



Grand Jurors' Journal

Important Events

We don't know if Governor-elect Jerry Brown will designate February as Grand Jury Awareness Month, but as far as we are concerned, it is! Chapters should think about plans for this annual commemoration right away.

Next year's Annual Conference will be hosted by the Marin Chapter, with Chapter President Owen Haxton as conference chair. Exact dates in October have not been set, nor the actual site. Watch future Journals and our website for details.

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President's Message

By Keath North



First of all, I want to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Officers and Directors who served with such loyalty to the organization during their recently completed two year terms. Mr. Anthony Noce, our President for 2008-2010, has done so much to keep our Board and our committees as fully staffed with qualified people as possible. Former Directors Kathy Wylie, Dr. Walter D. Hofmann, and Owen Haxton have served admirably, and will continue to be major contributors to our ongoing success. Former Treasurer, Judi Lazenby, has made significant contributions to CGJA. Thank you all for your service.

I mentioned your Board of Directors. What a talented bunch of people. I can say without reservation, that I have never served with so many smart people. These are dedicated people, giving what are likely some of the most productive years of their lives to ensure the survival of this organization, and of the California grand jury system itself. Every one of them is smarter than I am. But, as I always say, it's smarter to be lucky than it's lucky to be smart. So, I count myself as very lucky to have such a strong, committed Board to help lead this organization into the future. That future will include:

- Efforts to ensure that the public in each county has access to grand jury reports and responses.
- A robust new website design and functionality, including e-Commerce capability and a live window featuring our very informative Blog right on the home page.
- More resources for current juries made available via the website.
- A Twitter account for instantaneous communication of important events.
- A Facebook page with links to educational and recruitment materials.
- A bold outreach to build public awareness and improve the diversity of our grand juries.
- Continued expansion of our training for new jurors statewide.

Having said all that, I want you to know that while I pride myself on being somewhat of a visionary, I don't always get it just right. I'll never forget the moment in college, as I was feeding punch cards into a monstrous computer that must have covered 2,000 square feet or so, I turned to my buddy and remarked – "Man, these computers are the wave of the future - one day they'll be as big as skyscrapers!" Was I ever wrong?

I may be wrong again, but I believe there exists a latent support for this great system in

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the average California citizen. Interest in local government has never been greater. How can we go wrong by tapping into that interest to increase our influence and our ability to plant the seeds for future service as a grand juror? To do so, we must continue to support our various Chapters and Associations around the state. They are the building blocks for dynamic future growth in our viability as well as in our numbers. The new and innovative Introductory Membership program has already begun to show its potential.

A big thanks to Meredith Avery and her crew in San Diego, and all those who helped make the Annual Conference a success.

I know I can say on behalf of our new Directors -

Meredith Avery, Dan Mufson (who is also our new Vice-President), and Darrel Petersen, our new Treasurer Dianne Hoffman, as well as those continuing to serve as Officers and Directors, our solemn promise that we will do our best. Please contact us with your ideas and suggestions. Fill out a volunteer interest form if you haven't done so, or if you haven't done so lately.

But most of all, I give my heartfelt thanks to YOU, for making the effort - NO - for making the CHOICE to support CGJA by your membership and your interest in this great system by your continued involvement. Thank you so much.

Have a safe and happy holiday season along with best wishes for a prosperous and Happy New Year!

CGJA Annual Conference 2010

Submitted By Jerry Lewi

Our Annual Conference in San Diego on October 21-22 at the Doubletree Club Hotel was, by all reports, very successful. There were 98 attendees including 18 current grand jurors. This issue will provide some of the highlights of the meeting.

Opening Session

Conference Chair Meredith Avery opened the conference that included welcoming remarks by CJGA President Tony Noce, Michael Roddy, Executive Officer, and the Honorable Kevin Enright, Presiding Judge, both of the San Diego Superior Court.

the decline in media coverage due to their economic problems. He cited four reasons given in a book on grand juries: Grand juries are a form of citizen inquiry, also an example of self-government, demonstrate greater responsibility and remind government that someone is watching.

Noce reported that 26 counties were represented as were 18 chapters and associations of former grand jurors.

