



# Grand Jurors' Journal

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## President's Message

*By Keath North*

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who is continuing the good fight against AB622 (Roger Dickinson - Sacramento). While CGJA has successfully forced amendments to the original bill, which have removed the bill's most harmful impact on California's grand jury system, we are still opposed to the remaining two elements.



We've all heard the quip relating the legislative process to that of sausage making. Well, it's true. This past Tuesday, a dozen or so CGJA members attended the Senate Judiciary Committee's public hearing on the bill. Although the bill had been essentially gutted, our representatives, Judge Quentin Kopp and LAC Chairman Bill Trautman, spoke eloquently in opposition to the two remaining elements: that of allowing attorneys to be present during testimony taken under oath, and the requirement to meet with targeted government officials at least 21 days prior to final report publication.

Our position, in a nutshell, is that the system isn't broken; therefore the proposed legislation is unnecessary, and that any proposed changes to the system should be thoroughly vetted by legal experts prior to introduction. Many CGJA members and supporters have written letters and emails in opposition to AB622, including the California District Attorneys' Association. Members of the Sacramento Chapter of CGJA have been instrumental in tracking the bill.

It became apparent that the voting decisions had already been made – straight down party lines. The most profound discovery to those former grand jurors in attendance was the fundamental lack of knowledge about California's grand jury system demonstrated by the author and at least one of the Senators present at the hearing. The author, prompted by that Senator, denied having any intention of introducing future legislation that would extend the right to have an attorney present to the criminal grand jury system. Then, within minutes, Mr. Dickinson was using the fact that 20 or so other states were allowing the presence of attorneys during grand jury interviews to bolster his bill, AB622— seemingly never realizing that he was referencing criminal grand juries in those other states! Little justification for the 21 day requirement, relating to meeting with investigation targets, was offered by Mr. Dickinson; such a meeting is already required by existing Penal Code. We will keep you up-to-date on the bill's fate. Go to <https://sites.google.com/site/assemblybill622> for current information.

We all owe a debt of gratitude and congratulations to our Training Committee members. CGJA now provides intensive training to over 90% of all new grand jurors in Cali-

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## A STEP BACK IN TIME



Contributed by  
Di Masini

From the *CGJA Grand Jurors' Journal*  
– Winter 1996

### State Grand Jury Needed?

The Boards of Supervisors of the Counties of Plumas and Solano among other groups have endorsed the proposal of a California State Grand Jury. The proposed jury would be an independent authority with full law enforcement powers, whose charge is to enforce violations of state law by elected officials.

The idea grew in part from the admonition of U.S. District Court Judge George C. Pratt in disposing of the ABSCAM 7 several years ago: "CORRUPT PUBLIC OFFICIALS POSE A GREATER DANGER TO THIS COUNTRY THAN ALL THE DRUG TRAFFICKERS COMBINED. SUCH OFFICIALS NOT ONLY BETRAY THEIR CONSTITUENTS, BUT ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO A MORAL DECAY IN AMERICAN SOCIETY THAT MANY VIEW AS THE FORE-RUNNER OF ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL DISASTER."

Note: In 2002, the ABSCAM 7 1980-81 trials were highlighted in *Great American Trials*. If you would like more information here is a link: <http://www.encyclopedia.com/doc/1G2-3498200272.html>



*President's message continued from page 1*

fornia. That training is going on right now, with many miles traveled and many volunteer hours being expended in this extremely important work. You are our heroes.

The first year of our Introductory Membership program is beginning to pay dividends, and we are receiving a steady stream of new CGJA membership applications/volunteer interest forms. The Membership Relations Committee has plans to contact all "IMs" now that their year of service has ended. Those grand jurors continuing for a second year are eligible to continue their complimentary membership for another year. Great job, MRC!

Moving on - the preparations for a fantastic Annual Conference this fall are proceeding very well. The theme of this year's AC, to be held at the Napa Embassy Suites on November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, is "EXPANDING HORIZONS." The planners intend to focus on expanding upon CGJA's recent successes: the growth of our training for new jurors and the improvements in the training curriculum; the support for sitting grand juries offered by our Legislative Affairs Committee; the increased interest in new Chapter formation; and the potential of our Introductory Membership program, now entering its second year. Make your reservations before October 17<sup>th</sup> to take advantage of an incredible rate of \$109, which includes a full breakfast and a cocktail hour. The rate can be extended for up to five days following the Annual Conference, so consider making this a mini-vacation trip to the beautiful wine country.

