Welcome New Jurors!

A special welcome to all the 2016-17 grand jurors. And to those of you who have signed up as Introductory Members (IMs) at our training seminars, we will as promised have at least one article of interest to sitting grand jurors in each issue of this publication.

Our primary message this time is to remind you of the resources available to you from CGJA via our website, your training manual, and the *Grand Jurors' Journal*. On page 5 you will find a list of some of those available resources.



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2016 Election Edition

This edition of the Journal includes your Voter Information Pamphlet. Please keep until after you have mailed in your ballot that you should receive within the week. This information will also be found on our website under: member information/election

2016 Candidates

Northern Region

Kathy Wylie Jerry Kunkle

Central Region

Lloyd Bell Barbara Sommer

Southern Region

Medsie Bolin Larry Herbst

Sample ballot on page 2
Be sure to follow the ballot instructions and mail your ballot to be received not later than October 1, 2016

You should soon receive your official ballot. If you do not receive a ballot by August 30 please contact us at nominations@cgja.org and, assuming you are a voting member, a substitute ballot will be sent to you by first class mail, giving you ample time to submit your ballot.

In this edition you will find all candidate statements as well as a copy of the ballot which you may think of as your sample ballot.

Results will be announced at the Annual Conference in Sacramento November 5, 2016.

Any question about this election may be referred to nominations@cgja.org or by phone to Jerry Lewi, NEC Chair at 805-532-1321.

Annual Conference Update By Lloyd Bell, Annual Conference Committee Chair



It's that time of year again! Time to register for the 35th CGJA Annual Conference being held at the Crowne Plaza Sacramento on November 5. Registration forms and hotel information can be found in this edition of the Journal and on our website. This one-day event is packed with information, education, and recognition.

CGJA President Karen Jahr will kick off the event with an update on the

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CGJA 2016 Ballot

Instructions for the 2016 Ballot

Ballots must be received by October 1, 2016 to be counted.

Two Directors from each region (Northern, Central, and Southern) shall be elected by members residing in that region for two-year terms to begin November 5, 2016.

Voting for Directors will be by mail. A plurality shall elect Directors. No proxy voting is allowed. Vote for up to two (2) Directors but no more than two (2) and only one vote per candidate. The Teller Committee will disregard all extraneous marks on the ballot.

Step One: Candidates are listed alphabetically by last name. Review the candidate statements in the August 2016, *Grand Jurors' Journal* (cgja.org/Grand Jurors' Journal/Current Issue) or at cgja.org/Member Business/CGJA 2016 Election. A space is provided for write-in names of members in your region. (If more than two votes are cast, the votes on that ballot will not be counted.)

Step Two: Place marked ballot in the return envelope, addressed to the League of Women Voters.

Step Three: In order to have your ballot counted, you must print your name, county, and region, and place your signature in the space provided on the return envelope.

Step Four: Place a first class stamp on the return envelope. Your ballot must be received by October 1, 2016.

The League of Women Voters will verify membership status and perform a preliminary tally of the results. Results will be announced in the October 2016, *Grand Jurors' Journal* and by the Tellers at CGJA's 2016 Annual Conference in Sacramento, November 5, 2016.

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CANDIDATES STATEMENTS



Medsie Bolin

In 2010 I was selected to serve on the Fresno County Grand Jury (2010-11). Upon completion of my term I, like many of you, was not ready to completely walk away from service so I joined the CGJA and also became involved with our local chapter. After attending the annual conference in Napa in 2012 I joined the Membership Relations Committee. Since then I have served as a director of our local chapter and helped coordinate the regional meetings held in the Central Valley. I currently serve as a CGJA director, and Treasurer of the organization. I have been a CGJA trainer for three years and currently serve as vice-chair of the Training Committee and on several training sub-committees. I also serve on the Finance Committee and the Annual Conference Committee.

The California Grand Jury System serves the very important function of our citizens' governmental oversight committee. I am running for the CGJA Board because I am passionate about helping CGJA fulfill its mission "To promote, preserve, and support the grand jury system through training, education, and outreach".

I hope you will allow me to continue to represent you and work toward those all important goals.