Roddy stated that we need grand juries more than ever because of



Former CGJA President Pat Yoemans and former Director Audrey Lynberg, both Los Angeles Chapter



Welcoming remarks, Michael Roddy, Executive Officer, San Diego Superior Court



Kevin Enright, Presiding Judge, San Diego Superior Court

Judge Enright stated that local governments are grateful for the service

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Panel on Grand Jury Reports, L.D. Martin, Sherriff Bill Gore, Greg Clark

was made to the 2005-2006 Marin County Grand Jury for special achievement for their report "Defenseless at Arraignment: Lady Justice Lagging in Marin." This report uncovered a practice which compromised the right of equal justice as Marin County was found not to provide legal representation to indigent criminal defendants at their first court appearance, the arraignment hearing.

This practice violated legal principles of fundamental fairness and denied defendants their constitutional rights to legal representation throughout the entire criminal justice process. The report not only resulted in a pilot program and then permanent funding of public defender staff to guarantee to indigent defendants these important legal rights, but has had far reaching effects outside of Marin County; it has brought a level of awareness regarding the representation of indigent defendants at arraignment and is acting as a catalyst for other coun-

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provided by grand jurors. His advice to jurors is to be fair, avoid preconceived notions, be open-minded, and in short, be like a judge.

Options for Delivery of Grand Jury Reports

This panel of retired police officers, L.D. Martin, Greg Clark, and San Diego Sheriff Bill Gore described a process recently started by the San Diego Grand Jury to personally deliver reports to the affected agencies and officials during the 48-hour window prior to public release. The purpose of this process is to get greater acceptance of the findings and recommendations by going over the content and explaining them face-to-face. During the question and answer session, past jurors from San Diego supported this approach as having gained greater acceptance but many other speakers were skeptical and non-supportive. Concerns included loss of independence of the grand jury, a perception of being persuaded by the recipients and a risk of sharing information not included in the report.

Building Chapters and Training
Membership Relations Committee (MRC) Chair Dan Mufson chaired this session and opened with a brief history of CGJA's chapters. He then asked Chapter Presidents Joe Maloney, Wilda Davisson and Mac Small to share their experiences

about what makes chapters successful. Their remarks included the following:

Timing is important, finding a group interested at the conclusion of their grand jury service can be very effective. Reaching out to other chapters is helpful. You must have a plan, meet regularly and "just do it." Interesting speakers will always attract people. Maloney describes his chapter as an "R & D Project" as they are continually experimenting with what works and what doesn't. Small said it is important that a group "like one another." Davisson felt that having a



Chapter Presidents Joe Maloney, Wilda Davisson, Mac Small

project to follow up on past reports, including looking into compliance was important.

Excellence in Reporting Awards

Diane Dame Shepp, filling in for Sarah Simpson, EIR Chair, made these presentations.

The award for a grand jury report

ties to examine their practices. Marin County Public Defender Jose Varela recently declared, "This (program) ensures that all individuals in custody have access to legal representation at their first appearance before the court. We believe that the arraignment procedures ensure that incarcerated individuals

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Beate Boultinghouse receiving EIR Media Award on behalf of *San Francisco Chronicle* from Dianne Dame Shepp

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receive constitutionally valid representation at all stages of their criminal proceedings. The citizens of Marin are greatly benefited by this monumental change: indigent defendants' constitutional rights to fundamental fairness and legal representation are now guaranteed." This award was accepted by Catherine McKown, who was foreperson of that jury and Karin Hern.

The award of news media coverage was made to the *San Francisco Chronicle* newspaper for reporting accurately, completely and consistently on the activities of the San Francisco City and County Grand Jury. The award review committee found that the *San Francisco Chronicle* staff provided detailed and concerned coverage of the San Francisco Grand Jury report issued in June, 2010 entitled "PENSION TSUNAMI, The Billion Dollar Bubble." As a consequence of the public awareness engendered by this reporting, Proposition B was placed on the ballot for the November 2, 2010 election. This Proposition reads: Shall the City increase employee contributions to the Retirement System for retirement benefits; decrease employer contributions to

the Health Service System for health benefits for employees, retirees and their dependents; and change rules for arbitration proceedings about City collective bargaining agreements?

