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President's Message

By Jerry Lewi

January's Board of Directors' meeting attended to some important year-beginning tasks including adoption of the operating budget for 2006 and the setting of Association goals. The Board has historically discussed goals during the annual retreat conducted in conjunction with the annual conference and then formally adopt them in a subsequent meeting.

In my view, one of the most important goals we have adopted is to find a way to document the good work of California Grand Juries. This is a daunting task that has been addressed many times in various ways, but never reduced to a steady and consistent pattern.

There are several CGJA activities that relate to this goal: Our annual Grand Jury Report Indexing Project Report (GRIP), our annual Excellence in Reporting awards, and frequent articles in our Journal are good examples.

Documenting good Grand Jury work will help foster and support the system by educating the public about the value of Grand Juries and should also help recruiting efforts. Since the association's mission can be summed up in one word - education - this goal is in total alignment

with our mission.

I hope to form a small working group to address this goal. My approach is to first develop a process that can be documented and used consistently across the state and over a period of time, so that we regularly produce some kind of document that should grow with time. Then with a process in place, we can start collecting and cataloging results.

How do you define “Good Work?” Our Excellence in Reporting award criteria is a good start. We not only require a compelling Grand Jury report, but require that it produce positive action. That may be too strict a definition, but a start.

I would welcome any ideas on this subject from any individual member or Chapter.

In other news, I am pleased that over thirty members who had not renewed their membership this past year have decided to accept our offer to return to the fold. Welcome back!

Summary of Board Actions

The CGJA Board of Directors took the following Actions at the November 28, 2005 Regular Meeting.

- Received and filed Notes from Board Retreat October 28-29, 2005.
- Approved “deletion of Chapter voting right.”
- Approved Revision of Board meeting Rules.
- Approved Finance Goals for 2006 and related budget.
- Approved to spend funds in first quarter 2006 pending budget approval
- Approved to send a letter to past members who have not renewed their membership.

Nominating Committee

By Jerry Lewi

Each year, the President appoints a Nominating Committee for the annual election of Directors. The committee consists of three Directors, one from each region, and three members, one from each region. One of the Director members serves as Chair. If you are interested in serving on this committee as a member please **contact me by March 1, 2006**.

The task of the committee includes advertising for members interested in serving as a Director through this Journal and by personal contact; compiling a list of candidates (we seek more candidates than offices in order to conduct a “competitive election;” securing biographies of candidates, mailing out the ballot to the entire membership, with the ballots, and receiving the ballots to be turned over to the Teller Committee at the time of the annual conference. This last duty falls to the Chair only.

Mark your Calendar

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The annual CGJA conference is scheduled for October 19-21, 2006, at the Holiday Inn in Redding, CA.

For information contact Harry Tully Tel:530.224.9961 or e-mail: <htully@aol.com>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legal Affairs

Jack Zepp, Chair

The California legislature is back in session and your Legal Affairs Committee, formerly the Legal Committee, is monitoring legislative activities for signs of proposals that might be adverse to the civil oversight system of California's grand juries. If we find anything of note we will post an alert on the CGJA website, <www.cgja.org> At this writing there is nothing pending or, so far as we know, in the works, that would be inimical to the watchdog function.

The Legal Affairs Committee is considering whether to take on a role in CGJA's ongoing desire to create a collection of materials which reflect public recognition, by government, the media or otherwise, of actual changes that resulted from a grand jury Final Report. CGJA has tried various methods of obtaining such information over the years, but the effort is always hampered by our inability to monitor what is reported in all but the largest cities. If you have any instance of a public recognition of a good result flowing from a grand jury report please forward it on to me or any CGJA officer or committee chair. Thanks.

The Legal Affairs Committee was saddened to lose the significant contributions of Mike Casey (Marin) who, after years of dedication to the committee, has moved on to newer callings. He will be missed. If any reader is interested in joining the committee please contact me. The work is interesting and the members congenial, but the pay is horrible.

