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This edition of the *Journal* serves as your **Voter Information Pamphlet**.
Please keep it until you have voted.

CGJA Board of Directors Candidates from the Nominations-Elections Committee

Northern Region

Marsha Caranci (Shasta)
Tim Hafner (Humboldt)

Central Region

Janet Clark (Alameda)
Diane Lloyd (Calaveras)
Carolyn Stinematos (Calaveras)

Southern Region

Travis Gibbons (Santa Barbara)
Lou Panetta (Monterey)

Again, voting for directors will be done electronically using the CGJA website. On, or shortly after, August 1st you will receive an email with a link to the voting site. The email will contain a **unique control number** that you **must enter** on the voting form as proof of your eligibility to vote. Simple, detailed instructions will be on the voting site for your review.

If you do not receive your emailed link, please contact us at nominations@CGJA.org or nec@cgja.org to receive another link. Members not having an email address in the CGJA database, or those requesting a paper ballot, will need to send a request to nec@cgja.org. Voting ends on **August 31, 2021**. Mail ballots need to be received by **September 6, 2021**.

Results will be announced at the Annual Membership Meeting on Monday, October 25, 2021, which will be a virtual meeting via Zoom, and in the October *Journal*.

If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Boracci, Nominations-Elections Committee chair, at nec@cgja.org or phone 530-521-8204.

Read the candidate statements on the following pages.

Rolando Award Nominations Due August 27th

Last call to nominate a member for outstanding service to our organization.

See details at cgja.org/angelo-rolando-award

Questions? Contact [Joann Landi](mailto:Joann.Landi@cgja.org), Awards Chair

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Northern Region

Marsha Caranci (Shasta)

I am running as an incumbent director representing the northern region. I have been a CGJA member since 2002 and a CGJA Trainer since 2003. I currently serve as the chair of the Training Committee, and as a member of the Finance, Bylaws and Policy Review, and Executive Committees.

I am a past recipient of the Angelo Rolando Service Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award and was honored to be selected for both.

I am also a director and past president of the Shasta County Chapter of CGJA.

I am passionate about CGJA and its mission. I work hard to contribute to the strength of the organization by spearheading the planning, organization and execution of the CGJA Training Program, and by participating in the general oversight of the organization by serving on the board. If elected to serve another term, I will continue to work towards furthering the strength and vitality of this great organization.

My goals for CGJA are to keep doing what we do best – training and supporting the grand juries throughout California. We should also continue to reach out to the public to educate them about the grand jury system, and support MCRC’s goals to strengthen chapters and continue growing our membership.

Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy.



Tim Hafner (Humboldt)



Hello, everyone. I am a Viet Nam Veteran and have lived behind the Humboldt County Redwood Curtain since 1974. I received a BS Degree in Forestry from Humboldt State University in 1977. I retired from the United States Postal Service in 2010 after a 33 1/3-year career. In 2014, I decided to apply for the Grand Jury and utilize my investigative skills that were honed over years of being a president/shop steward for the National Association of Letter Carriers union.

I was a member of the Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury in 2014-15 and 2015-16; Pro Tem of the latter term. I was elected president of our local chapter in 2017 and currently remain in that position. I was elected one of the Directors of the Northern Region of the CGJA in 2018, a position I hope to continue in for the 2022-2024 term.

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Southern Region

Travis Gibbons (Santa Barbara)

The work of the CGJA is critical to the continued smooth operation of the California County Grand Jury system. CGJA guidance to the CGJA Chapters, legal opinions to county grand juries, and training for county grand juries and their legal counsels and judges is the cornerstone for that smooth operation. As a CGJA member I stand ready to provide my knowledge and experience to that cause.

I have been a member of the CGJA since 2010 while serving on four Santa Barbara County grand juries (2010–2015) in all administrative and committee positions. I joined CGJA as a voting member in 2016, serving as Trainer and member of the Training Committee and its Public Relations Subcommittee. I was elected as Southern Regional Director in 2017 and 2019, became the CGJA Treasurer in 2018, and am a member of the Board of Directors Executive Committee and Finance and Annual Conference Committees.

My personal goals are to fulfill the duties of the Southern Regional Director; to continue serving in the positions as stated above; and to coordinate with the appropriate CGJA officers and committees on issues identified by Regional CGJA chapters and county grand juries and their advisors and presiding judges.