The news media serves a most vital role in informing citizens

of the watchdog efforts of the Grand Jury on their behalf. For its active and aggressive role in increasing public awareness of the grand jury as an institution, as well as the recognition of the 2009-2010 San Francisco Grand Jury's report calling attention to the serious economic situation facing the City of San Francisco, the *San Francisco Chronicle* earned this Certificate of Appreciation for Excellence in Reporting.

Accepting the award on behalf of the *Chronicle* was Beate Boultinghouse, President of the association's San Francisco Chapter.

Improving Media-Grand Jury Relationships

Chair, Lil Wagner

Participants: Phil Farrar(KOGO Radio), Paul Krueger(NBC Television), Tony Perry (Los Angeles Times),

Nancy Worlie(KPBS Public Television)

The format of this discussion was for Wagner to pose a question and ask each panelist to reply.

Question 1: What is important for grand juries to recognize?

Worlie: Timeliness of reports and the effect on the community

Krueger: The clout of the grand jury, know your media contacts, recognize you are attractive to the media, and dealing with timely issues

Farrar: How will a report affect listeners and what is its relevancy

Perry: Recognize the decline of media resources and their limited ability to cover grand jury issues thus increasing the importance of grand juries. Don't be exclusive, share with all media outlets.

Question 2: How should grand juries follow up on their reports?

Farrar: Hold a press conference

Perry: Recognize that grand juries tend to be not diverse and, by necessity, not transparent. Make reports more interesting

Krueger: Space reports out rather than releasing all at once.

Question 3: What accessibility to the grand jury is important to the media?

Perry: Do better work as many feel the grand jury doesn't account for much.

Farrar: Recognize that grand jurors are not experts, the press will verify information. He wants all informa-

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Media Panel – Lil Wagner, Moderator, Nancy Worlie, Paul Krueger, Tony Perry (not shown, Phil Farrar)

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tion as quickly as possible

Krueger: The information is more important than the recommendations. Therefore, it must be accurate.

Question 4: What is the information most needed by the media?

Perry: Know the players in the media

Worlie: Provide important facts; provide links to more detailed sources of information.

Krueger: Provide a good summary; maintain a media master list.

Question 5: What is unique to your media type?

Farrar (Radio): I want it "right now!"

Krueger (Commercial TV): Need reports early in the day, need a contact that is available

Worlie (Public TV): Since they deal in TV, Radio and Internet, be sure to embrace all new technology.

Angelo Rolando Award

The award to Diane Masini was presented by Jerry Lewi as a member of this year's committee. Through an internet connection, we were able to hear Diane from her home in Grass Valley (Nevada County). Unfortunately, the video portion of the hookup was not working, despite several successful trials earlier in the day. But we were able to hear Diane's acceptance. The plaque was handed to Mac Small, also from Ne-

vada County, who promised to deliver it to Diane with a suitable local ceremony.

Diane served on the Nevada County Grand Jury from 2001 to 2004, and again in 2006. She was a member of the jury's Audit/Finance, City Government, County Government, Health, Law and Public Relations committees. For four years, Diane acted as a volunteer to the Nevada County Superior Court as a "sworn in" assistant to the grand jury, offering her computer skills for report formatting for final publications, media releases and web page content.

Diane has been a member of CGJA since 2001 and was elected to the CGJA's Board of Directors in 2003 where she served through 2009. She now serves on their Public Relations and Publications Committees, acting as Assistant Webmaster, design/layout coordinator of the Association's *Journal*. She is also a board member of The Nevada County Chapter of the CGJA.

Legal Issues

Legislative Affairs Committee Chair Bill Trautman chaired this panel that included San Diego City Councilman Carl DeMaio, Karin Hern, Mac Small and Audrey Lynberg. Before introducing Trautman, Conference Chair Meredith Avery read a message that the San Diego City Council had approved a resolution

introduced by Councilman DeMaio that created a committee to review the implementation of grand jury recommendations. This will reinstate a practice adopted by the city several years ago but abandoned. Avery's comment was "We're back!"