The major project of designing a new website is continuing to progress. We are planning to present a preview of the design and its functionality at the 4<sup>th</sup> Bay Area Regional meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to have a fully functional version up and running by the time of the Annual Conference in November. It's an exciting venture.

Finally, I wish to express my personal gratitude to our Board members, committee members, and all the volunteers statewide who give of their time and expertise to help preserve and protect this great institution. Without your efforts, the progress we've realized this past year could not have happened. We have much to do in the area of improving public awareness of this great system, its potential as a populist voice in local government, and of the opportunity to serve as a grand juror. Together we strive to move closer to achieving our stated Mission - "to promote government accountability by improving the training and resources available to California's 58 regular grand juries, and educating the public about the substantial local government oversight and reporting powers these grand juries have."



**This is a first!**

**This year my Training commitments coincide with the August Journal deadline. Joann Landi, a member of our PR Committee, took on the task of proofing and editing the Journal. I have great confidence that she and Diane Masini will produce a fine product in my absence."**

**Will be back on board for the October issue.**

**Jerry**

## Expanding Horizons - A Brief Overview

By Diane Dame' Shepp, President, Napa Chapter CGJA and Event Chair

Achieve, Action, Change, Dream, Future, Goals, Opportunities, Plans, Creativity, Leadership. Webster's defines the word horizon, in part, as a "range of perception or experience."

These are just some of the random words and thoughts that came to mind when we considered the theme of the 30<sup>th</sup> annual CGJA conference scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in Napa.

*Expanding Horizons*, also brought to mind Nelson Henderson's famous quote:

"The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit."

As we look to the future, how can we, the individual members, the local chapters of CGJA, and the CGJA as the umbrella organization, do a better, more effective job to meet our Mission, especially in the tightening governmental fiscal environment?

The Program Committee of this year's conference hopes to create a spark or two that will stretch perceptions, magnify conference experiences and generate creative thinking as to the role of the CGJA and its county partners in the futurity of the Grand Jury system in California.

Here's a brief look at some of what is being planned for the various panel discussions:

### **Expanding the Role of CGJA in Assuring Local Government Responsiveness**

The legal requirement for response to Grand Jury findings and recommendations are set forth in the California Penal Code, Section 933.05. This panel will explore how the CGJA local chapters can aid and assist local governments in following up on responses to recommendations that fall within the categories of 1) will be implemented in the future, or 2) will need further studies.

### **Expanding the CGJA Relationship with the Courts**

A discussion with representatives from the legal community. Superior Court judges, Court Executives and attorneys discuss the relationship between the courts and the CGJA and its chapters. The main focus will be to share what has been successful or not, as well as suggestions for strengthening the relationships in the future. A question and answer period will follow.

### **AB 622 – Lessons Learned**

#### **The Ultimate Grand Jury Tool – Case Histories and Guidance on how to file an Accusation**

What is an accusation anyway? And what does that have to do with Grand Jury investigations? The 1985 Napa County Grand Jury foreman will review the "Ren Hen Capers".

### **Expanding Horizons of the CGJA**

Each of the CGJA's standing committees has been adjusting its procedures to expand the breadth and depth of services provided. The committee chairs will explain what's been done and what plans are just over the horizon. There will be time for open dialogue.

### **Legendary Napa Valley - Wine, Food and the Arts**

There are hundreds of wineries and tasting rooms, scores of first class restaurants, miles of nature preserves and a multitude of cultural activities in and around the Napa Valley. A select panel to present the best the Valley has to offer.

All the above to be interspersed with special awards, memorium moments, recognitions of excellence, a special wine reception, a happy hour (or two), sit-down dinner and of course, the Annual CGJA Meeting.

Current grand jurors are welcome to attend Day One of the Conference and then participate in the Report Writing Workshop presented by the Training Committee on Day Two.

Remember to register early. Limited number of rooms available. See you in November!





