. Attorneys in California. His Eastern District stretches from Kern County to Modoc County and comprises 34 counties. He spoke of the extensive responsibility of the U.S. Attorney and the interesting situation arising from all his cases going before to notoriously liberal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. As far as Federal Grand Juries are concerned, they are convened for 12 months, will handle any number of criminal indictments for federal offenses and meet one day a week. In the Eastern District there are two grand juries in Sacramento (District headquarters), and one in Fresno.

Editors note: My thanks to Secretary Joann Landi for her excellent notes upon which I based much of this article.

Public Relations Committee Report

By Jerry Lewi, Chair

By now you all know that our committee has been given the responsibility by the Board for this Journal and our website. We have had two meetings since that decision and have decided on the following:

Preparation of the Journal will be team effort

We will expand on grand juries in the news through a dedicated research effort

We will review and present to the Board a restatement of the guidelines and purpose of the Journal.

We will survey Grand Juries to find out what they would like to see in our Journal.

We will seek to expand our distribution to other interested persons and organizations.

We will establish a 200 - word limit for letters to the editor and will provide the President or other Board members the opportunity to respond in the same issue.

We are looking at a totally new approach to our website to make it more appealing and a greater source of information. We are also in the early stages of thinking of other ways to publicize what grand juries are and what they do for the citizens of California. We welcome any ideas along these lines.

Grand Jurors Ask By Jack Zepp

Over the years I have responded to numerous inquiries from grand jurors which I think might make interesting reading and perhaps provide some assistance to other grand juries confronting similar quandaries. Although I received the inquiries because I was a member of CGJA and I sought the input of others before responding, the responses were mine alone and were preceded by a disclaimer to that effect (and otherwise). Set forth below, in generalized form is one such inquiry and response. I intend to provide others in the future in a semi-regular column format.

Inquiry: Can grand jurors communicate among themselves by email?

Response: There do not appear to be any bright lines that govern use of emails. There is clearly no legal prohibition, but then there is no express prohibition on use of telephones, briefcases to transport files or use of snail mail (mine was stolen a few months ago). Just to complicate the matter, some voice mail systems automatically forward a voice mail via email, rendering a voice message no more secure than an email.

I should think the decision whether or not to use email would depend on consideration of such factors as:

The need for out-of-office communication at all. At least one grand jury I know of has a computer for each member in the grand jury room, equipped to communicate with the other jurors' computers, but not linked to the outside world. A different computer is used for internet access. That grand jury meets almost daily and does all its work within its rooms. It has essentially no need for out-of-office communication among the jurors.

Alternative methods for out-of-office communication. Land line phones are probably somewhat more secure than email (where the computer, not the line, may be what is "taped") and cell phones are probably less secure. Does mail in your county get delivered next day or sporadically? Can you meet in a secure room frequently or must most drafting, collaboration and other interactive work be done off site?

The nature of the information being communicated. Clearly an all-juror email re scheduling a meeting is not particularly confidential (though some may think their email address is, but that's not a grand jury matter), whereas circulating a transcript of a whistle-blower's testimony is. Drafts of final reports fall in the middle: on the one hand they will eventually be public anyway; on the other the drafts may reflect witness' identities or, by their changes, the deliberations of the jury, etc.

Lastly, some have mentioned that, regardless of the means of transmitting information, if it is created or stored on a computer which has access to the outside world it is not secure. I'm no expert, but I should think that email is no more or less secure than the drive(s) in any computer with internet access. Of course, care must be taken if you share email access with, for example, other family members. In such case you would want a separate pass word for grand jury matters.

Perhaps the answer is to use great care when using email both as to the content of the message and the certainty of the recipient (email not infrequently gets mis-addressed when he wrong button is hit in haste). If email is your best means of communication, even for sensitive materials, perhaps you should get your county to acquire an encryption program for the grand jury email. There are a number of options listed at

<http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&ie=UTF8&q=email+encryption>

Finally, a reminder that Penal Code section 916 requires each grand jury to adopt, by super majority vote "its rules of procedure" and

that would seem to be the appropriate opportunity for any given grand jury to decide for itself whether and subject to what restrictions, it will use email.

Success Story 2006 *By Earl Heal*

The 2005-6 Placer County Grand Jury is recognized for its quick and successful reaction to a situation that endangered the relationship of Sierra College with its community. Faced with increasing student population and associated costs for facilities projects the College prepared a bond issue for approval in March 2004. The Sierra College Foundation, a tax-exempt auxiliary organization, was tasked to solicit donations to support the election committee. The bond issue failed in March but the election committee was able to get two lesser bonds onto the November 2004 ballot. These measures were passed by the voters.