Some highlights from this panel: DeMaio urged juries not to allow agencies and officials to hide behind an alleged legal claim to avoid change. When this occurs, check the law and use your legal advisors if necessary. Regarding the practiced described in the earlier panel, Hern advised that one purpose of the 48-hour period is to get feedback on the accuracy (although an agency might not report this and will then be prepared to instantly attack the report), but be sure to stay within the content of the report. When confronted with the possibility of a county counsel having a possible conflict of interest because they also represent the government, use other legal advisors such as the District Attorney or the judge. In response to a question about witness admonition, Trautman stated that under any grand jury proceeding, a witness is free to state publicly what they knew but may not state what they learned as a result of the grand jury proceeding. Lynberg reported there is an effort to change some aspects of the Brown Act relating to public notice. There was consensus that dur-

Legal Issues Panel

L to R Moderator Bill Trautman,

Karin Hern, Mac Small,

Audrey Lynberg,

San Diego City Councilman

Carl DeMaio



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ing election years grand juries and jurors should avoid political issues.

Walter Ekard, Chief Administrative Officer, San Diego County

Ekard offered his perspective on the state of government, which is in a mess. He believes the state government is broke and "hopeless." He has offered his approach which is to create at the state level the equivalent of a county chief administrative officer or city manager. These individuals provide day-to-day nuts and bolts operations to keep local governments running smoothly and efficiently. There is no equivalent position with the state. He acknowledges his idea hasn't gained much traction.

A major problem for all levels of government is that the public has lost confidence. The media is engaged in bashing government and provides a distorted view which is having a disheartening effect on government employees most of whom are honest, hardworking folks.

The media has also adopted more of a watchdog role and less of a reporting role. This means they are paying less attention to the work of grand juries.

Ekard then explained how he initiated the effort that created the San Diego Implementation Review Committee 27 years ago as an aide to a county supervisor. For this system to remain effective there must be volunteers willing to do it; a Board of Supervisors and Chief Administrative Officer willing to be held accountable; and a champion.

After his remarks, Chair Avery reintroduced Ekard to offer a stirring rendition of "America the Beautiful" to a standing and teary-eyed audience. What a fitting way to close the conference.

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Report to Membership and Open Forum
Submitted by, Secretary Joann Landi

Moderator: Tony Noce,

CGJA President



President Tony Noce

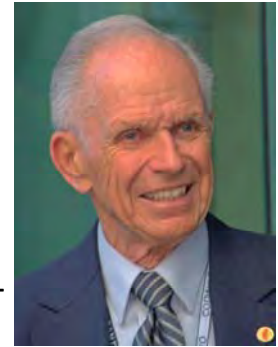
The President made reference to his report in the October Journal. He stated that annual reports from the standing chairs will be published in the next Journal. He made special note of some of the following accomplishments:

- Eleven years ago CGJA trained 40 jurors. In 2010, 889 jurors participated in the training.
- A generic DVD to educate and recruit grand jurors was recently completed by the Humboldt Chapter and is available for sale.
- We have begun to store documents on a secure website.
- The Board has been reduced to twelve directors this year. Matters are being handled efficiently and are thoroughly vetted.
- His parting thought is that he would like to believe that eventually other states will go back to seating grand juries with California as a model.



Open Forum

Moderator: Jerry Lewi



The purpose of this session is to hear questions and comments about grand jury practices.

•Dave Mendelson, Napa:

Has anyone had college students serve on a jury who were chosen by a judge by-passing the lottery process? This was tried in Kern County, but through the regular process. Merced had 2 students chosen via regular process. There was one student in San Luis Obispo about 5-6 years ago; however, selection process is unknown. In short, Jerry said he is not aware of any chosen in the manner mentioned by Mr. Mendelson. Bill Trautman researched and believes the judge has authority to make selections in the manner cited. A judge can select jurors to holdover for a consecutive term.

•Chuck McClain, El Dorado: Have other counties used alternative methods of selecting alternates, i.e. chosen by the foreperson. This isn't a good idea because the foreperson is not authorized by the Penal Code to choose alternates.