California Grand Jurors' Association 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Conference

**EXPANDING HORIZONS**

November 7 & 8, 2011

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Embassy Suites Napa Valley, 1075 California Blvd, Napa, CA 94559

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rK8cyQDkBTs>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: CGJA Member  CGJA Associate Member  Introductory Member  Chapter Member

Association Member  Sitting Grand Juror  Court Representative  Other-Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>REGISTRATION:</b>	Conference Attendance	\$96.00*		
	*Inc: Lunch on Nov 7, Break service, special reception with wine			
	**please note: full breakfast each day included with hotel reservation			
	Total per person	\$96.00 x _____	=	\$ _____
	Guest Lunch	\$36.00 x _____	=	\$ _____
<b>DINNER</b> on November 7, 2011 (inc: complimentary wine at table)		\$45.00 x _____	=	\$ _____
<b>Dinner Choices:</b>	Herb Garlic Roasted Prime Rib au Jus # _____			
	Northwest Potlach Salmon with Pinot Grigio Sauce # _____			
	Risotto with Gorgonzola Cheese, Forest Mushrooms & Green Asparagus # _____			
<b>YES</b> , I want to make an additional tax-deductible donation to help underwrite conference costs*** in the amount of: _____				\$ _____
	***will be listed in conference program if received by October 10, 2011			
<b>TOTAL PAYMENT</b> (excluding hotel room, which attendees book directly with hotel)			=	\$ _____

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**Ask the Trainer****Ask the Trainer****Ask the Trainer**

*This is another in a series of articles aimed at current jurors, especially those who have taken advantage of our new Introductory Membership (IM). We will attempt to remind you of key issues on a timely basis. Please remember the following: Any trainer is happy to try to answer specific questions in their area of expertise and may be contacted by using the information in Tab 1 of the training manual; you may not take any response as legal advice; and frequently you should contact your local legal advisors to answer questions. Please submit questions to me or the Journal Editor for future responses*

*Marsha Caranci  
CGJA Training Chair*

**Selecting Investigation Topics**

*By Jerry Lewi*

If you have taken our training program you would recognize that about now you are or should be thinking about selecting topics for your investigations. We'd like to remind you of some key points and perhaps offer some tips to make this job easier and more productive.

There are several sources of topics: External, Internal, and your immediate past Grand Jury. Let's take them one by one. External sources include Citizen Complaints and Requests for Investigation. You do not have to investigate any citizen complaint or request, but you give the complainant the respect to consider the complaint seriously and at least acknowledge receipt. Your own rules dictate whether or not you will consider anonymous complaints. Another external source might be to attend local government public meetings to learn what is going on and items being discussed, particularly during public comments, which might yield some ideas. Internal sources are the jury members' own ideas based on their experiences and expertise. But do be aware of the personal agenda and be sure the topic is not so narrowly focused as to be a juror's "pet peeve." Newspaper articles are a good source as well. Last year's jury may have left you some ideas and some incomplete studies. But if your jury decides to proceed on one of these, remember to adhere to Penal Code 939.9 about making your report based on your own investigations. And look at your report frequency matrix to find entities that haven't been studied for some time – be sure that the matrix is up to date and includes everything within your jurisdiction.

In frequent discussions with media representatives we are admonished to select topics that are timely and significant. Now is probably not the time to trot out ideas that will cost a lot of money, but rather topics that will save considerable money. These should garner attention and produce more immediate results. A word on the process of selecting topics: Some juries will go through a prioritization process and select a reasonable number of subjects early in their term. Others will select them one at a time depending on the investigative committee recommendations. Whatever process you use, be flexible. Don't get locked into topics that prove unrewarding and don't overlook worthy topics that arise later in the term.

And finally, remember that quality is more important than quantity, which is another way of saying don't spread your resources too thin.

**Donations Sought**

CGJA's mission is educating the public about the valuable role grand juries play in government oversight, and promoting government accountability by improving the training and resources available to grand jurors through California.

Your generous donation will help us to continue providing this important public benefit.