A newly elected college board trustee concluded that the Sierra College President had developed a money laundering scheme to obtain donations to the election committees. The trustee filed a formal complaint with the Placer County Clerk charging the College President with authorizing a money laundering scheme, that donors names were never released as required by the Political Reform Act of 1974, and that some donors had financial interest in the success of the bond measures.

The grand jury received that complaint in December 2004 but did not act upon it because they concluded that proper authorities had been notified. The 2005-6 jury received two additional complaints. Their review found that under terms of the College President's unanticipated retirement agreement the public had only been informed of allegations which the media continued to report, that there was no indication that the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) was preparing to resolve the issue, that a cloud of suspicion was hanging over the College, and that the public should be provided the full story.

The investigation confirmed that the election committee treasurers had unwittingly failed to provide names of donors to FPPC. When they were advised of their responsibility, they replied promptly. The donors had no interest in suppressing knowledge of their donations, the College President was far removed from the process, and the charges were utterly without merit. This report was released in March 2006 (90 days after receipt of complaint) because of the jury's concern about the misinformation prevalent in the community.

The College Interim President has accepted the grand jury findings and recommendations and the responses of the Board of Trustees, could not find major fault. The real success of this unusual investigation is that the reputation of the College President has been restored, student enrollments and donor contributions have returned to their pre-controversy rate after a significant slump, and the complaining trustee and his board president are both facing recall in the fall elections.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Barbara Dabul, Ph.D. Chair, OLLIWOG Task Force

CGJA's pilot program to present a 3-session educational experience about the grand jury system in California to older adults was successfully completed on November 17, 2006.

The OLLIWOGS task force (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute/CGJA Working Group), working with Susan McGough, OLLI coordinator at San Jose State University, developed the course content and enlisted six speakers for the three class sessions.

Participating were: Richard Ruth as moderator and provider of case examples of effective grand jury action; Marianne Jameson on the history of the grand jury system; Jack Zepp on the grand jury and the law; Jerry Lewi on "a day in the life of a grand jury" (how the grand jury functions) and the role of the California Grand Jurors' Association; and Earl Heal on the impact of the final report and the role of the media. Two local speakers from Santa Clara County participated, as well: Gloria Chacon, Jury commissioner, and Aryn Paige Harris, Deputy County Counsel.

Betty Mattea, vice-chair of the OLLIWOGS, had planned to participate, providing further case examples, but at the last minute was prevented from attending. CGJA President, Judy Lazenby, Secretary, Joann Landi, and other CGJA members attended one or more of the sessions as auditor/observers.

Following the three classes, Ms. McGough shared with the task force the evaluations of the students. There were numerous positive comments made, and 80% of the students gave the course, overall,

the highest possible rating of '5'. The speakers were impressed with the attentiveness of the students and the many thoughtful, penetrating questions that they asked.

The task force concluded that based on lack of initial information by the students and their enthusiasm for learning this material, such a course is very much needed. (2/3 of the group stated that they planned to apply for jury service in the future).

The task force will now explore further opportunities to provide this same type of educational course via the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes throughout the state. Please contact Betty Mattea if you would consider organizing such as course in your County and would like the task force to work with you on such an endeavor.

Membership Relations *By Owen Haxton, Chair Membership Relations*

I have been here one full year.

What can I say?

I am so happy with the accomplishments of the MRC team this past year. We have not had a single fist fight; of course all of our meetings are by teleconference. There has been little to no shouting other than from the hard of hearing. But we have established a member acquisition program that spans the calendar year and if I can just get a few yes votes we may be able to achieve some of our goals. By the way next year – more than 400 members eligible to vote in the BOD election, formalized relations with groups of current or veteran regular grand jurors in 20 or more counties, member interest forms from 50% of our members whose dues are current, somehow establish one on one contact between Directors of CGJA with each member. If no one calls you, give me a shout at 415-883-3275. Hey, I might learn something.

Before I get carried away, I am required by CGJA policy to let you know that the responsibility to maintain a “Roster of CGJA Committee Members” has been transferred from the Operations Committee to the MRC. This is no biggie, but now you know!

So, what is the membership picture after one year? On November 1st: last year 277 members, this year 335 members; last year 10 chapters, this year 11 chapters (need your help in this area); last year 15 counties without a single CGJA member, this year still 15 counties! The bright spot is Fresno County from 1 to 20 CGJA members, Kern County from 10 to 24 members, Marin County from 38 to 45 members, Butte County from 4 to 10 and Santa Cruz County from 1 to 7 members. These five counties increased their membership from 64 to 106. They should be congratulated.

