



## *CGJA News*

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As spring turns into summer, many of us at CGJA are hard at work on the upcoming training program and the Annual Conference that will follow it in the fall.

For this year's summer training program, which will run from June 29 through August 22, we have again updated our manuals, PowerPoint slide presentations, and handouts. New this year is our move toward providing incoming jurors more of our written resources online, rather than distributing all of them during our seminars and workshops.

If you go to [www.cgja.org](http://www.cgja.org) and click on "**Jury Resources**," you will see a drop-down menu that includes FAQs and links to the California Codes and a variety of other publications and websites that we have found to be helpful to juries as they investigate public entities and government activities in their counties. Pay particular attention to our "**Sample Documents**;" this link includes procedures manuals, checklists, and form correspondence that juries can download and modify to suit their needs. The training team will be adding links and documents here whenever valuable new materials come to their attention. We expect that in the future, as our collection of resources expands, our website's "**Jury Resources**" will become one of the first places juries consult as they undertake their investigations.

As you surely know by now, our Annual Conference this year will feature as our keynote speaker the Chief Justice of California, the Honorable Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye. We couldn't be more excited to have the head of our state's judicial branch join us in Lafayette this November. Any of you who have heard the Chief Justice speak know that her presentation will be both dynamic and thoughtful. The conference will also include presentations on a range of topics that both past and present grand jurors (and their guests) will enjoy. Registration for the conference will begin shortly. Please mark your calendars now for November 2-3, and be sure to join us for this very special event.

A reminder: Nominations for Director will close on May 31. If you are interested or know a member who you believe would make an excellent Director, check the latest edition of the [Grand Jurors' Journal](#) or our website for details on the nomination process, or contact [nominations@cgja.org](mailto:nominations@cgja.org).

Another reminder: All of CGJA's work is done by volunteers. We have no paid staff. The members of our training and annual conference teams collectively donate thousands of hours each year in their respective efforts. One of CGJA's primary goals for 2015 is to promote membership growth and retention - because the more members we attract and keep, the bigger the pool of volunteers who are available to help us in supporting the grand jury system and our local grand juries.

If you believe in what CGJA does, please become a voting member or renew your existing membership by clicking here: [cgja.org/membership](http://cgja.org/membership). And you can do one more thing to help us expand our membership: simply forward this email to one other person who served with you on your grand jury and encourage him or her to join us (and you!) at CGJA.

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