Membership & Chapter Relations

Owen Haxton, Chair

It seems like only yesterday when the Membership Relations Committee's (MRC) column for the CGJA *Journal* winged its way toward the editor. Time does fly when you are involved in volunteer activities to which you are committed. Please note there was no mention of enjoying. Enjoy comes only after some degree of success. And speaking of success, in November of last year CGJA had 168 members; today we stand 318 strong. There were 15 counties in which there were no CGJA members, today there remain 12 counties without CGJA representation. CGJA has 10 Chapters in good standing with two on the verge of making the decision to join CGJA. Now that is typed, there is a resulting small amount of joy.

In the last issue of the *Journal* the MRC reached out and invited volunteers to contact the committee at hornet@pacbell.net if you are interested in becoming involved. And by the way, there is enough joy to go around. There is a specific need for volunteers from Los Angeles, Kern, Orange, San Bernardino, San Diego, Kings, Riverside, Contra Costa, Shasta, Humboldt and Placer. Send me an email.

As indicated in the December *Journal*, if you are experienced in Grant writing CGJA needs your help. However, suggesting you contact the MRC was written too quickly. In reality it is the Finance Committee you should contact by email, <grooms1j@verison.net> Give Ira a call. Help is always welcome.

Although membership, in most successful organizations is a year-round effort, it seems that here, we go to work after the fact. That approach needs to end now. In counties where there is no chapter or affiliated organization, each member of CGJA needs to contact your fellow former

grand jurors. Invite several to a no-host lunch and make the pitch. Before you leave the house for lunch, go the CGJA web site and print out several membership applications and copies of the purposes of CGJA. Shoot, you might even enjoy lunch and bragging about the reports your jury published.

If you are a chapter of an affiliated organization it is even more imperative that you start your membership drive now. Of course not many will join now, but repetition is important. Ask them today to commit to joining in May. After all, to a grand juror, a commitment is a commitment.

Operations

Les Daye, Chair

The CGJA Operations Committee has affirmed its 2006 goals during the most recent January teleconference.

Excellence in Reporting (EIR) has sent a letter announcing the current year program, including criteria to be used in judging submissions and a July 15, 2006 deadline. See the Grand Jurors' Journal for full details. The CGJA website <www.cgja.org> is your online view of the continuing mission to educate the public on the grand jury civil function throughout California's 58 counties.

A necessary part of planning the functioning of this Committee is the budget, which is submitted for review and approval each year. While the subject may seem trivial and even boring, for a unique organization of volunteers seeking to give purpose and meaning to a mission statement involving active education and printed material resources, having dollars to do the job is critical. The CGJA is always searching for ways to involve its membership in continuing activities and exchange of ideas.

Participation as a current or former grand juror means CGJA will carry on a tradition of service that marks "25" years, this October. Stay tuned.

Training

Sherry Chesny, Chair

The Training Committee is currently working on establishing the dates, locations and actual sites for the 2006 Regional Training Seminars. These are 2-day training seminars for the new grand jurors who will be impaneled in July, 2006.

We began in 2000 with a Sacramento and a Concord seminar. In 2001 we added a third seminar in the south-central region which has been held in Bakersfield (2001) San Luis Obispo (2002) and Visalia (2003-2005). A fourth seminar was added in 2004 to serve the northern counties and has been held in Redding (2004-2005)

On January 23, 2006 the CGJA Board of Directors approved a request from the Training Committee to add a new, fifth seminar in the Los Angeles area with the provision that if insufficient interest is expressed to support both Los Angeles and Visalia, the Training Committee would eliminate one of these two sites and conduct only four seminars. One of our committee members, Jack Zepp (Orange Co.), is in charge of our effort to add a Los Angeles area seminar. If you are interested in this project or have questions, please contact Jack Zepp at <jack.zepp@LW.com> or by phone 949-244-2529.

Following are the scheduled dates for the 2006 Training Seminars. We are still in the process of selecting the hotels so check the CGJA website, <www.CGJA.org>, for updated information or contact me at <sherry.c@cebridge.net> or 530-878-8248.

Los Angeles Area Seminar Two days during the week of July 17-21, 2006
Sacramento Seminar July 24-25, 2006
Redding Seminar July 27-28, 2006
Concord Seminar July 31-Aug. 1, 2006
Visalia Seminar August 7-8, 2006.