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# CGJA Committee Reports, Chapter and Associations Reports and News

## Los Angeles Chapter Annual Meeting

by Pat Yeomans [patyeom@aol.com](mailto:patyeom@aol.com)

Ruben Vives, Los Angeles Times investigative reporter, spoke to members of the Los Angeles County Grand Jurors Association June 14, 2011. The meeting was held at the Los Angeles Athletic Club and was chaired by John Hackney, LA County CGJA President. Members of former Los Angeles County grand juries and guests from Ventura and Orange County attended.

The Hon. Patricia Schnegg, Supervising Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court criminal courts, reported on efforts of the courts to cope with rising costs, lack of space and personnel, especially long waits for court appointments and the challenges to reducing the number of inmates in California prisons. Cooperation with the L.A. Sheriff, attempts to work within the law and a plan to speed up solutions are helpful. She said that four L.A. County criminal grand juries are contemplated. Judge Schnegg is responsible for the selection and training of both the civil and criminal grand juries.

Vives, along with Jeff Gottlieb, broke the case against the Southeast cities of Bell and Vernon. He wrote articles in the Los Angeles Times for over a year to expose corruption. They have received numerous awards, including a Pulitzer Prize for community service reporting.

They requested a meeting with City of Bell officials, June 26, 2010 to ask for minutes and documents about pay and pensions shortly after the City of Maywood, facing bankruptcy, hired Angela Spaccia, financial officer of Bell, to assist them. They met at a Bell city park with council members and the Chief of Police and when they asked Robert Rizzo, City Manager what his annual salary amounted to, he mentioned \$700,000; much more than the President of the United States. Spaccia said she didn't know what her compensation was.

They called on the District Attorney, Public Integrity

Division, and eventually the Los Angeles County Grand Jury to issue subpoenas. They uncovered the fact that Spaccia received \$325,000. Police Chief Randy Adams received \$450,000. He claimed he was on disability from the city of Glendale where he had received \$215,000 annually. Rizzo claimed he came to the City of Bell in 1993 to save them from bankruptcy. As he increased his salary, the City Council did not approve his contract. The property taxes in Bell were second highest in L.A. County. Business owners were assessed. The Police Department harassed and charged exorbitant fees. The City of Bell is



Los Angeles Chapter President John Hackney presenting certificate of appreciation to Los Angeles Times reporter Ruben Vives at Chapter meeting of June 14th.

30% Latino, 50% foreign born and many are not citizens.

Pensions were discussed. Almost 60% of Bell's finances were involved in pensions to police and firemen. CalPers, State of California, was questioned about rules for pensions allowing retirement after short service. John Chiang who has oversight of finance in the State, issued lists of highest paid officials. Auditors were hired but rubberstamped finances without comment. It is estimated that 12 cities in Southeast Los Angeles have problems with finances. Questions arose about using redevelopment funds to hire city employees instead of completing projects.

So what are the solutions? A group called BASTA, (meaning "enough" in Spanish) became active in Bell. Citizens are finally showing up at City Council meetings. In Bell, an entire new Council was elected. Residents were advised how to protest

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inequities. They are seeking new auditors.

The City of Bell became a rallying point all over California leading to proposed changes in pay for city officials and pensions authorized by CalPers. The City of Vernon was accused of mismanagement and threatened with dissolution. They hired expensive law firms to retain their authority but made some changes to reply. This investigation has had a domino effect.

The City of Maricopa in Kern County is considering dissolution according to a grand jury recommendation. The City of Upland in San Bernardino County has indicted officials.

In June, an investigation was begun to look into water district policies controlled by a few politicians. Several questions were raised. Why did it take so long to uncover these problems? Will citizens rise up from apathy to involvement? Will the new redistricting decisions assist cooperation?

President Hackney presented special awards to Judge Patricia Schnegg, to Ruben Vives and Jeff Gottlieb, thanking them for their participation in encouraging citizen involvement and good government. meetings. In Bell, an entire new Council was elected. Residents were advised how to protest inequities. They are seeking new auditors.