•Dianne Hoffman, Orange: the San Bernardino Grand Jury asked for funds to conduct a study; the judge held over 5-6 jurors for continuity to pursue that study, first time San Bernardino has allowed holdovers.

•Lois Wagener, San Diego: In the midst of a pension inquiry, the judge was asked to hold over some jurors to continue the review; he declined.

Training Committee: Lew Avera

He introduced the Trainers who

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were present and recognized others who volunteer and help. CGJA currently has a roster of 13 trainers.

Legislative Affairs Committee:

Bill Trautman

There are about 10 members of the Committee and they receive questions about practices and legal issues from sitting jurors and associations. The Committee does not give legal advice. The questions are circulated to the Committee and members of the Training Committee. All those views are used to form a response. During the past 12 months, approximately 25-30 questions have been handled. We try to be helpful and accurate.

Finance Committee:

Marsha Caranci

This Committee was reinstated in 2010. She thanked Committee members Dianne Hoffman, Karin Hern and Judi Lazenby. We are now producing monthly financial reports for the Board. (See separate report)

Membership Relations Committee

(MRC): Dan Mufson

Dan presented the Committee’s annual report relative to membership and introduced Committee members.

- CGJA encourages new chapters and members.
- Maintains relationships with chapters and associations.
- Added three new chapters.
- Established Introductory Member (IM) program.
- Established regional meeting of 6 out of the 7 Bay Area Chapters and would like to see that happen in other areas of the State.
- Membership is stagnant.

- We have 4 chapters with less than 5 members.
- Introductory Members pay no dues and are not eligible to vote but do receive the Journal.
- There are currently 225 voting members and 325 Introductory Members—the key to growth of the Association.
- MRC would like to help in mentoring Introductory Members. The challenge is to have them become regular members of CGJA .

•2010-11 Goals:

- (1) Support Introductory Members;
- (2) Expand regional meetings;
- (3) Involve members; and
- (4) Reestablish Chapter projects.

•Forms of CGJA participation:

- (1) serve on Board;
- (2) serve on a committee;
- (3) be a member of a chapter; or
- (4) be an individual member.

Public Relations: Jerry Lewi

Our achievements this year have been our products:

- (1) Website Blog which is hosted and updated by Kathy Wylie;
- (2) a recruitment poster developed by Keath North and Diane Masini (this can be personalized);

- (3) book on California Grand Jury System which has been very popular with new grand jurors;
- (4) the Grand Jury Achievement Report and Daye Index (formerly GRIP) now on our website; and last but not least,
- (5) the DVD explaining the grand jury system. This was the brainchild of Keath North who wrote, produced, directed, and had a bit part. This was a project of the Humboldt Chapter and was produced by Access Humboldt, the local public access Cable TV channel. The 5-minute DVD was played for the attendees. The primary audience for this DVD is the courts where it can be shown in the petit jury assembly room. It is also a tool that could be used during presentations to service groups. Patti Basehart, Marin County Court Liaison, thanked Keath for the diversity depicted in the DVD.

This segment of the Report to Membership ended at 12:00 P.M. At 4:22 P.M., Bonnie Kenk, Chair of the Tellers Committee announced the election results:

Northern Region:

Marsha Caranci, Darrel Petersen

Central Region:

Joann Landi, Dan Mufson

Southern Region:

Meredith Avery, Jerry Lewi



Blake Lawless, Mike Foster, and Jim Ferrara from the current 2010/2011 San Diego County GJ



Chapter/Association Presidents' Breakfast

By Dan Mufson, MRC Chair

Who could believe that over 15 chapter/association officers gathered at 7AM to discuss common issues? It was a good opportunity to meet counterparts to exchange ideas. The biggest issue confronting chapters is how to maintain and build member participation. For many, this was their first Annual Conference. Most of those present at breakfast focus their CGJA-energy on their local issues: There was a lively discussion of the nature of the relationship between their organizations and the state exposing a perceived chasm. All acknowledge the importance of the state association to run programs such as training but otherwise seemed to feel isolated by those in power. The efforts of the MRC to support communication among chapters were acknowledged as well as the help-wanted column to encourage more members to become active at the state level. The importance of chapter members supporting the CGJA via dues was discussed.