From the Mailbox

Recruiting new grand jurors

Around the state recruitment of grand jurors for 2006/07 is in process. The following letter written by CGJA members Jack Zepp, Sheldon Singer and Lew Avera appeared in newspapers in Orange County. "Permission is granted by the original authors of this letter to any present or past grand juror to copy or modify the letter for transmittal to their local newspapers over their signatures."

Editor:

We write to encourage your readers to apply for the 2006-07 Orange County Grand Jury. As past grand jurors we found that participation had at least three exceptional benefits not usually available to ordinary citizens.

First you will have direct input into both the judicial and governmental functions of your county. Second, you will gain a significantly enhanced understanding of both the judicial system in your county and of the operations and personnel involved in local government. The third benefit is a bit more difficult to describe, but it consists of a renewed sense of faith in citizen democracy, in the idea that people of good faith may, despite their initial disagreements, find common ground after exposing their ideas to challenge and debate, ultimately leading to consensus views.

Applications are available from the courts or on line.

Jack Zepp

Director and past president, California Grand Jurors' Association Member, Marin and Orange Country Grand Jurors Associations

Sheldon Singer

Foreperson, Orange County Grand Jury 1998-99. Past president and current member, Orange County Grand Jurors Association

Lew Avera

Foreperson, Orange County Grand Juror 2004-05 Member, California Grand Jurors' Association Member, Orange County Grand Jurors Association.

Job Duties for Grand Juror

By Hedy Damery, Foreperson 2005-2006 San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury

The ideal candidate for this position must be able and willing to:

- Spend at least 20 hours a week working with nineteen total strangers in a group where everyone is equal and there is no boss, and where many members will have been their own boss or CEOs in the past.
- Begin work immediately, but with no structure or rules for operating until the group can create them.
- Park his or her car across town and walk to the building in all kinds of weather, and then sit through long meetings in overcrowded rooms that are always too hot or too cold (because no-one can agree on the thermostat setting).
- Work closely in committees, with people who may be either argumentative, obstinate and overbearing or smart, funny and talented.
- Review complaints from the public and separate the few worth investigating from the majority which are illegible, misguided, obscene.
- Spend hours arguing (or listening to arguments) about the use of commas vs. semicolons and whether 'grand jury' should be capitalized.
- Become part of a cohesive, collegial team that must produce a letter-perfect and valid report to the community by a fixed date.
- Work hard, get little or no recognition or pay, and keep everything secret forever.
- Hear a neighbor say, "Oh yeah, you were on the grand jury – what was the crime?"

CHAPTER REPORTS

SAN LUIS OBISPO CHAPTER

On January 24, the San Luis Obispo County Chapter hosted a luncheon for print and electronic media representatives to highlight the designation of February as "Grand Jury Awareness Month." The purposes of the designation are to increase citizen awareness of the importance of the grand jury and to help motivate citizens to apply to serve as grand jurors beginning in July 2006. The board of supervisors and the councils of the county's seven incorporated cities each made the designation through formal proclamations. Speakers included the assistant presiding judge of the Superior Court, the executive officer of the Superior Court, the foreperson of the county's sitting Grand Jury, Don Blythe (president of the chapter), and Jerry Lewi (president of the CGJA). Speaking from different viewpoints, they talked about the importance, selection process, and functioning of the grand jury.

Five media representatives attended, asking many questions and taking copious notes. All received media packets that included news releases, a grand jury orientation paper, and a CD containing the word files. The chapter also distributed the media packets to media personnel who could not attend.

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER

By Serena Bardell, Outreach chair

I thought some Journal readers might be interested in various recent face-to-face and e-mail discussions and debates among San Francisco Chapter members:

- Is proxy voting by grand jurors a common and/or good practice?
- How much leeway in terms of foreseeable absenteeism should be granted prospective jurors? (This issue arises because SF, perhaps more than many counties, seeks to have as much diversity as possible among its jurors, which can mean employed individuals with less scheduling flexibility than most retirees.)
- Should *sitting* jurors be encouraged to or discouraged or actually prohibited from making public presentations to recruit the next year's panel?