It only takes one person in any county to make it happen.

I am fortunate there is a wealth of experience among the members of MRC, Presidents of two Independent Associations, Presidents of two Chapters, a couple of current jurors, four younger members who seem starved for work, two who have been around CGJA for a number of years with loads of background information and experience and then there is me. We need two volunteers in the South Region and one volunteer from the North Region to help in Chapter Formation and round out our team. Call me and volunteer.

Email me at hornet5@pacbell.net

Miguel Recipient of Angelo Rolando Award

The 2006 recipient of the Angelo Rolando Memorial Award is Ron Miguel, a member of the Training

Committee and of the San Francisco Chapter.

Graduate of U of San Francisco, retired small business owner, Ron served on the San Francisco Grand Jury 1995– 97. Foreman 1996-97.

From 1996 to 1999, Ron presented the interviewing workshop at the training seminars sponsored by Yuba County Citizens Alliance. In 2000, Ron began doing the Investigations presentations for CGJA. He is an excellent presenter with consistently high cores. Over the years in addition to the annual seminars, he also provided on site training for several counties. (approx. 15 counties from 2000-2006).

Ron has been an active member of the Training Committee. He is very dedicated to training and has contributed a lot of ideas, time and work to building the CGJA training program.

Ron also served on the CGJA Board of Directors 1999-2001.

At a meeting of the San Francisco chapter of the California Grand Jurors' Association on November 4th. the association's annual 2006 Angelo Rolando Award for Outstanding Service was presented to Ron Miguel, San Francisco. The award was presented by Director Serena Bardell on behalf of this year's award committee chair. Ourania Riddle, Solano County, and the Board of Directors. Bardell stated that Miguel is honored for his long time support of the association as a Director, a member of the Training Committee and most important, as a trainer in investigations for many years. The award was originally announced at the association's annual conference in Redding, CA, on October 19th.

Agenda and Minutes of Board of Directors Meetings Now Online

Based on member suggestions and a long-standing desire of the board, we have established a practice of putting our Board of Directors meeting agenda and minutes on our website, www.cgja.org

The CGJA Board of Directors encourages members to attend our bi-monthly teleconference Board meetings. However, due to limitations on our teleconferencing arrangement we require adherence to the following:

1. Agendas will be posted on our website on a new page "Board Agendas and Minutes." The agendas will be posted approximately 6 days prior to the meeting. Regular Board Meetings are the fourth Monday of odd-numbered months and normally start at 7:30 PM and are scheduled to end at 9:30 PM.
- 2.. If a member wishes to attend a meeting, address the Board on any matter or speak to a specific published agenda item, it is necessary for that member to contact the President or Secretary sufficiently in advance (no less than three days prior) of the meeting to reserve a time slot (2 to 3 minute time limit) and to request and receive the agenda packet background and support documents of the area of interest indicated by the member.
3. The member will be given the dial-in number and access code and the procedure for calling in. Be advised the phone number is in area code 916 (Sacramento) and the member will pay any toll call costs.
4. Upon being placed into the conference, members must announce their presence. Should a member decide to exit the conference that should also be announced.

Election of Directors 2006

The following directors were elected for two-year terms.

See Page 10 for contact information for all directors, officers, and committee chairs

North Region

Doug Clough = 129
Kathy Wylie = 128
Bill Hamilton = 118
Tim Colbie = 106

Central Region

Betty Mattea = 136
Earl Heal = 126
Joann Landi = 118
Irwin Taranto = 100

South Region

Jerry Lewi = 112
Lew Avera = 94
Walter Hofmann = 94
Dian Picone = 91

2006 Conference Organizing Committee

The Board of Directors thanks the following committee members for their effort in organizing and hosting the 2006 Annual Conference

Chair Harry Tully, Registration Bert Aarsen and Norma Taylor, Booklet Joan Day, Duane Mason and Marsha Caranci, Timers Lee McCulloch, Carole Quick and Joan Day, Tour Guide Mel Coster, Support Karen Jahr, Transcription Jean Hall

Ballot Measure Fails

The ballot measure that would have granted Chapters an additional vote for issues voted upon by the membership failed by a vote of 75 in favor and 85 opposed. This measure was submitted by the Board to the membership to end a long-standing issue over this matter. Ballots were returned with ballots for election of directors and counted and reported at the annual meeting.