The recent Regional Meeting of the Bay Area Chapters was said to be a good way to build the chapters, member enthusiasm and hence the association. Marian Mosley and Larry Walker have stepped up to organize a Central Valley regional

meeting early next year while Bonnie Kenk, Joe Moreland and Mac Small expressed interest in such meetings in their neighborhoods. Wilda Davisson has suggested using these regional forums to discuss how to best investigate regional agencies.

REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE Annual Conference 2010

By Marsha Caranci, Finance Chair

CGJA continues to grow financially, operating with a beginning budget for 2010 of around \$100,000 in both income and expenses. CGJA operates on a cash-based accounting system, so the financial reports provided by the Treasurer are year-to-date figures only, but they do show that we have succeeded so far in meeting most of our budget projections for the year.

The Finance Chair has assisted the Treasurer throughout the year by providing oversight of the finances of the corporation, as well as in preparing and disseminating financial reports. An end-of-year annual report for 2009 was presented to the membership in the April edition of the *Grand Jurors' Journal*, and is posted on our web site. But our most significant achievement has been to provide accurate financial reports to the Board of Directors on a monthly basis since the beginning of 2010,

when this Committee was reinstated by the President.

The Finance Chair has reviewed the books and records of the Association, including the records of the CGJA Training Program and of the 2009 Annual Conference, and has found all to be in order.

The Finance Committee is currently managing the budget preparation process for 2011 and will have a proposed budget ready to present to the Board of Directors for approval prior to the end of the 2010 fiscal year, a process that has not happened in a timely fashion for several years.

Going forward, the Finance Committee needs to work with the Board of Directors to revise and better define the CGJA Policies that pertain to the financial matters of the corporation, and to identify the financial goals for the upcoming fiscal year.

It has been a pleasure to serve CGJA in the role of Finance Chair during 2010, and I appreciate the support and patience that I have received.

2010 Annual Conference By Meredith Avery, Chair

It is hard to believe that the California Grand Jurors' Association Annual Conference was a month ago. It was a great pleasure for the Past Grand Jurors Association(PGJA) of San Diego County to host this most important event.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who were essential to making this conference the success that it was. First, I want to thank the CGJA for their advice and support. Second, I want to thank members of the PGJA and volunteers,



Conference Chair Meredith Avery and Committee Member David Higgins

whose tireless efforts to create panels and procure speakers, create the program, register participants, take pictures and amass products for our 'goody' bags, made this a great meeting. Their accomplishments were without parallel. I would also like to take this opportunity to personally thank Laura Nicks, Coordinator for the San Diego County Grand Jury for her support, expertise and ceaseless efforts to see this conference come to pass.

We are very proud to have participated at this level and look forward with great anticipation to the 2011 Annual Conference in Marin County. Thanks again to everyone and we look forward to seeing you all next year!



Tom McCarthy, Walter Hofmann, Conference Committee Members

Meeting of the Bay Area CGJA Chapters November 13, 2010

By Leslie Koelsch, San Francisco Chapter

Summary: Twenty-two members representing the Contra-Costa, Napa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Sonoma Chapters attended their second regional meeting on November 13, 2010. Keath North, President of the CGJA, joined us to share his ideas for increasing interest in grand jury participation.

After opening remarks by Beate Boultinghouse, of San Francisco, and host Owen Haxton, of Marin, members discussed following up on responses to reports, improving the diversity of grand jury members, getting more people involved in chapter membership, and improving the jury's media attention.

Editor Note: We have edited out much of this very complete report as the information about the Annual Conference in San Diego has been covered elsewhere in this issue.

The regional meeting discussion continued with stressing the importance of media information at CGJA training. Keath mentioned that there would be webinars during the year for follow-up training. Chapter members could provide this information to sitting grand juries prior to report release.

The question was asked – what do we want to get from our annual conferences. Under the CCC, an annual meeting is required. However, more emphasis could be placed on regional conferences where issues relevant to the local chapters could be discussed in more depth.