Lloyd D. Bell

While serving as a member of the 2010-11 Grand Jury and Foreperson of the 2011-12 Grand Jury, I gained an appreciation for the impact the Grand Jury system has in insuring an efficient, accountable local government that is proactive in addressing citizen needs. While serving as President of the Contra Costa Chapter of the CGJA, I led the implementation of an orientation program for Grand Jury applicants that has drastically reduced juror turnover. As host chair, I led the Contra Costa Association in hosting the 2015 CGJA Annual Conference.



Elected as CGJA Director in 2014, I became Chair of the Finance Committee. I was appointed to the position of CGJA Vice-President in 2015 due to a resignation, and also serve as

Chair of the Annual Conference Committee. Through all of these duties, it has been clear to me that the success CGJA has enjoyed is a result of the unselfish service of its members and their desire to see that Grand Jurors are properly trained to perform their duties while also serving as a growth resource to its members, chapters and associations throughout the state.

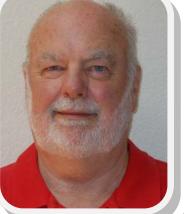
Your vote will enable me to continue to serve the CGJA and its members.

Angelo Rolando Memorial Award - Reminder: As announced in the June Journal, applications are being accepted until August 31, 2016

If you have any questions regarding the nomination process, feel free to call or email: Joannelandi@aol.com and/or 650-365-4184. Nomination forms are available at cgia.org or may be downloaded and mailed to:

Joann Landi, 178 South Palomar Drive, Palomar Park 94062.

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Larry Herbst

I began grand jury service in July 2013 in Luis Obispo County. I served as committee chair, was the original author of several reports and participated on the editorial committee. I was then named by the presiding judge as foreperson for the 2014-15 panel. Since my jury service ended in 2015, I have participated as ex officio board member on the SLO County Chapter of CGJA. In September 2015, I joined the Public Relations Committee and have been an active member, recently publishing the initial version of the PRC Procedures Manual.

As a CGJA board member, I would work to continue to enhance the value CGJA provides to the 58 counties. An effective way to accomplish that as an organization is to add to the membership, recruiting key skills, increasing support and growth of CGJA chapters, and add to the repertoire of resources provided to chapters and sitting juries throughout the state. As a continuing member of PRC, I shall focus on outreach to our members and to the public.

Kathy Wylie

As a former CGJA Director and a retired school Superintendent/Principal, I fully support the association's primary mission to educate grand jurors and the public. I have served on and chaired CGJA's Legal and Legislative committee, participated on the statewide training team for CGJA Investigations and Technology use, and established the CGJA Blog which catalogs news articles concerning various grand jury reports around the state.



My husband and I currently reside in Albion, and I serve as the hold-over Foreman on the 2016-17 Mendocino County Grand Jury, participating on the local Grand Jury nine different occasions since 2001.

I am a capable and proven candidate for Director of CGJA and have the historical perspective on association issues that will help to guide our training and outreach activities.



Jerry Kunkle

After retiring from the Santa Barbara County Sheriffs' Department as a Custody Lieutenant I moved to Butte County. I served on the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 Grand Juries. I am a member of the Membership Retention Committee as well as currently serving as a Director, and am a first time trainer. During my time as a local chapter President and CGJA Director, I have developed the opinion that both levels of the association, both statewide and local, are vital to the health and effectiveness of the unique California Grand Jury System.

I am committed to supporting the state organization in training new Grand Jurors' and insuring that the CGJA acts as a resource in the collection and distribution of the projects and ide-

as that spring from the local chapters. I'm also committed to seeing that local chapters be supported and assisted by the state organization by assisting them wherever possible in maintaining their membership, and in the projects they undertake in supporting the Grand Jury system in their local community. I look forward to serving both as a trainer and as a Director in the coming two years.

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Barbara Sommer

Having recently been appointed to the Board, I would like to continue because I place a very high value on the CGJA mission and want to do all that I can to involve others in that goal. A strong CGJA at the state level along with active local chapters seems the most efficient means for guaranteeing the continuance of the system.