Lou Panetta (Monterey)



I am a retired member of the faculties of the College of Business at California State University, Monterey Bay, and of the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, instructing MBA Candidates in international business planning, research, and market development.

Prior to my career in academia, I served as a corporate executive, having several domestic and international positions. I also served on several for-profit and nonprofit boards of directors.

My grand jury experience includes serving as Foreman Pro Tem on the 2014-15 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury where I chaired an investigative committee. I am the current president of CGJA, a trainer for the CGJA, and serve on the Training and Technology Committees.

My desire to continue to serve on the CGJA board is simple. I believe in the Grand Jury System and its essential role in democracy. In America, we don't serve the government, the government serves us. We have several means to ensure that arrangement continues – the oversight of the civil grand jury is of the purest form.

The impact I would like to make on the CGJA is to improve effectiveness by focusing on increasing membership, developing a strong candidate pool for continuing good governance, and increasing civil grand jury awareness throughout the state.

I graduated from Niagara University with a B. S. Degree in Mathematics and completed the Advanced Management Program at Haas Business School, University of California, Berkeley. I live in Monterey, California with my wife Kathy.

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Central Region

Janet Clark (Alameda)

CGJA plays a vital role insuring the survival of the Grand Jury system. I am happy to be a part of CGJA.

After my year of Grand Jury service, I worked with a small group of my jury colleagues to put together the Alameda County chapter. Together we have been effective in recruiting new jurors, and involving the press in jury activities and reports. We have also sponsored regional meetings.

I have been a member of the Membership and Chapter Relations committee for 4 years, now serving as secretary. As a member of the Annual Conference Committee for 3 years I have worked with Chairman Bell recruiting for the Silent Auction and donations for CGJA.

I am completing my first term on the Board of Directors representing the Central Region. I have enjoyed the activities and the people I have met here at CGJA and hope to continue.



Diane Lloyd (Calaveras)



I was fortunate to have been chosen as a grand juror on the 2018-2019 Calaveras County Grand Jury. It was one of the most rewarding experiences in my life. So rewarding, in fact, that I carried over to the 2019-20 jury. I was bitten by the grand jury bug! In early 2019, I was allowed along for the ride with several colleagues as we formed the first three county CGJA chapter – Mother Lode Chapter, covering Calaveras, Tuolumne and Amador counties. I have served as treasurer of the chapter from its inception and am chair of the Outreach and Implementation Review Committees.

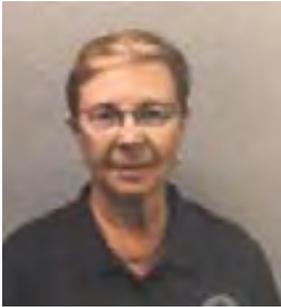
As a young idealist during the turbulent times of the '60s, I felt that there was nothing that could stop me from changing the world. Then life happened, family and friends were nurtured and a career was built. All the hard work of putting together a happy, satisfying life was done (I thought) when I retired. When the letter came from the Calaveras County Superior Court, asking if I would be interested in service on the grand jury, I had no idea that this would be the beginning of my new vocation. The thought that I could be one of 19 people who could actually make a difference in my small county was mind-boggling. Here was my chance to fulfill those early dreams of serving something larger than myself – my community.

I joined CGJA as a regular member in my first year as a grand juror. I have served on several committees, but I have found my niche as chair of the Membership and Chapter Relations Committee. With CGJA's goals firmly in mind – to build and retain membership, to increase grand jury awareness throughout the State and to promote member participation in order to strengthen succession planning goals – I would be honored to serve as your voice on the board of directors.

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Central Region



Carolyn Stinematess (Calaveras)

I graduated from San Jose State University in 1972 earning a BS and earned my teaching credential in 1973.

In 2017-2018 I was appointed by the presiding Calaveras County Grand Jury Judge to the Civil Grand Jury. I took on the lead for the Animal Control Committee, a member of the Editorial Committee member assisting in writing all 2017-2018 reports, and a member of the Jails Committee.

In 2019 I was appointed to be the foreperson. I attended the CGJA Foreperson Training and the Conference.