Melissa Jones moderated and Ellen Stillman and Barbara Cogbill prepared a basic guideline document for interviewing respondents from CGJ reports of previous years. As it

stands now, an entity must give the following responses to Grand Jury recommendations: implemented; will be implemented; requires further study; or will not be implemented. Ed Suden, Napa Chapter, proposed the following addition to Penal Code 944.05(2) and (3): A status report shall be filed with the Court on six month intervals from the date of publication of the grand jury report until a status report indicates that the recommendation has been implemented or a decision has been made not to implement the recommendation.

There was much discussion of the role of a CGJA chapter in following-up on Grand Jury reports. Are there issues of liability? Is this in compliance with the Penal Code and with mandates as a chapter of CGJA? Should former jurors pursue continuity as private citizens? Do sitting jurors want CGJA chapters following up on reports? One chapter has considered a follow-up as an oversight and audit committee to distinguish itself from a sitting jury's continuity committee with the goal of building a body of past jurors who will attend BOS and other official meetings where reports are discussed. Suggestions included verifying if recommendations were budgeted as agreed and asking the presiding judge to include an admonition that a jury must consider if prior year reports have been responded to satisfactorily. San Francisco's City Controller (www.sfgov.org/controller) follows up on reports annually and provides the status of each report online. This information is then posted on the county website creating a database reflecting any shortcomings, and providing the information to the sitting grand jury. One county has a response committee to assure that responses are complete. A Grand Jury should provide instruc-

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tions to the respondents with the reports to help the subject respond properly to the findings and recommendations.

Participants felt the meeting was quite worthwhile and are looking forward to the next one in February. The agenda for February will include the interviewing of prospective jurors for the court as well as addressing what makes for a healthy relationship between the court, the jury and the CGJA.

News From Grand Jurors Association of Orange County

By Joe Moreland, President

We will be losing some valuable Board talent at the end of the year when Carlos Olvera, Jerry Kranz, Rose Moreno, and Charlene Clark step down. They have all served with distinction and will be sorely missed. Rose Moreno has been our institutional memory and motivator for more years than most of us have been members...hopefully she won't relinquish ALL of her duties when she leaves the Board.

At a special meeting of the new Board on November 4, officers for 2011 were selected. The new officers include: Joe A. Moreland, President; Bob Fauteux, 1st Vice-president; Charlotte Fox, 2nd Vice-president; Viola Sadler, Secretary; Joe M. Quiros, Treasurer; Carol Duensing, Parliamentarian; Terry Dancey, Sergeant-at-Arms; and Cheryl Brothers, Newsletter Editor. Installation of officers will be formalized at a swearing-in ceremony to be conducted by Judge David O. Carter at our December 2 luncheon.

The Association solicited volunteers to serve on the GJAOC Speakers Bureau last month. Lew Avera, Carlos Olvera, Linda Rogers, Lynn Bonas, Howard Mirowitz, An

Nguyen, Dianne Hoffman, Ann Andres, and Charlotte Fox volunteered to accept speaking invitations that may arise. Such invitations aren't frequent but when they come up, it is comforting to know that there are members willing and able to serve as public speakers. Having a stable of speakers proved its value when the Fullerton courthouse asked us to send someone to speak to their petit juror pool about grand jury recruitment. Lynn Bonas agreed to speak on short notice and gave presentations to two petit juror pools.

Osher Course Conducted at University of California Riverside

On November 3rd and 4th Lew Avera and Jerry Lewi conducted a course at the UC Riverside chapter of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Because of Riverside County's large geographical area and their OLLI membership, we were invited to speak at two locations: Rancho Mirage and the City of Riverside, near the main university campus. To meet these demands, the complete six-hour course was given each day at the two sites.

Total enrollment for the two sites was 50 students. The discussion was lively with many excellent questions. At Riverside, Lew and Jerry were joined by Gail Soursais, the Riverside County Grand Jury Secretary who made a presentation on the Riverside jury selection process and their complaint form. Gail, who conducts a three-week training program each year for the grand jury, displayed the actual tumbler box used to make the random drawing.