I'd like to hear the opinions and practices of fellow members of CGJA. Perhaps Editor Riddle will be gracious enough to make room for your (brief) comments, so we can all expand our knowledge of how different juries and chapters/associations deal with the issues.

Editor's note: Comments should be sent directly to Director Bardell <sbardell@aol.com> for compilation.

SOLANO CHAPTER

By Wanda Kiger-Tucker, President

Due to recent actions by the CGJA Board of Directors the Solano Chapter has unanimously voted to take some rather drastic measures. We have filed a complaint with the California Attorney General for two reasons: (1) Violation of Corporation Code 5150 regarding voting rights, (2) Extraordinary waste of funds spent on attorney fees defending errors and questionable actions of this board.

Our chapter requested the Board to discuss at the November 28, 2005, regular Board meeting our concerns in regards receiving late ballots, and other voting irregularities. We asked that they respond with some plan of action to see that we did not have this problem next year - which would be three years in a row. The Board refused to take time to consider and address our concerns. Instead they voted to rescind the chapters' right to vote in the election of Directors of the Association. However, we believe, the board's decision accomplishes nothing. California Corporations Code requires approval by the entire membership to change voting rights.

Another requirement this board has imposed is dual membership. Chapter members can not even be eligible to vote on their local chapter issues if they are not members of the state Association. The CGJA has lost a lot of members and chapters because, we believe, of this requirement. Looking back we have observed how this board has tried to sweep other serious issues under the rug, particularly the Taranto issue, when they told the membership not to talk about it anymore or ask any questions. This was obviously an attempt to keep the membership from learning they had wasted thousands of dollars of CGJA money defending actions they had taken against Dan Taranto. The letter of apology left us wondering about the competence of the board and their ability to govern the corporation. Then the voting fiasco occurred.

Our chapter considered withdrawing from the state association, but decided to remain and try to hold this board accountable for their actions and get us back on track of doing things in a professional manner. We obviously have no input and no voice as a chapter, but we will hang in there.

Members are dropping away at an unprecedented number and if we don't do something this association will rot away from the inside out. We have got to remember our mission and start by being above board in all areas. We are all volunteers and some good directors have resigned

because of too much baloney and sweeping under-the-rug. Integrity and honesty is the watchword for the future growth of this organization. If that takes new leadership and a new board, so be it.

From Here and There!

Opinions expressed are those of the writers

County supes OK AMR contract

Tracy News San Joaquin News Service

A complaint filed with the San Joaquin County civil grand jury and a request to clarify how ambulances are dispatched did not stop the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors from voting to finalize a contract with American Medical Response (AMR) to become the sole ambulance provider in Tracy, Lodi and Stockton. The vote was 5-0.

“The key areas in this are the response times, the accountability and the fixed costs to the consumer,” San Joaquin County Health Care Director Ken Cohen said. “We have every confidence that this contract improves the performance in this county from the current system.”

The grand jury complaint was filed by Priority One Medical Transport, an ambulance company that bid for the contract AMR received. It said the county did not follow its own protocol for selecting service providers. The complaint was forwarded to a research committee, according to the grand jury.

The company previously protested the decision to supervisors, but the protest was denied. “We did all we could to exhaust administrative remedies,” Priority One Vice President Jim Karras said.

Karras asked supervisors for a postponement of the contract decision until the grand jury issues a ruling and said the jury’s analysis will be biased if the county approved the contract early.

“We don’t want to tarnish the grand jury’s investigation,” he said.

But Supervisor Chairman Dario Marengo said the grand jury may not begin the investigation for a long time, if at all.

County Counsel Terry Dermody said the complaint should not impede the approval of the contract. “We believe the board has acted appropriately,” he said.

At the meeting, Stockton’s assistant city attorney Michael Rishwain said the city still has concerns about AMR’s dispatching services.

Several cities and fire departments oppose the contract for this same reason. The Stockton Fire Department now dispatches all fire and rescue vehicles. A new system, officials said, will delay firefighters’ response during emergencies by alerting AMR first instead of notifying the ambulance and fire departments at the same time.