In 2019 a devoted group of Calaveras Grand Jurors from 2017 and 2018 came together to work very hard to establish the CGJA Mother Lode Chapter. Our top priority was to include our neighboring counties, Tuolumne and Amador Counties, to make this chapter a tri-county chapter, the first ever with CGJA. I was elected as a chapter director and as chapter president in the inaugural Mother Lode election. Under my leadership, the chapter has met many challenges in our first two years and the most challenging has been Covid-19 but the chapter has pushed on meeting via zoom monthly.

My objectives in serving on the CGJA board are to

1. Promote development and continuing education of the California Grand Jury System.
2. Provide oversight and recommendations on all CGJA programs.
3. Develop partnerships with local government and provide guidance and recommendations as needed.
4. Promote mentoring and provide recommendations for chapter establishment of inaugural chapters and growth and development of the newly formed chapter.

Most importantly, I want to support the CGJA mission "To promote, preserve, and support the Grand Jury System through training, education, and outreach." In every organization that I have worked for or volunteered for, there has been a mission statement. I have found this to be imperative for any organization to provide for a strong system or program. This is followed by a vision and goals set as stated by CGJA's purpose.

I promise to follow and execute all CGJA director duties and responsibilities to the best of my abilities and as required by the CGJA bylaws. I ask for your vote. Thank you for your consideration.

Letters

Send your thoughts or opinions on CGJA or grand jury matters to editor@cgja.org.

Bookmark the Date - October 25

Annual Membership Meeting

by Lloyd Bell, Annual Conference Committee Chair

As last year, the **2021 Annual Membership Meeting** will be a virtual meeting. It will be held on **October 25, 2021**, from **1 to 3 p.m.**

Neil McCormick, Executive Director of the [California Special Districts Association](#), will be our keynote speaker to kick off the meeting. Neil has promised to address some topics that we suggested based on outreach to the membership.

This meeting, required by our by-laws, will include mandatory items such as the report from the president, committee reports (posted), and annual awards including the Angelo Rolando Service Award and the Excellence in Reporting Awards for both an outstanding grand jury report and outstanding media coverage.

A significant part of the meeting will describe how the organization has coped with the pandemic. The major impact has been on training, but other activities have also been impacted.

There will be ample time for questions from the membership. Stay up to date by following information as it is posted on the [Annual Conference webpage](#) along with the Zoom login instructions.

Feedback from the record number of attendees during last year’s Zoom meeting indicated that conducting business this way was well-received. We anticipate another outstanding program.

Welcome New Members!

County	Name	County	Name	County	Name
Alameda	David Sarber	Monterey	Rick Busman	San Mateo	Chris Wedekind
Amador	Marcy Colby Walters	Monterey	Mark Newman	San Mateo	Lily Avida
Amador	Katie Scott	Orange	Steven Sipe	San Mateo	Henry Tenenbaum
Contra Costa	Richard Nakano	Orange	Colleen Daddario	Santa Cruz	Chad Silva
El Dorado	Roger Pickler	Orange	Georgia Lappin	Santa Cruz	Bruce Krogstad
Mono	Juliana Olinka Jones	Placer	Walter Moore	Santa Cruz	Marcus Liesching
Monterey	John Geiss	Placer	John Melrose	Santa Cruz	Alex Morgan
Monterey	Thomas Wiley	Placer	Mark Brown	Shasta	William Arthur
Monterey	Marianne Howard	Riverside	Mark Krulic	Shasta	Jeanne Jelke
Monterey	Leticia M. Altamirano	Riverside	Susan Clay	Stanislaus	Mark Zahner
Monterey	John LaLonde	Sacramento	Jeannine English	Yolo	Jeff Fortis
Monterey	Michelle Donovan	San Francisco	Ashley Weissinger	Yolo	Susan Pelican
Monterey	Christopher Bourke	San Francisco	Rick Crane	Yuba	J. Sannizaro
Monterey	Tom Matre	San Francisco	Judi Sanderlin		



CGJA Blogspot

by Jerry Lewi, cgjaprguy@gmail.com

cgja.blogspot blogger

Have you visited our blog lately? For those who haven't, it an easy way to see how the California press is covering grand jury reports. View the scrolling window on our homepage cgja.org. It displays the ten most recent posts of articles from county and city newspapers.