The Osher chapter also purchased for each enrollee our new book, *The California Grand Jury System*, which

serves as an excellent text book for these courses as the material is virtually the same – Grand Jury History, Law and how a grand jury operates.

Meredith Avery and Walter Hofmann sat in to help them decide how to put on courses at the three Osher chapters in San Diego County.

This is our eighth Osher course presentation. We have contacted several additional chapters for additional courses. This is another good example of a CJGA Chapter project as all of the remaining Osher chapters in California are conveniently located near one of our chapters.

Please contact Betty Mattea or Jerry Lewi if you are interested in putting on a program. It is very easy to arrange and we have material to help you put together a program.

Have you submitted a report for the GJAR?

The *Grand Jury Achievement Report* is a collection of grand jury reports from all counties and all years that have resulted in an improvement in local government, the ultimate goal of all reports.

Please check out the new report on our website and then contribute your own candidate report. A form for this with instructions may also be found on our website. Click on the tab "Grand Jury Achievement."

We are convinced there are hundreds of reports that need to be added to this report. Make it your goal to submit at least one. Chapters engaged in report follow-up should be able to submit multiple candidates.



California Grand Jurors' Association Membership Form

CGJA promotes government accountability by improving the training and resources available to California's 58 regular grand juries and educating the public about the substantial local government oversight and reporting powers these grand juries have.

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Marin will be the site of the 2011 Conference

Ask the Trainer December 2010

This is another in 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

Marsha Caranci, CGJA Training Chair

Complaints

By now you may have received a number of citizen complaints, so here are some reminders of what you may do. Your procedures for handling complaints should be documented in your jury-approved procedures manual.

First of all, you are not required to investigate any complaint, no matter the source. No one can tell a grand jury what it should or should not investigate (there are exceptions to be found in your manual).

As a common courtesy, you should acknowledge receipt of the complaint, and you may or may not wish to state whether or not you will investigate.

You may advise the originator that the matter might better be handled with another agency. If that is your advice, return all material to the originator.

Here are a few real life examples to test your skill at dealing with complaints. Decide whether or not your jury should investigate any of these. Our suggested answers may be found on page _____. Don't cheat! Finally, it will be your decision.

Typical Grand Jury Complaints

1. The neighbor's dog constantly barks. Animal Control won't do anything about it. Can you investigate?

2. The county was supposed to have fixed the road by my house last summer after a winter storm washed it out. They won't respond to my calls asking for a completion date.
3. Several Independent Special Districts are not filling their board vacancies in accordance with the law and their own bylaws. I have attached minutes of their meetings to document my position.
4. I am a prisoner in State Prison in your county. The food is miserable and we can't get any satisfaction. Is there anything you can do?
5. The United Way is mismanaging their funds and should be investigated.
6. The Library Foundation is mismanaging their funds and should be investigated.

Suggested Action

1. Certainly you can, probably would not, but you might want to watch out for a pattern of behavior
2. No. Suggest they contact the road department, or if that hasn't been effective, contact the appropriate elected official.
3. Probably yes, particularly as it appears to be well-documented.
4. Could be included as part of mandatory inquiry into prisons and comment made to prison officials, but not a formal report (see information on Jail Inspections behind Tab 8 in the CGJA Training Manual).
5. No – cannot investigate non-profit unless – see 6.
6. Yes, you may if Foundation exists solely to support public library.

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By Bette Flick and Marsha Caranci

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Summary of Board Action

By Joann Landi

September 28, 2010

Approved Marin County proposal to host 2011 Annual Conference

Established restricted fund for the Zepp bequest

Approved recommendation by Angelo Rolando Ad Hoc Committee for the 2010 award

Approved EIR Work Group recommendations for the 2009-2010 EIR Awards

Approved Ad Hoc Bylaw Review Committee recommended changes

Approved modification to the Introductory Member program

Approved distribution of the recruitment DVD

Approved dissolution of the Ad Hoc Bylaw Review Committee

November 23, 2010

Approved releasing to Chapters, a list of active CGJA members in their respective counties

Ratified President's committee chair appointments

Ratified 2011 meeting schedule



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