

Highlights

Be sure to see the announcement for an exciting new publication on page 4

Please submit nominations for Excellence in Reporting and the Rolando Award

Register for the Annual Conference

Many of you have your membership renewal coming up. Find an application on our website and beat us to the punch!

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Grand Jurors' Journal

President's Message

By Tony Noce



Greetings!

This issue of the Journal is focused on the 2010 CGJA Annual Conference being held in San Diego in October and some supporting activities such as the Rolando and EIR Awards. My personal message is, "What can I do as an individual CGJA member?" As the president of a statewide organization I am expected to be a leader. I accept that role as do many others in our organization who work tirelessly supporting the CGJA and the grand jury system in the State of California.

There are basically two types of leaders in my opinion. Those that lead from the position of, "do what I say", and those that lead from the position of, "follow my example." I would like to think I am a, "follow my example" type leader. You be the judge, and while you're doing so, ask yourself if you are following your President's example.

Every year CGJA has programs that individual members can participate in; i.e., the Excellence in Reporting Award. Each year an award is issued to a grand jury for a final report and to a media entity for exceptional coverage of a grand jury report. It only takes a few minutes to go to the CGJA website and fill out the form and submit it. Did you do it this year? I did.

Every year we have the opportunity to nominate a member for the Angelo Rolando Memorial Award, an award that exemplifies excellence in service to the CGJA organization over a period of years. Again, it only takes a few minutes to go to the website, fill out the form and send it in. Did you nominate someone this year? I did.

Every year we have the opportunity to submit final reports that made a difference to be included in our Grand Jury Achievement Book. A reference resource book of the many influential final reports written throughout the year and in the past that made a difference in the locality where it was issued. Did you send in a local grand jury final report this year to be published in next year's book? I did.

Every year the CGJA celebrates Grand Jury Awareness Month to support local recruiting. This effort has been acknowledged by the Governor and many city and county governments. Did you help promote the grand jury in your county this year? I did.

Throughout the year we publish informative articles in The Journal sharing what we are doing locally and statewide. This is a resource tool other counties can refer to when looking for events being done elsewhere that might benefit their own county. Did you submit an article to the Journal this year? I did.

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Editors Message

By Jerry Lewi

As we move into the summer and the time when Grand Juries are winding up their terms and new ones are being selected, we focus on training the new juries and planning our annual conference. This issue reflects all of these activities. I also want to call your attention to a new alphabetical listing of Chapters and the Independent Past Grand Jurors Associations who are strong supporters of CGJA and the grand jury system. Another association, San Bernardino, has been added to the list. This form of the list is at the request of Dan Mufson and the Membership Relations Committee to make it easy for all members, especially new ones, to find an association in their county for support.

Over the years I have had the honor of being Editor, with the strong and vital support of Di Masini, we have received a number complimentary comments about the Journal. We appreciate these expressions, but want all to know we are always welcome to suggestions (such as Dan's above) to make the Journal an even more useful tool for our membership, all Grand Juries and all who support the California Grand Jury system.

By the way, my proof-reader tells me you are all writing better and that's a big help. Thank you for all your inputs. The Journal can only be as good as the inputs.

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All former jurors should be ambassadors actively recruiting new jurors every day, every year. Did you recruit someone for your local sitting jury or for the CGJA organization this year? I did.

Did you exercise your right to vote and return your CGJA ballot last year? Are you going to vote this year? I did and I will.

Last but not least every year CGJA holds an annual conference to bring everyone together both as a learning experience and an enjoyable social event. Did you attend last year's conference in Sacramento? Are you registered to attend this year's conference in San Diego? I did and I am.

In reference to the message above, I'd ask you all to join your President in a childhood game we all played many years ago called, "Follow the Leader."

Thanks to the efforts of the Membership Relations Committee and the organizing members of Contra Costa County, the Board is extremely pleased to announce the addition of Contra Costa County as its eighteenth Chapter.

Concluding, it is my pleasure to inform the membership that Mac Small from Nevada County accepted the President's request to fill the vacant Northern Region director position and was ratified by the Board at the April Board Meeting. Mac brings valuable experience to the Board both as a retired attorney and non-profit organizational experience. The Board looks forward to working with Mac. Mac's term will expire in 2011.

