

Recent Special Recognition Awards

2015 Betty J, Mattea and Owen Haxton - awarded a certificate of appreciation in recognition of their concept to create an entity that would allow local CGJA Chapters to band together to discuss and solve mutual issues in the confines of their local geography. They proposed the idea to Dan Mufson who created what we know today as Regional meetings.

2015 Dan Mufson - Under Dan's leadership, the Membership Relations Committee initiated Regionals. The intent is to encourage local chapters to meet with other Chapters in the same geographical area to discuss mutual issues and solutions. Although supported by the CGJA, the meetings are planned and hosted at the local level.

2013 Dan Walters (Sacramento Bee) - at the Sacramento Union, and later the Bee, watching over it all, and through more than 7500 columns appearing in more than 50 California newspapers, posing the question for his readers, "who is doing what to whom in Sacramento and around the state."

2013 Bonnie Kenk (San Diego) - developed and maintained the CGJA comprehensive member database and the IM (Introductory Members) Program database, along with forwarding the journal responding to new members' questions. She also handled annual conference registration and distribution of director election ballots.

2013 Karen Jahr (Shasta) - lead trainer in Grand Jury Law and Legal Topics, Chair of the Training Curriculum Subcommittee, updated presentations and the 2013 Training Manual, member of the Board of Directors and Chair of its Legal & Legislative Resources Committee.

2012 Beate Boultinghouse (San Francisco) - for her support of the Bay Area regional chapter meetings (Recognized again in 2015).

2012 Dianne Damé Shepp (Napa) - for chairing two consecutive Annual Conferences in Napa, both on relatively short notice.

2011 Jerry Jagers (Sacramento) - for his invaluable assistance in opposing AB 622 (a legislative bill unfriendly to the grand jury)

2011 Dan Mufson - for his efforts in building the membership and adding several new chapters.