Rishwain sent a letter to supervisors voicing his concerns, but Dermody said that, too, should not influence supervisors’ vote.

Highlighting your CGJA Directors

Rose Moreno (South)

Rose Moreno was elected to the CGJA Board through the write-in process in 2004. She chaired an ad hoc committee in 2005 and is currently a member of the Membership Relations Committee.

As a member of CGJA she helped with the 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2005 conferences. In 2001 she produced a conference handbook for CGJA, which hopefully is still floating around somewhere.

Rose who has her degrees from UC Berkeley and Pepperdine retired in June of 1995 after thirty-five years of teaching. By January of 1996 she was on the Orange County grand jury panel and served for the next eighteen months. She served as secretary to the panel and was a member of the children's services, special services, and orientation committees. As a panel member she scripted and co-produced a recruitment video which is currently being updated.

Having accumulated nearly fifty units of paralegal units, Rose spent some time temping for various attorneys until she was called to serve as a grandmother. She has been a director with the Grand Jurors Association of Orange County for seven years and has served as secretary for most of those years. As a volunteer she is a state-certified HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program) counselor for the OC Council on Aging, a certified mediator dealing with small claims and community disputes and a lay fee arbitrator for OCBA. She also ushers for the Orange County Center for Performing Arts.

To make sure she has absolutely no time for housework, she works for a few hours a week for Coastline Community College doing administrative work in coordinating its pro bono legal clinic, subs as a teacher, and continues to twin-sit. Without a doubt, the last activity is the one she enjoys the most, especially since she has been informed that she is not tall enough to be an adult, but is just a "big kid."

Owen Haxton (Central)

Born and raised in Ohio. Graduate of Kent State University. Met and married Virginia Hurd of Silver Lake, Ohio. Taught high school mathematics. Called to active duty, U. S. Army, in June 1953. Retired in March 1974. During a 22-year career: served with Corp Artillery in Korea, 7th Transportation Aviation Group in Germany. In my first tour in Viet Nam, served as Executive Officer of an Assault Helicopter Company, during a second tour as Executive Officer of an Air Cavalry Squadron. There were various assignments in the States with the final four years on General Staff in the ROTC office of Sixth U. S. Army exercising oversight responsibility of Senior ROTC on college campuses and Junior ROTC on high school campuses in the western twelve states.

Since retirement from Army service, past President and CEO (1995-2001) of the Park Acquisition Corporation, Inc. (PAC) and continue as a member of the BOD. The Incorporator of Marin Valley Senior Community, Inc. and continue as a member of the BOD. Was instrumental in effecting the transfer of Marin Valley Mobile Country Club (a twenty million plus property and community of 315 families) from private to public ownership.

Hobby, Tournament Bridge: Served on the National Board of Directors, American Contract Bridge League (ACBL), and as past president of District Twenty-one and of Marin Unit 508 of the ACBL. Presently a Silver Life Master.

Involved in the Junior Bowling Program in Novato for over twenty-five years and Tournament Director of the annual Navé Lanes Junior Bowling Invitational Tournament for twenty years.

Served as a member of the Marin County Regular (Civil) Grand Juries 2002-2004 and as President of the Marin Chapter, CGJA from July 2004 to present.

THE GRAND JURY COOKS!!!!

RECIPES & REPORTS ARE NEEDED FROM YOUR COUNTY!!

Grand Jurors have long lamented that the average citizen has no clue about the role of the Regular Grand Jury. Here is a fun and easy way to let everyone know about its important oversight function.

The California Grand Jurors' Association is seeking reports and recipes from your county! It is time to celebrate and once again see all your hard work in print! Who better showcase your county than you!!!!

TO SUBMIT AN ENTRY FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW

1. NAME: _____ COUNTY: _____

YEAR/S _____ SERVED _____ ON _____ GRAND
JURY _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

STREET _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

2. TITLE OF GRAND JURY REPORT _____ YEAR
PUBLISHED: _____

3. RECIPE
TITLE: _____

INGREDIENTS

<Limit 12 Ingredients – one per line>

Please use these abbreviations: c., tsp., Tbsp., pkg., qt., pt., oz., lb.