The deadline to nominate candidates for the annual Excellence in Reporting Award is August 15th – please see the nomination form on our website

Committee Reports

Public Relations Committee

By Jerry Lewi, Chair



We have a number of important activities under way at this time. One is our new book (see page 4) about the California Grand Jury System. We believe this book that explains the

Grand Jury citizen in a compact form will be a best seller. We are planning a campaign to see that it is widely distributed throughout the state. Another is a short video being produced by our Humboldt County Chapter also explaining the system to all Californians. But I want to concentrate this report on a revised approach to the *Grand Jury Achievement Report*. I'm sure you have seen many references to this activity that seeks to document effective grand jury reports that we define as a report that achieved some improvement in local government operations.

To stimulate more inputs to this ongoing effort we have come up with a simplified form (see page 9,) that should be easy to complete. We merely ask that you state what improvement was achieved by a grand jury. We know there are hundreds of examples over the years and we need to document them to prove to anyone in the state that grand juries are an effective tool for citizens to use to improve their government. The more information and proof you can provide will be helpful, but start out by just filling in this simple form. If we have questions we will contact you. The form may also be found on our website in a version that you can fill out, print out and send to us.

Finally, welcome to Victoria Stubblefield (San Diego) as the newest member of our committee. Victoria's initial role is to be the liaison between Public Relations and this year's Annual Conference Committee. Victoria is currently finishing her term as Foreperson of the San Diego Grand Jury.

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Editor Goof!

Last issue we included the 2009 Financial Report but unfortunately it was not printed correctly as only the Income side of the report was printed. Included in this issue is the full report with our apology for any confusion we may have caused. Thanks to member Linda Baker for catching us in this mistake.

Membership Relations Committee News

By Dan Mufson, Chair

A group of CGJA members in Contra Costa County, led by Wilda Davison and Leslie Lea, have been energetically working to start a Chapter. They submitted the required application which the Board approved at their May meeting! Welcome to all 13 of them.



Owen Haxton and Dan Mufson visited Sonoma and Dan visited Shasta County chapters to present Certificates of chapter affiliation with CGJA.

If you are one of the few CGJA members that live in a county without a chapter, please don't hesitate to contact us for information about starting an organization in your area. Melissa Jones (Sonoma) has prepared a step-by-step list of requirements--which if you ask for by midnight tonight, we can provide to you.

The Board recently affirmed the importance of recruiting new members. Imagine if each of us brought in one new member this year! A memo with talking points was sent to chapter presidents for their use

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California Grand Jurors' Association

Budget vs. Actuals: - FY09 P&L - Unaudited

January - December 2009

	Total			
	Actual	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
3000 Administration Income			0.00	
Total 3010 Board Meetings/ Retreat	\$ 610.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 160.00	135.56%
Total 3000 Administration Income	\$ 614.95	\$ 500.00	\$ 114.95	122.99%
Total 3200 Finance Committee Income	\$ 8,295.67	\$ 2,485.00	\$ 5,810.67	333.83%
3401 Membership Committee Income	6,635.00	8,750.00	-2,115.00	75.83%
Total 3600 Annual Conference Income	\$ 9,660.04	\$ 10,125.00	-\$ 464.96	95.41%
Total 3810 Publications	\$ 1,373.00	\$ 3,000.00	-\$ 1,627.00	45.77%
Total 3830 Merchandise	\$ 531.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 531.00	
Total 3800 Publications and Merchandise	\$ 1,904.00	\$ 3,000.00	-\$ 1,096.00	63.47%
Total 3900 Training Income	\$ 73,483.55	\$ 73,810.00	-\$ 326.45	99.56%
3998 Miscellaneous Income	18.00		18.00	
3999 Uncategorized Income	2,106.86		2,106.86	
Total Income	\$ 102,718.07	\$ 98,670.00	\$ 4,048.07	104.10%
Expenses				
4000 Administration			0.00	
Total 4010 Board Meeting/ Retreat	\$ 179.12	\$ 450.00	-\$ 270.88	39.80%
Total 4000 Administration	\$ 13,434.44	\$ 5,906.00	\$ 7,528.44	227.47%
Total 5000 Finance Committee Expenses	\$ 3,086.83	\$ 1,531.00	\$ 1,555.83	201.62%
Total 6000 Membership Committee Expenses	\$ 746.64	\$ 835.00	-\$ 88.36	89.42%
Total 7000 Other Work Groups Expense	\$ 12.26	\$ 500.00	-\$ 487.74	2.45%
Total 7500 Annual Conference Expenses	\$ 7,580.89	\$ 10,125.00	-\$ 2,544.11	74.87%
Total 7800 Publications and Merchandise Expense	\$ 1,366.35	\$ 2,000.00	-\$ 633.65	68.32%
7900 Professional Services	1,860.00		1,860.00	
Total 8000 Public Relations Committee	\$ 3,663.08	\$ 4,473.00	-\$ 809.92	81.89%
Total 9000 Training Com.	\$ 68,389.88	\$ 73,300.00	-\$ 4,910.12	93.30%
9998 Uncategorized Expense	2,400.00		2,400.00	
Total Expenses	\$ 102,540.37	\$ 98,670.00	\$ 3,870.37	103.92%
Net Operating Income	\$ 177.70	\$ 0.00	\$ 177.70	
Net Income	\$ 177.70	\$ 0.00	\$ 177.70	