### A Word from the Legislative Affairs Committee

*By Bill Trautman, Chair*

Over the past five months that the Legislative Affairs Committee (LAC) has been battling AB622 in the California Legislature, we have made

substantial progress in diluting its impact on the grand jury process; but we cannot rest until it is defeated or vetoed. The Assembly Appropriations Committee removed the worst part of AB622 (making interviews under oath public). The Senate Judiciary Committee further amended the bill to restore the Court's discretion to relieve a grand jury from having to meet with a department head or chief executive officer of an investigated agency to get their input at least 21 days before issuing its final report. But it did not remove the provision allowing a witness testifying under oath before a civil grand jury to have his/her lawyer present. It merely put a five-year *sunset* on this provision. So at the moment, the Senate Appropriations Committee has the next shot to kill this bill at its hearing on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

CGJA has opined that the "lawyer requirement" in AB622 could cost the counties in excess of two and one-half million dollars per year to provide counsel for local government employees testifying under oath, and for court reporters to make a record of lawyer misconduct in an interview. (See CGJA website). We have notified the Senators on the Senate Appropriations Committee of our views and will present our position at the hearing before them on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

We have also prepared a letter to the Governor urging him to veto AB 622 if it should land on his desk. In 2000, then-Governor Gray Davis vetoed a similar bill which would have allowed lawyers to attend both criminal and civil grand jury proceedings. He noted in his veto message that such a major change in the grand jury process deserved sub-

stantial study before being implemented. The presence of lawyers in civil grand jury proceedings will change the dynamics of the fact-finding process and make it more difficult for citizen grand jurors to get at the truth.

So far, an unusual and disturbing pattern has emerged as this bill has gone through the Legislature. While the grand jury process and the local governmental agencies investigated by the grand jury are nonpartisan and not political, the votes on AB 622 have all been along party lines with only one exception; the Democrats voting with their author-colleague to move the bill along and the Republicans voting to kill the bill. Hopefully, the Senate will overcome this trend, or the Governor will veto AB 622. This bill clearly does not benefit the grand jury process, but to the contrary, impedes the citizens' right to check on their governments. Keep the Faith, and don't let up! Let your voices be heard. Stay tuned...

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candidate for  
the Angelo Rolando  
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See the nomination  
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## SAN MATEO COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GRAND JURORS MOURNS THE PASSING OF ANGELO J. CARMASSI

Leaving a void that will never be filled, a Charter Member of the San Mateo County Association of Grand Jurors and the backbone of the organization, Angelo John Carmassi passed away peacefully at his home on "Memorial Day", May 30, 2011. He was the beloved spouse of Lorraine for 56 years. He was also the devoted father of Dennis, Loren and Carol and father-in-law of Vic, Victor and Darren, and a wonderful "Nonnu" to Bryn, Christopher, Avery, Kevin, Jack and Hayley and a cherished brother to Herman and Paul.

Born in San Francisco and a graduate of USF, Angelo was a patriot, veteran of the Korean War, dedicated educator, Vice Principal of El Camino High, Principal of Parkway Jr. High, and a member of Opus, SIRS and a former member of the San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury. Angelo loved crafting birdhouses and welcoming birds into his garden. He was also passionate for computers, technology and an avid movie buff, as well as being a superb entertainer and musician playing for the infamous "Minestrone Four". Gifted with words, and a master story teller, Angelo was always delivering and enjoying a classic joke, a martini and a good cigar.

Those who have been privileged to work with this giant realize what a great loss to our Chapter this is. His brilliant ideas and thoughtful planning have carried our organization through not only tough times, but glorious ones also. In 2007, under the guidance of Angelo, the San Mateo County Association of Grand Jurors established a \$300 scholar-

ship, which is awarded annually to the Hillsdale High School Senior who best investigates the workings of the Civil Grand Jury System. The two fold purpose of this scholarship is to both introduce the Civil Grand Jury System to the students and, at the same time, reward the student that best understands the system. What a legacy this man leaves behind for all members to emulate. He touched our lives in extraordinary ways, and because of it, we are better people. Although he is now gone, he will never be forgotten...for he will live eternally within our hearts. Until we meet again, may the Lord keep Angelo in the palm of his hand.