METHOD

<Limit 100 words>

4. _____ Suggest a title for the
cookbook: _____

5. Return: 2 copies of recipe, 2 copies of the Grand Jury Report (an individual topic is requested – the entire end of year Final Report not necessary), Provide 2 copies of a summary of

the chosen report – not to exceed 200 words. (Additional pages can be provided.)

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6. JUDGING CRITERIA - Decision of the judges is FINAL!

Readability counts – Multiple entries may be submitted, only one (1) report and one (1) recipe per county will be selected for the cookbook. Those whose submissions are selected will be notified.

I understand no material will be returned. I will receive no remuneration of any type, and grant permission for my original recipe/material to be used by the California Grand Jurors' Association and its publisher in the publication of the cookbook.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

EXCELLENCE IN REPORTING and SUCCESS STORIES

By Earl Heal

Messages have been sent to remind California grand jurors and CGJA Chapters of the California Grand Jurors' Association Excellence in Reporting program. Awards are presented for two categories, Grand Jury and News Media, and are announced at the CGJA annual conference in October.

The Grand Jury Award is judged according to citizen impact, duration of the problem, difficulty of investigation, quality of the written report, public and media support gained, and actual change implemented. Because actual change created requires time for verification, this selection tends toward investigations one to three years old that have been proven corrected by subsequent reporting.

The News Media Award is judged on either of two elements -- increased public awareness of the grand jury institution or increased awareness in the community of a grand jury investigation so that the community benefited in the investigation. Submissions may be independent of grand jury participation or in conjunction with specific grand jury investigative reports.

CGJA also promotes a "Success Story" program. The criterion for judging success stories equates to that of the Grand Jury EIR award. All submissions for EIR will automatically be evaluate for recognition as a Success Story. Each Success Story nomination is evaluated against the published criteria with no limit to the number of successes recognized. The 2004 CGJA state wide survey confirmed that numerous investigations yielded significant results toward improving local government but little information is disseminated outside the immediate area. This encourages speculation that grand juries are ineffective. The goal of this program is to develop a reliable

flow of input to identify and publicize these successes. Significant successes are presented to members at the Annual Conference and will be published in the *Grand Jurors' Journal*.

All former jurors with knowledge of a significantly successful investigation and verification of results are encouraged to contact your local jury for specific criteria and procedures for preparing a submission.

READERSHIP SURVEY

By Ourania Riddle

I thank all of you for your candid responses. I received 29 responses. You told me what it is important to you. You gave me ideas for improving the content of the Journal. Following are the results, how you voted and your comments verbatim.

1. Summary of Board Meetings: Always Read: 24, Sometimes Read 4, Never Read: 1 -Seldom

Comments: *This is our only connection with the Board and what's happening at the state level. Would be interested in having individual's vote on issues of debate. More detailed summary. *Would like to see this section expanded. After all that is where the business of the organization is conducted. *Always read as it is the only way I have of knowing what the Board is doing. *I'd like to see the BOARD minutes in the Journal. Each Board agenda item should be included and some comment on the action (or lack thereof) that the item generated. If this too lengthy for the Journal perhaps an abbreviated format can be figured out. Our website also offers possibilities. *The idea is to let the membership know what is going on. *I would like to see detail as how each Board member votes on issues. *Complete minutes on the website. *More detailed summary. *Consider complete minutes on the website. *This section should be expanded to include more detail. The summary is good but often leaves the reader with questions. Complete meeting minutes should be available to members on the web. *Needs more details. Each roll call vote should be listed by name in the Journal. *This is the most interesting section. It gives me some sense of what our elected directors are doing or not doing. *Is it possible for a member to subscribe to agendas & minutes? Please Publish answer. *Need to expand this. *Very good section. It would be helpful if the agendas were available on the website. *Please continue to provide summaries. It is important that the membership has some idea of what the Board of Directors is up to. *Summary actions should be complete, addressing all board actions. Agenda & minutes should be on the website.

2. Committee Reports: Always Read: 11, Sometimes Read: 14, Never Read: 4

Comments: *Some Reports are too long. *Sometimes too long without substance. *Essential to inform membership. *Some reports are missing. Some are too lengthy. *Disappointing when Committees fail to submit a report. *Always read the ones I am interested in.