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to speak to their sitting grand jurors about the virtues of CGJA membership and activities. Bonnie Kenk reports that our membership level is slowly increasing due to rigorous follow up on renewals and new members. July will be the beginning of the CGJA Introductory Membership program that we hope will help expand the visibility of our programs to sitting jurors around California.

We've been working with Meredith Avery and her San Diego Annual Conference team to develop a session, "Building a Local Grand Jurors' Organization: How can I contribute locally when I don't have a chapter?" Additionally, the Training Committee will host a session for Introductory Members, "Real-Time Training Considerations for Sitting GJ." Stay tuned for details.

The IRS recently announced that they were going to eliminate non-profit status of organizations that have not timely filed Form 990. As of this date, we have confirmed that 11 of the 17 chapters are in compliance.

Training Committee

By Bette Flick



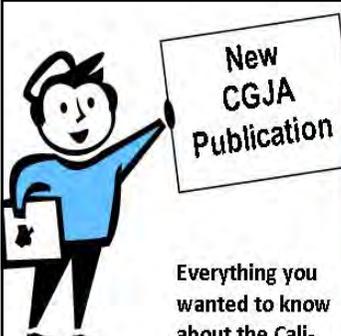
Report Writing Workshops Scheduled

The CGJA Training Committee will provide instruction and helpful hints on writing grand jury reports in two locations this fall. On Saturday, October 23, 2010, the Report Writing Workshop will be presented in San Diego. Those attending the CGJA Conference on October 21 and 22 who would find this workshop helpful may wish to stay an additional day to attend. The workshop will be at the conference hotel where the conference room rate will remain in effect. This is an interactive workshop that covers a review of the report writing process including detailed information not covered during the summer training sessions, tools and tips, discussion and exercises in determining difference among facts, findings, and recommendations, and an overview of the functions of the editorial committee. It will run from 8 am to 4:30 pm.

The following month, on Friday, November 12, and Saturday, November 13, 2010, the same workshop will be given at the Maidu Center in Roseville, also running from 8 am to 4:30 pm each day.

Additional details along with registration forms will be available on the CGJA website in the near future.

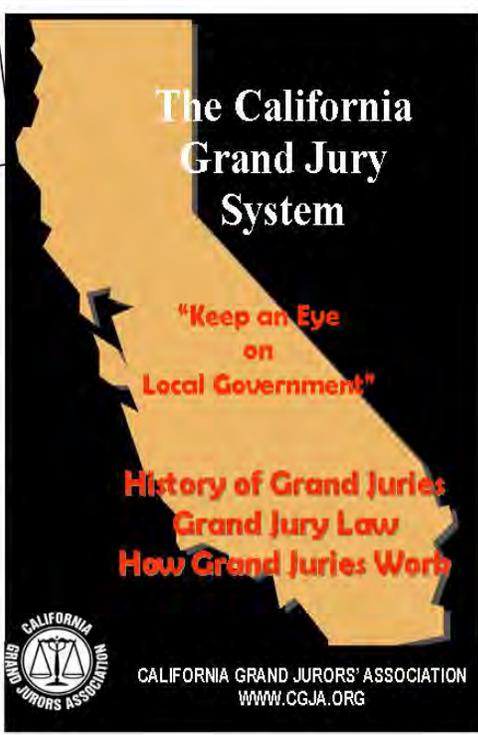
For a complete schedule of our training program for this year, please see the April Journal or our website.



New CGJA Publication

Everything you wanted to know about the California Grand Jury but were afraid to ask. This book should be in every Grand Juror's library to explain to their friends and relatives what he or she is doing with their time.