In addition to a year as chair of the Awards Committee, I continue to chair the Excellence in Reporting subcommittee. My most recent activity is on the Membership Relations Committee where I am involved in a survey of member motivation and satisfaction. I was Foreperson of the Yolo County Grand Jury in 2009-10, and helped form the Yolo Chapter in 2013, serving as President until this year (am currently Secretary).



I am retired from UC Davis (Lecturer in Psychology), am a native Californian, and have lived in the Bay Area. These factors contribute to my knowledge and appreciation of the needs and challenges of our state and of our region. I have attended a number of regional meetings and found them to be valuable sources of support and inspiration.

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ATTN: New Jurors By: Marsha Caranci, Chair cgjatraining@cgja.org

Here are some of the resources available to you from CGJA via our website, your training manual, and the Grand Jurors' Journal:

Under Jury Resources on our website home page, you will find a number of sub items such as:

Frequently Asked Questions: These are primarily legal issues that are raised by jurors from time to time. The answers come from our Legal and Legislative Resources Committee (LLRC), and while not official legal advice, they are quite authoritative. You may ask questions of the trainer who discussed the issue of concern or the <u>LLRC</u> directly through the contact information on that sub item.

California Codes: A link to the California Legislature website for any code or any pending bill.

Local Government Information: Provides links to many government and other agency websites that have to do with various local governments. In addition, this is where you will find the list of Joint Powers Authorities (JPAs).

Other Useful Links: A variety of links to resources, including <u>Government Financial Reports</u>, a very useful resource about Special Districts, and the <u>Board of State and Community Corrections</u> website, further described in our workshop on Detention Facilities Inspections.

Sample Documents: We spoke a great deal about this page in our seminars. There are about 60 useful documents on a variety of subjects on this page. You may download and use these as is or modify them. Our thanks to the many grand juries who provided these documents.

Your CGJA 2016 **Training Manual** should continue to act as a resource for you throughout the year. You will find useful information about the law in Tab 2, more about local government entities in Tab 3, information on ethics and transparency in Tab 4, how to conduct grand jury investigation and interviews in Tabs 5 and 6, and information on writing reports in Tab 7. Tab 8 contains additional resources and a glossary.

We hope you will take advantage of all our available information. We welcome questions and comments about any topic related to our training program or to the civil aspects of grand jury work. You can contact us through the information in the bio section of Tab 8 of the training manual, or by writing to cgjatraining@cgja.org.

Note: If you signed up as an IM but did not receive this issue electronically, it takes a little while. You will definitely get the next one in October.

CGJA News and Chapter News from Around the State News for You and by You

Madera County By: Leanne Thomson, President

April was a busy month for the Madera County Chapter when members hosted two events. On April 2, 2016, the chapter hosted a booth at our annual information/recruitment effort at the Ranchos Seniors Home and Garden show, and on April 16, 2016, we hosted a Grand Jury Workshop at the Oakhurst Library. Grand Jury Supervising Judge Dale Blea participated where he addressed the kinds of issues the Grand Jury investigates and answered questions on the role of the public in the Grand Jury's function.

On July 12, 2016 the Madera Chapter held a one-day annual orientation for the incoming 2016-2017 Grand Jury.

Earlier in the year, the Response Review Committee completed its review of responses submitted to all Findings and Recommendations contained in the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 Final Reports. The committee checked for timely responses and if the response met the requirement of law, and forwarded the results to the 2015-2016 panel.

Monterey County By: Max Small

June and July were active months for the Monterey County Chapter. First, on June 23, six Monterey Members travelled to Watsonville to meet with seven Santa Cruz County Chapter members for a dinner show and tell event where we reviewed our experiences and practices in supporting our respective Superior Courts in the 2016-2017 recruiting process. Considering that each Chapter was in its first resuscitated year, the exchanges were remarkably creative and beneficial. The two Chapters plan to meet periodically on a regular basis.

Second, The Monterey Chapter met with the Hon. Mark Hood, Monterey County Superior Court Presiding Judge, to discuss how the Court and Chapter might improve the Court's outreach to candidates for the Grand Jury, and put in place a jointly administered recruiting and training program, with specific materials, all in the form of a process documented to benefit changes in both Court and Chapter personnel. As a result of this discussion, the Chapter authored a proposed seven month recruiting program, which the Court welcomed. This will lead to periodic meetings of Court staff and Chapter Members to put the Program in place.