3. Chapter News: Always Read: 13, Sometimes Read: 14 Never Read: 1,

Comments: *Need to have more Chapters report on their activities. *I see 10 chapters listed but only a few report in the Journal. *It is noticed that most chapters do not participate. Does this mean most chapters are not doing anything? *Need more news from all chapters. *What purpose do chapters serve? *Need more news. *Always read, but sorry to see so little reported. *As a Director I feel an obligation to keep up with what our Chapters are doing and what they have to say. *Always read when it is there, we need more from chapters.

4. From the mailbox: Always Read: 27, Sometimes Read: 2 Never Read: 0

Comments: *More letters. Member interaction is healthy. *Would like to see this section

expanded, if letters are available. *Members must voice their opinions and concerns with letters to the editor. *Opportunity for the members to voice their views. *Letters to Editor should be expanded. Promoted to invite active participation of members to openly discuss and pose questions regarding grand jury & the CGJA. *I would like to know more about around the state from letters to the editor. *How come so few letters to the Editor? This should be the most active section, but word is most letters are not published. True? *Needs to increase participation - shows interested membership. *Members' letters are always informative and interesting. Again, as a director, I feel that I have a duty to keep up with members thoughts and concerns. *I like to see more uncensored member letters published.

5. From Here and There: Always Read: 8, Sometimes Read: 17, Never Read: 4,
Comments: Depends on subject. Sometimes interesting, sometimes dull. Sometimes read, depends on topic.

6. Juries in the News: Always Read: 15, Sometimes Read: 9, Never Read: 5,
Comments: *This is the 2nd most important section - 1st being Board business. *News stories are in major newspapers. Why do we need them in the Journal? You don't need to advertise about the grand jury to former grand jurors. *Would like to see more success stories. *Excellent section. The more articles from around the State the better. Very interesting & relevant. *Do you publish all news articles or do you select them? Need more news. *Very relevant, keep on printing it.

7. What else would you like to see in the Journal: Budgets & accounting of excessive "over budget" items. * I eventually read all articles but # 1, 2, 4 are my first reads. Editor, you do a great job - please keep it up. *Puzzles? *Questions and Answers. Questions from grand jurors, Answers from CGJA. *There should be more items about grand juries or on topics of interest to grand juries. There should be no derogatory or negative items that reflect badly on CGJA. The editor should not use the organization newsletter to promote her own personal bias. The newsletter should follow the intent of our Mission statement and be a positive publication that encourages jurors to become a members of CGJA. *Agendas of Board meetings, Maybe on the website. *CGJA Goals - Regular Finance Statements (Revenues/expenses.) *The Journal has been improved since you became the editor. Thank you for your willingness to devote so much time. I'm glad CGJA recognized your efforts by selecting you to be the recipient of the Angelo Rolando Service Award. Congratulations. *Very clever. Name "optional" but label on the other side. *How about some history? *The Journal was tooted a reason to become a member of CGJA but, I am disappointed in the Journal's content . It is not the quality I expected. It says name is optional but you have removed the option by having the mailing label on the backside. *I would like to see a section focus on questions from the members. For example: since the board meetings are by teleconference why not announce those meetings in advance so members could attend by calling in? I would like to see (listen) the board in action myself. *You are doing an excellent job. Keep doing what you have been doing. *Question - Answer Forum/Tutorial for better understanding of grand jury authority, limitations, etc. *Cartoon strip? *How about some levity? I think the membership could use a good laugh for a change. *An Article advising members what they might do to support their county's GJ. - Congratulations on your continued good work. I know that you are under constant pressure from some Officers and Board members to "tweak" (ie. Censor) the Journal content to conform to an organizational approving and positive point of view. I believe that the Journal should be available to any member's thoughts about our organization, that occasionally will consist of opposing points of view. Censorship and repression destroys the soul of a volunteer organization like ours. We should be strong to entertain the thought that others, at times, will disagree and may even be correct in their disagreement. *More about the Directors the who, what, when and why about new ones. *A regular treasurer's report. *Membership status.