Available through publications@cgja.org for \$10.00 (including tax and shipping). Or call John Sitton at 831-637-4695



The California Grand Jury System

"Keep an Eye on Local Government"

History of Grand Juries
Grand Jury Law
How Grand Juries Work

 CALIFORNIA GRAND JURORS' ASSOCIATION
WWW.CGJA.ORG

Useful Website Search Tools

There are two search boxes on our website home page (www.cgja.org). The one on the top left corner is useful to find items on the website itself. Our most common usage is to find an article in an issue of the *Grand Jurors' Journal* that we remember but can't pinpoint the date. Just enter the most accurate description you can and you are likely to find what you are looking for.

The second is at the bottom of the home page and is used to search for items in any grand jury report in the state. It functions like our original GRIP index but is more productive as it searches any grand jury report on line over multiple years.

These tools are not perfect as the success depends on the format of the source articles. But they are useful. We would like your feedback on how well they work for you.

2010 Annual Conference *By Meredith Avery, Conference Chair*

**CGJA San Diego Conference Set:
"Keeping the Grand Jury System Alive in California"**

The comfortable Doubletree Club, a small boutique-style hotel, will be the setting for the CGJA state-wide conference to be held in San Diego October 21-22. Make your plans to come early or to stay for a long weekend in this beautiful city by the bay in San Diego. The Doubletree Club is conveniently located to many fine San Diego attractions.

The San Diego Past Grand Jurors' Association has speakers set at this time: City of San Diego Mayor, Jerry Sanders and County of San Diego CAO, Walt Ekard. The conference keynote speaker will be the very entertaining radio news anchor and "talk show host of almost no renown," LaDona Harvey. Ms Harvey also is the American correspondent for TALKSPORT radio based in London and heard all over the UK and most of Western Europe.

The *Angelo Rolando Award* will be presented at the dinner and the *Excellence in Reporting Awards* will be presented on Thursday, October 21, at 2:15 pm. The next conference planning meeting will be June 9 to set panel topics and participants. The full conference agenda will be available after this date.

CGJA Chapters Reports and Chapters in the News

Fresno Chapter

By Robert Gutierrez

One hundred twenty-one! That is the number of grand jury applications received by the Fresno County Superior Court through the end of March. That is the highest number of applications ever received by the Court. The previous high was 95 received last year.

Both highs coincide with the Fresno California Grand Jurors' Association publicity campaign started last year. Prior to last year, the highest number of grand jury applications received was seventy-seven in 2007. The difference between the 2007 total and this year's is a whopping 57%.

The success of this year's grand jury recruitment, publicity campaign is attributed to a coordinated team effort: Judge Robert Oliver who made the radio and TV talk show circuit plugging grand jury service; John Tinker who scheduled an Osher class on the grand jury at Fresno State University; Marian Mosley who arranged for a Jim Boren editorial and a Bill McEwen column on the

role of the grand jury in the Fresno Bee; Gigi Pavlovich who made the radio and TV contacts, scheduled the Judge Oliver appearances,

forwarded the news releases to the news media, cut a public service announcement for KJWL, and as the marketing consultant provided the necessary marketing expertise; Robert Gutierrez who drafted the news releases, guest column, letter to the editor, and as Publicity Committee Chairman had arch responsibility over the publicity campaign.

So, HURRAH, HURRAH, HURRAH to everyone who contributed so much to making

the grand jury recruitment, publicity campaign such a smashing success and making "121" a championship score.



Kern County Chapter

By Lawrence J. Walker, President

This past month the Chapter was involved with the sitting Jury in presenting an orientation for the applicants for the 2010-2011 Jury year. The orientation included an over-

view of the work and time commitments required. At the conclusion of the orientation the applicants were asked to sign a form that stated they were still willing to be considered a candidate for the new incoming Jury. Those who signed the form with a positive response went through a background check and an interview with a judge. On May 26, 2010 the first drawing will be held to narrow the Jury pool down to 30 candidates and a final random drawing will be held on June 24, 2010, to select the next Jury.

The Chapter is looking forward to being invited to participate in the soon to be scheduled local training for the new Jury to be held sometime in early July. It is also anticipated that many of the new Jurors will be attending the CGJA Training Seminar in the City of Visalia in late July.

The Chapter is also planning a summer social for all former Kern County Grand Jurors, the outgoing Jury, and the incoming Jury along with their spouses or guest. Many local leaders will also attend and share in this informal social gathering.

