

**California Grand Jurors' Association**  
**Member Meeting – November 15-16, 2012, Embassy Suites, Napa**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

President Keath North called the meeting to order at 4:47 p.m.

**Board Member Election Announcement**

President North announced the results of the member election of members to the Board of Directors for two-year terms ending at the annual meeting in November 2014:

- \* Beate Boultinghouse, central region
- \* Marsha Caranci, north region
- \* Gary Greenberg, south region
- \* John Monaco, north region
- \* Dan Mufson, central region
- \* Larry Walker, south region

**Election of Officers**

The Officer Nominating Committee consisted of Ray Frisbie, Jerry Lewi, Bonnie Kenk, Catherine McKown, Dan Mufson, and Keath North.

The committee nominated the following Board members to be CGJA's officers:

- \* Bill Trautman, President
- \* Beate Boultinghouse, Vice President
- \* Jim Ragan, Secretary
- \* Dianne Hoffman, Treasurer

The 12-member Board of Directors unanimously elected the officers stated above.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Annual Meeting documentation included 2012 the CGJA Balance Sheet and Income/Expenses Record through the end of September 2012 (pages 13-16). Treasurer Dianne Hoffman referred members to those pages. There were no comments.

**Chapter Development Report**

Membership Committee Chair Dan Mufson announced the acceptance of four new county chapters into CGJA in 2012 (listed in order of CGJA acceptance):

- \* Yuba
- \* Sutter

- \* Tulare
- \* San Bernardino

### **Swearing in the CGJA Board Members**

The Honorable Diane Price, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Napa County, administered the oath of office to the 12 CGJA Board members for 2013.

### **Annual Meeting Recess until the Following Day**

2012 President North recessed further proceedings of the annual meeting until November 16.

### **Call to Order**

2012 President North called the meeting to order at 8:30 am on November 16.

### **State of CGJA**

2012 President North reported on the health of the organization, citing its growth, credibility, and involvement with the courts. He welcomed two new members to the Board, Gary Greenberg and John Monaco.

### **Training Committee Report**

Training Committee Chair Marsha Caranci said that the committee has 12 members. There are 17 trainers. In 2012, the team conducted 27 training seminars: 5 regional, 5 foreperson, 12 on-site, and 5 report writing. There were 1,130 trainees from 52 counties. The committee has begun curriculum review for the 2013 season and will hold its annual Train-the-Trainer Workshop in February.

### **Legal and Legislative Resources Committee Report**

Bill Trautman, committee chair in 2012, reported that the committee has eight members. Its tasks are to monitor and respond to legislation potentially affecting grand juries and to respond to inquiries. In 2010-11, the committee received 30 inquiries; it has received 80 inquiries in the past 12 months. The committee does not give legal advice, but focuses on best practices regarding legal issues.

The committee is monitoring the application of AB 1133 with respect to juror recusals and conducted a survey on grand jury use of the oath following the implementation of AB 622 in January 2012. It will do a follow-up survey in 2013.

### **Membership Committee Report**

Training Committee Chair Dan Mufson reported that CGJA has 300 voting members, 475 introductory members, 7 associate members, and 25 chapters. There were 7 regional meetings in 2012.

### **Public Relations Committee Report**

Public Relations Committee Chair Jerry Lewi reported that the committee has substantially changed withy CGJA website and is continuing to improve it and the CGJA Journal. The committee is working on distributing the Journal electronically.

The committee has prepared a grand jury education package for teachers, which can be downloaded from the website for free. People can also purchase hard copies. The committee is selling the grand jury handbook, the *California Grand Jury System*, for \$10 each. It is also available on-line.

The committee is also continuing to add to its Grand Jury Achievement Report, which reports cases where grand jury reports achieved a benefit in the county. A summary of such cases to date are on the CGJA website. Lewi encouraged people look for such reports over the past few years and use the form on the website to identify additional candidates for inclusion.

### **Commendations**

2012 President North presented certificates of special recognition to:

- \* Beate Boultinghouse for her work in running the regional meetings.
- \* Diane Dame' Shepp for her work in running the 2011 and 2012 annual conferences.

### **Adjournment**

The annual meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Ragan, Secretary