Nevada County Grand Jury Courtesy of: YubaNet

NEVADA CITY, Calif. June 18, 2016 - On Friday afternoon, the Nevada County Superior Court held a short ceremony to thank the outgoing members of the 2015-16 Civil Grand Jury and swear in the 2016-17 members.

Members of the Grand Jury spent countless hours investigating matters of concern to citizens of Nevada County. Reports generated by their efforts are published and made available for review on the Court's website and distributed to the media. Some of the reports produced by the 2015-16 Grand Jury included a review of best practices for agency board members, the effects of prison realignment on the Washington Ridge Camp, the environmental effects of marijuana cultivation in Nevada County and the Grand Jury asked if the Carl F. Bryan II Regional Juvenile Hall is worth the cost.

Superior Court Judge Thomas M. Anderson and outgoing Foreperson Doug Wight thanked each member of the outgoing Jury for their efforts. "You spent more hours than you expected, you can't talk about what you did or whom you interviewed and you won't get credit for changes that will happen eventually," quipped Judge Anderson. What you do is important and essential, he continued and the whole community owes you their thanks and gratitude.

Then, Deputy Jury Commissioner Audrey Golden, announced the new members of the 2016-17 Grand Jury, selected at random from the pool of applicants. Judge Anderson administered the oath of office and thanked them for their willingness to serve. Foreperson Achter then announced their first meeting and promised them a fact-filled year.

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numerous CGJA activities that have occurred this year. She will also provide her report on the state of the association. Following her presentation, the results of the election for directors will be announced, and all directors will be sworn in.

After a pasta-bar buffet lunch, Carole D'Elia, executive director of the Little Hoover Commission, will deliver our keynote address. The commission is an independent state oversight agency that was created by law in 1962 to investigate state government operations and – through their reports – promote efficiency, economy, and improved service. D'Elia will update attendees on current items of interest to all.

Toward the end of the conference, we will announce the winners of the Excellence in Reporting and the News Media awards. We will also bestow the Angelo Rolando Memorial Award on one CGJA member in good standing in recognition of outstanding and exceptional service to CGJA.

Sacramento is filled with historical points of interest, such as the California Railroad Museum, Gold Rush buildings in the Old Sacramento State Historic Park, the Aerospace Museum of California, and the State Capitol Building.

So, come a day early or stay a day after the conference – but come to the CGJA Annual Conference! Make your reservations today!



California Grand Jurors' Association 35th Annual Statewide Conference November 5, 2016

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: The Crowne Plaza Sacramento Northeast Hotel is now accepting reservations for your attendance at the CGJA Annual Conference. Their street address is 5321 Date Avenue, Sacramento, California 95814. You may make your hotel reservation in either of two ways:

Call the hotel directly at (877) 504-0054 and identify yourself as being with the California Grand Jurors' Association using group code GRJ, or

Make your reservation on-line at https://www.crowneplaza.com/redirect?
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You will need to provide credit card information to reserve your room.

The CGJA daily room rate is \$95.00 for either a King Executive non-smoking room or a Two Double Executive non-smoking room.

<u>Reservations must be made by October 24, 2016.</u> Reservations made after that date will be subject to the prevailing hotel rates and are subject to availability at the time of booking.



California Grand Jurors' Association 35th Annual Conference And Membership Meeting "Making A Difference" November 5, 2016

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Crowne Plaza, Sacramento 5321 Date Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841 For Hotel reservation information, please see page seven

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- 2.) Print and mail to: California Grand Jurors' Association, 1017 L Street #320, Sacramento, CA 95814-3805 94583, Attn: Treasurer

Information: Lloyd Bell, Conference Chair, lloyd.bell@comcast.net



California Grand Jurors' Association Membership Form

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**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 page 2, the membership volunteer interest form support our important work with your time!!!!

CGJA Membership Form Revised May, 2016

Visit us at www.cgja.org

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	Fund Development	Committee	Carries out fund	Carries out fundraising via donations and grant writing.		
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