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The Chapter is working on formalizing a nomination for the 2010 Angelo Rolando Memorial Award.

San Luis Obispo Chapter

By Jim Ragan, President

The following have been excerpted from the San Luis Chapter newsletter. They reflect a wide variety of topics, typical of grand juries and include some reports offering praise, which is always appropriate when deserved.

As of May 12, the 2009-10 San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury has published six reports. We summarize them here. Go to <http://www.slocourts.net/grandjury> to read the full reports.

Community Development Block Grants and the City of San Luis Obispo Investigating a citizen complaint regarding expenditures of Community Development Block Grant funds at Judson Terrace Homes, a low-income senior housing complex in the City of San Luis Obispo, the Grand Jury determined that the grant oversight procedures implemented by the City are generally satisfactory.

Electing City Treasurers and Clerks: Wise or Otherwise? The Grand Jury investigated the value and appropriateness of electing (vs. appointing) city clerks and treasurers in general law cities in the county. The Grand Jury found this arrangement to present potential problems. Convincing the electorate of several cities to make these jobs appointive might, if appropriate safeguards were established at the same time, improve efficiency and in the case of city treasurers, clarify oversight responsibilities

Leaf Blower Hazards
The use of two-cycle gasoline engine
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Shasta Chapter

By Marsha Caranci

The Shasta County Grand Jurors' Association became an official chapter of CGJA on April 14, 2010, when MRC Chair Dan Mufson presented President Harry Tully with an official certificate signed by CGJA President Tony Noce.



The Chapter also welcomed eight new members from the 2009/2010 Shasta County Grand Jury, who were among the 22 members and guests to attend the meeting.

Another highlight of the meeting was the featured speaker, Bruce Ross, Editor of the Record Searchlight, who spoke of the relationship between the grand jury and the local press and how their collaborative efforts can help get the work of the grand jury publicized.

The Recruitment Committee has had a busy and successful season, having received a lot of free TV and radio time to broadcast our professionally produced public service ads and culminating in an informational Open House at Turtle Bay Museum, where more than 80 guests and speakers were in attendance. A total of 37 applications for service on the Shasta County Grand Jury had been received as of April 30.

The Shasta County Chapter looks forward to hosting the CGJA regional training seminar in Redding on July 15 & 16, as well as a Foreperson's Workshop on July 14.

Our Association, which was originally founded about 8 years ago, is happy to now be a part of the state association, and we look forward to continued support from CGJA as we grow and become even more active in promoting awareness of the grand jury system.



MRC Chair Dan Mufson and Shasta CGJA President Harry Tully with the official certificate of membership presented April 14, 2010..



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Shasta County Chapter Meeting April 14, 2010



cial], I became alarmed. ...it was one of the things that made me decide to run against a long time incumbent.” This report had been selected for the Excellence in Reporting Award by the CGJA.

The chapter, along with some members of the sitting Grand Jury, provided an informational session for applicants to the 2010-2011 Grand Jury, which provided quite a frank overview of the time commitments required along with lots of enthusiasm as to why citizens would want to participate—Nancy Drew anyone? All of the attendees signed a commitment form asking that their applications continue to be considered by the Court. A survey asking what prompted their applications revealed that letters to the Editor of the newspaper, friends and family, and the newspaper advertisements by the Court were the most important.

To All CGJA Members:

In this issue of *The Journal* is a letter from Jerry Lewi, last year’s Angelo Rolando Award winner, telling you what the award meant to him. You can clearly see that this recognition of his many contributions was both heartwarming and prestigious. It also helped to increase the reputation of the Ventura Grand Jury as the Board of Supervisors acknowledged Jerry’s contributions which were recognized by the *California Grand Jurors’ Association* in presenting him with the Angelo Rolando award.

Perhaps you know of someone within your part of the state, who is a person to be recognized for his/her contributions to the Grand Jury movement. And if your recommendation is also the selection of the judges, you can come to the San Diego Annual Conference,

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leaf blowers in county presents a health hazard to all citizens. The Grand Jury concluded the health hazards residents are exposed to from two-cycle leaf blowers outweigh the possible benefit they provide. The Grand Jury recommends that the Board of Supervisors and all incorporated cities initiate a gradual phase-out of two-cycle gasoline powered leaf blowers..