Notice

Recently, several members have used an improperly obtained list of all members' email addresses and sent email messages to all on this list. Such a practice violates the CGJA Board policy and member privacy considerations. The Board urgently requests that all members honor this policy and not use such lists, or any part of the lists, for messages. Further, the Board requests that everyone destroy any such lists in their possession.

The Board is working to establish a method for members to share views by using our website. This will take some time to develop and we will keep you advised.

Thank you for your cooperation

Summary of Board Actions

9/25/06 Regular Meeting

Reassigned responsibility for the Journal and CGJA website to the Public Relations Committee.
Approved rules for membership attendance at Board meetings.
Appointed Teller Committee.

10/19/06 Special Meeting

Received certification of Board of Directors election from the Teller Committee.
Elected officers for 2006-2008.

Financial Report Jan-Sept 2006 - Not Audited

<i>Financial Report Jan-Sept 2006 - Not Audited</i>				
	Jan -Sep 2006	Budget	\$Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
Administration Income	343.49	300.00	43.49	114.5%
Finance Committee Income	1,245.38	1,858.00	-612.62	67.03%
Membership Committee Income	7,392.99	8,600.00	-1,207.01	85.97%
Operations Committee Income	4,255.27	7,650.00	-3,394.73	55.62%
Training Committee Income	40,272.14	43,495.00	-3,222.86	92.59%
Total Income	53,509.27	61,903.00	-8,393.73	86.44%
Expense				
Administration	1,954.18	3,925.00	-1,970.82	49.79%
Finance Committee Expenses	1,892.81	1,125.00	767.81	168.25%
Legal Committee Expenses	0.00	900.00	-900.00	0.0%
Membership Committee Expenses	561.46	3,170.00	-2,608.54	17.71%
Operations Committee Expense	6,056.67	11,627.00	-5,570.33	52.09%
Training Committee Expenses	38,309.43	41,116.00	-2,806.57	93.17%
Total Expense	48,774.55	63,124.00	-14,349.45	77.27%
Net Income	4,734.72	-1,221.00	5,955.72	-387.77%

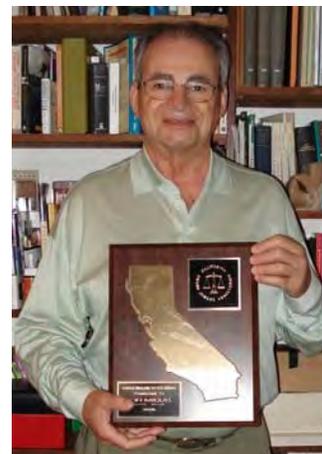
Awards 2006



*Earl Heal and Sherry Chesny
Sherry accepted the Excellence in
Reporting
award on behalf of Placer County Grand*



*Durania Riddle and Serena Bardell
Serena accepted the Angelo Rolando
Award from Durania on behalf of Ron
Miguel*



*2006 Angelo Rolando Award Recipient
Ron Miguel*



EIR Sub-committee Chair Earl Heal announced two awards in conformance with the standards of this committee. The first went to the 2004-5 and 2005-6 Butte County Grand Juries for special achievement in investigating and obtaining resolution of public school policies regarding assessment and collection of fees from students and control and disbursement of education funds. California education codes prohibit public schools from charging fees or deposits of a student except when specifically authorized by law. A survey by the 2004-5 jury revealed over one third of the County's schools were non-compliant. The District misspent over \$300,000 from a designated education fund. Bookkeeping of accounts was highly deficient. Receiving the award left to right are Buzz Buzzini, Willene Adams, Ivor Thomas, Tim Colbie, Earl Heal, and Mille Brazil.



The second award went to The Tribune of San Luis Obispo for its strong and continuing support of the San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury. The Tribune staff commenced that support through editorializing and reporting immediately after release of the 2004-5 report of the County parks program and has continued regularly to publicize the report and to inform the public of actions and inaction by the County Board of Supervisors regarding the Parks Department. . The Supervisors, as an immediate result of the publicity, provided additionally funding to the Parks Department and, more recently, authorized establishment of a task force to investigate the jury's issues and recommendations. The Parks Department staff credits the Grand Jury and The Tribune for the successful turnaround after years of declining County support. Accepting the award are SLO CGJA Chapter member Sandra Parker and Director Barbara Dabul



President Jerry Lewi awards the Lifetime Achievement Award to Director Sherry Chesny for her outstanding service to the association and to the grand jury system and in particular her seven years as chair of the Training Committee that has grown from training 300 jurors to 645 in the period of her leadership.