Barbara Arietta, President  
San Mateo County  
Association of Grand Jurors

## CGJA 2011 Training Season Update

By Marsha Caranci,  
Training Committee Chair

The 2011 CGJA training season is just wrapping up as this Journal goes to press, and it has been a busy one. We have trained around 900 jurors in about a six week period, spanning the state from the far northwest corner (Del Norte County) and the far northeast corner (Modoc County), to the west coast counties of Ventura and Santa Barbara, and the far southeast corner (Imperial county), and lots of places in between. Our team of 15 active trainers has been very busy, as has our support staff of volunteers. Thanks so much to all of you for enabling CGJA to bring this program to the new and returning jurors and alternates throughout the state.

But our work is not finished. As we

start to rest and recover from all this fun and hard work, we are gearing up for more as we look forward to training one more jury this fall (in that charming tiny county of Alpine) and to providing our annual fall Report Writing Workshops to be held in Napa on November 8 and in Sacramento on November 14 (see our website for more information).

Meeting and training grand jurors throughout the state has been a very rewarding experience for us all this year, and we wish the new juries the best of luck as they proceed with the important work they have to do.

## Summary of Board Action

By Joann Landi



**May 24, 2011**  
Approved Awards Committee policy covering Regional Recognition Awards

**June 28, 2011**  
Approved appointment of Leslie Lea to the Tellers Committee

### Help Wanted!

I am looking for a person or persons skilled in Microsoft Access and Microsoft Publisher to help with several committee tasks. Please contact me if you would like to help. The pay is lousy but the comradeship and appreciation are outstanding.

**Jerry Lewi, PR Chair**



## California Grand Jurors' Association Membership Form

CGJA promotes government accountability by improving the training and resources available to California's 58 regular grand juries and educating the public about the substantial local government oversight and reporting powers these grand juries have.

**Please check all that apply:**

New member \*     Associate member\*\*     Renewal     Donation

**Please check one:**

12 month membership @ \$30     2 years or more (specify if more \_\_\_\_\_) @ \$25/year     Lifetime @ \$500

**Please type or print legibly**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

California County of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) served on Grand Jury (e.g., 2000/01) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of a local chapter or association? \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter/association \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

*CGJA will not share your name, address, telephone number or e-mail address with others without your consent. This information will be used solely to communicate with you on matters of CGJA interest.*

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Please consider adding a donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Do you wish your donation to remain unpublished? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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Make check payable to California Grand Jurors' Association or enter credit card information below  
*Applicable fees will be charged on returned checks*

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ or

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*Individual (voting) membership** is open to any person who is serving or has served as a member in good standing on a county grand jury in California. Members elect a Board of Directors to conduct association business. Members are eligible to serve on association committees, attend the association's annual conference at locations throughout California and receive the *CGJA Journal*, containing periodic updates of association and grand jury developments

**\*\*Associate membership** is open to persons who are interested in the association but have not served as a grand juror. Such persons may enjoy all benefits of membership except the right to vote or hold office.

**Please continue on to the membership volunteer form—support our important work with your time!!!!**



**Contact Information**

Name	
Street Address	
City, ST, ZIP + 4	
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**Interests**

**Tell us in which areas of our organization you are interested in volunteering**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Administration	Committee made up of the officers of the Assoc. and the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finance	Oversees the financial management of the Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	Legislative Affairs	Monitors legislative activity at the state level regarding issues that affect the Grand Jury system
<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership Relations	Handles all membership matters including chapter formation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Miscellaneous Operations	Plans annual conference, maintains P&P, Grand Jury archiving, fund raising
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Relations	Manages website, publish <i>Journal</i> , educate public in support of California's Regular Grand Juries
<input type="checkbox"/>	Training	Develops annual training programs for new sitting grand jurors presented at various locations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Periodic & Special	Committees are: Nominations, Ad-Hoc By-laws, Angelo Rolando Award, Audit, Grant Writing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	

**Special Skills or Qualifications**

Summarize special skills and qualifications you have acquired from employment, previous volunteer work, or through other activities, including hobbies or sports

**Previous Volunteer Experience**

Summarize your previous volunteer experience

Participating in CGJA committees or as a Director or Officer may require a waiver of your expressed CGJA privacy preferences within the scope of performance of those duties

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for completing this application form and for your interest in volunteering with us**

**Mail to: CGJA Membership, Attn. Bonnie Kenk, 5645 Dartford Way, San Diego, CA 92120**

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