Progressive Discipline of County Staff: Policy and Performance

County government is the largest employer in the county. Most employees are competent and hard working, but inevitably a handful fail to measure up. Employees who fail to perform (along with a few who cheat, steal or otherwise go astray) face progressive discipline. The Grand Jury found that, in general, the county government’s discipline system works well.

School Evacuations: Working to Stay Prepared

Concerned about recent budget and spending cuts. The Grand Jury investigated whether reduced school funding could affect the ability of San Luis Obispo County schools to safely evacuate students in the event of an emergency. The jury found that school district safety officers are making plans to cope with reduced funding.

Search and Rescue: Life in the

Balance

The Sheriff’s Department is responsible for search and rescue in the county. Though not in daily use, this service requires a high level of training, practice, and an ongoing state of readiness in order to be effective. Currently San Luis Obispo Search and Rescue (SAR) consists of approximately 50 volunteers with a County Sheriff Sergeant who acts as a liaison between the group and the Sheriff’s Department. Due to the nature of volunteer organizations only a percentage of Search and Rescue is available at any given time for a "call out." SAR encourages interested members of the public to join their organization.

Napa Chapter

By Dan Mufson, President

We former grand jurors often remark that we wish our reports got more public awareness and action. Interestingly, many chapter members were startled to receive a mailer from a candidate for county supervisor that highlighted numerous findings, and the cover, of the 2007-2008 report, “Renovation of Farmworker Housing Centers by the Napa Valley Housing Authority: A Case Study in the Failure of Government Stewardship”. The candidate noted that, “When I first saw this GJ report which criticized the performance of [numerous offi-

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attend the banquet and see “your” nominee receive the award!

The deadline for nominations is August 30 – please see our website for the nomination form.

Betty J. Mattea, Angelo Rolando Award Committee Chair.

Gubernatorial Candidate Proposes State Grand Jury

Recently our President and several members of the Legislative Affairs Committee attended a teleconference meeting requested by Meg Whitman (candidate for governor) and her staff.

The purpose of the meeting was to listen to Ms. Whitman’s views on a possible State Grand Jury if she is elected governor later this year.

After listening to her ideas the Legislative Committee attendees agreed to look into other state grand juries systems so they may have input for future possible meetings if she is elected and wishes our views.

The CGJA is pleased that we are looked on as the experts in the grand jury system and our website has provided valuable resource tools for those interested and seeking information about the grand jury system.

The CGJA attendees made it quite clear that the CGJA organization does not get politically involved and that our organization can not be used in any public relations material or the media. Ms. Whitman acknowledged that it would not be.

A good relationship with the Governor’s Office has been beneficial in the past. It is currently beneficial, and hopefully will continue to be so in the future, regardless of who is elected.



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May 10, 2010

Dear Chapter and Association Presidents,

As you should know, now is the time to make your nominations for the annual Angelo Rolando Award which is given each year at our annual conference to the person considered most deserving by the association.

As last year’s recipient I just want you to know how much this award means to me and how much it must mean to any recipient. It is one of the highest honors one can receive as it recognizes a serious dedication to the purposes of CGJA and a willingness to make many contributions. I was doubly honored last year by my County Board of Supervisors for receiving this award. In my remarks at the ceremony, I said that by honoring me, the Board was honoring CGJA and the Grand Jury system. I think that is a fair statement for any recipient of this prestigious award.

Please consider members in your chapter or association who you believe to be deserving of this recognition. Those of us on the committee and on the board cannot have personal knowledge of many people who to contribute, sometimes behind the scenes and invisible to many of us.

Please visit our website and click on the Angelo Rolando Memorial Award icon for the nominations form and procedure. The deadline is August 30, 2010.

Sincerely,

Jerry Lewi

Query from a Grand Juror By Jerry Lewi

Recently a current Grand Juror submitted the following question:

Can a currently sitting Grand Jury require the following year’s Grand Jury to respond to recommendations in a final report?

Here is my answer:

The answer is a resounding “No!” A grand jury is not required to take any action with respect to any report of a prior grand jury, as this is one of the hallmarks of the independence of grand juries. That said, we preach in our training seminars and in any other way we can that a grand jury should pay attention to the work of its predecessors and in particular by following up on the responses to the prior jury’s reports. We believe by doing this, the public, the press and the government agencies themselves are advised that someone is watching local government and that grand jury recommendations are not being ignored.

Therefore, an action you could take would be to leave a note for the new jury how strongly you feel about any particular report and urge them to follow up on the agency response. The new grand jury could also invoke the clause in the law (Penal Code 933(a)) that allows them to call in the foreperson or a representative of the jury that wrote the report (your jury, I presume) to explain the recommendations. This clause does not give the prior jury any authority to review responses officially although, of course, they can look at them as private citizens since the responses are a matter of public record.

If you have access to our 2009 training manual, please look at the section on Grand Jury Essentials.

Today in History



Here are two story's printed in newspapers reflecting on the long history of Grand Juries in California. Both were printed under the heading of Today in History 100 Years Ago.

**From the Record Searchlight, Redding:
On this day in 1909**

Five couples were forced to marry when the Siskiyou County grand jury took a decided stand for public morality. The five couples living in and near Yreka were forced to take out marriage licenses and seek the services of a minister. On the day after the submission of the jury's report, the county clerk issued five marriage licenses and five wedding ceremonies were performed in Yreka. *(Submitted by Marsha Caranci)*

**From the Ventura Star,
March 29, 1999**

We find the county jail all right with a few exceptions. The prisoners seem to be well fed and taken care of, but we find it very cold in the iron tanks with no means provided for heating then.

The sheriff informs us that the water comes into the basement in front through the walls and floor when it rains. The wards for the insane prisoners are nicely padded and in good order. *(Submitted by Jerry Lewi)*

Ave Maria Convalescent Hospital
1249 Josselyn Canyon Road
Monterey, CA. 93940

April 12, 2010

Mr. Anthony Noce, President California Grand Jurors' Association

Mr. Daniel Mufson, Chairman, CGJ A Membership Relations Committee

Dear Tony and Dan:

Your letters and phone calls conveying the message of the MRC and the CGJA Board electing me to an honorary Lifetime Membership in the CGJA have worked remarkably well. First of all, I am overwhelmed by the recognition~ but on the practical scale it all worked well as I received the April 2010 Journal edition this past week. You took the correct steps to address the problem.

The CGJA is a unique organization in my experience. It not only provides continuity and coordination among California's Grand Juries but it also provides the Superior Courts, the County Boards of Supervisors and other local government agencies with concise and logical suggestions to improve the quality and efficiency of local government I was proud to be part of it

Whoever wrote the paragraph in the April Journal about my seven year mini career in CGJA work knew my activities pretty well. I felt that I was a utility infielder to three Presidents - Jack Zepp. Elwood Moger and - briefly - Jerry Lewi. I hope Elwood and Jerry would agree.

It is very kind of the CGJA Board to prolong my connection with the CGJA in this manner, and I thank them and most particularly yourselves in establishing me to this special relationship. Please express my appreciation to the Board members and my CGJ A friends and colleagues.

All the best

Roger Loper

 Grand Jury Achievement			
Submitted by:		Phone and/or Email:	
Date:			
Date of Report:	County:	Title of Report:	
Beneficial Outcome:			
Please email to cgjaprguy@roadrunner.com or mail to Jerry Lewi, 2275 Fernleaf Ct. Thousand Oaks, CA 91362			

California Grand Jurors Association 29th Annual Conference

October 21 & 22, 2010

REGISTRATION FORM

Doubletree *Club* Hotel, 1515 Hotel Circle So., San Diego, Ca. 92108

Conference rates are \$95.00/day (single or double)

Make room reservations directly with hotel (619) 881-6900

Mention CGJA Annual Conference for \$95.00 rate

(Reservations must be made by Oct. 7, 2010 to guarantee \$95.00 rate)

Name: _____ Guest(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St.: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

AFFILIATION: CGJA Member Chapter Member Assn. Member Associate Member
 Sitting Grand Juror Court Representative Other Specify: _____

REGISTRATION: Conference Attendance \$60.00/person # _____ = \$ _____

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Summary of Board Action

By Joann Landi

April 27, 2010 Meeting

Ratified appointment of Mac Small to fill Northern Region Director vacancy

Ratified appointment of Mac Small as Northern Region Director on the 2010 Nominations-Election Committee

Approved Publications Work Group request for reimbursement for resale items

Approved Membership Relations Committee request re promoting membership and clarifying contact information

Established Awards Committee

Approved publication and printing of Book of California Grand Juries

Received and acknowledged Bylaws Review Ad Hoc Committee report

May 25, 2010 Meeting

Accepted Contra Costa County Past Grand Jurors request to become a Chapter of CGJA

Approved three-member Panel to be tasked with approving distribution of complimentary copies of various publications



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