If that doesn't do anything for you and you still need to know more, click on the **Blog Archive** button (below the scrolling window). In the search box on the right-hand column, enter either the county of interest or a subject of interest and click **Search**. Several articles should appear on the blog page. If there are many, you can sort by date to get more recent entries. You also reach the blog directly by its own address, cgja.blogspot.com.

We are working to restore a feature whereby you could sign up to be notified via social media whenever a new item had been posted. Absent that, you may use the procedure above to find articles of interest.

Finally, I am looking for assistance to manage this page. If you like to search for articles about grand juries and have the time to create and post entries, I would welcome your support. The time commitment would be about one hour per week with seasonal spurts as grand juries release their reports. The pay is lousy, but the reward comes from seeing how much coverage grand juries do receive.

For more information, see the [article](#) on page 3 in the [February 2019 Grand Jurors' Journal \(2017-18 Grand Juries in Eight Counties Received the Most Media Coverage\)](#). It provides some statistics about blog posts.



Keath North

by Jerry Lewi, Public Relations Committee Chair



Keath North, former CGJA president, passed away on June 6, unexpectedly (at least to us) of pancreatic cancer after a short illness. Keath was president from 2010-2012 succeeding Tony Noce, whose passing is also acknowledged in these pages.

In his initial message, North outlined his goals for the association as follows:

- Efforts to ensure that the public in each county has access to grand jury reports and responses.
- A robust new website design and functionality, including eCommerce capability and a live window featuring our very informative blog on the home page.
- More resources for current juries made available via the website.
- A Twitter account for instantaneous communication of important events.
- A Facebook page with links to educational and recruitment materials.
- A bold outreach to build public awareness and improve the diversity of our grand juries.
- Continued expansion of our training for new jurors statewide.

We can confidently say that all of these goals were met during his tenure. One of his most important achievements was the writing and production of the recruiting video, *Agents of Change*, made in his county of Humboldt with the aid of chapter members and the local community TV outlet. That video was sold as a DVD to many courts and is still viewed on our [website](#). He served on the Public Relations committee while serving as president, so many of his goals were carried out via that committee.

Though stepping back from most CGJA activities in recent years, he attended all the annual conferences.

Keath was born in Arkansas, was educated at the University of Arkansas and had a multi-faceted career in entertainment and real estate. He most recently managed a property management firm in Loleta, Humboldt County.

Keath was a lively participant in social media, especially Facebook. He and his wife, Joyce, travelled widely, especially to Mexico and South America. They have two sons and three grandchildren.

Anthony (Tony) Noce

by Jerry Lewi, Public Relations Committee Chair

Tony Noce, former CGJA president (2008-10) and founder of the Kern County chapter passed away Feb 20, 2020. We regret that we didn't find out about this until very recently. Despite the passing of time, we think it appropriate to tell members about Tony and his role in CGJA.



We first met Tony at the 2005 Annual Conference in Burbank. He introduced himself as a juror and announced he and others were forming a chapter in Kern County. That occurred in about May of 2006, with Tony as its first president. The chapter has been very active since. One of the chapter's and Tony's signature accomplishments was the hosting of the 2008 Annual Conference in Bakersfield (Kern County). The program was very complete and included many guest speakers and panel discussions along with outstanding entertainment. Who could forget 50 young strolling Mariachi players serenading us during our banquet? Tony was the conference chair, aided by a significant number of his chapter members.

Perhaps on the strength of his demonstrated leadership abilities, he was immediately elected CGJA president for the ensuing two-year term. He was a busy promoter of the association largely through attending many training sessions all over the state and was a frequent contributor to the *Grand Jurors' Journal*. Some of the actions in his term were to create one of the first grand jury awareness events in the state in his home Kern County in February 2008, streamline the committee structure and start a successorship program to insure continuity of committee chairs.

Tony served on the 2001-02, 2003-04, and 2004-05 Kern County grand juries. A native Californian, he was employed as a union teamster in his early years and later became a union licensed general contractor. For over 25 years, he worked on construction projects throughout California, Utah and Hawaii. When he wasn't working, he participated in Boy Scouts, the LDS church and Indian Y Guides. He was a coach for the Police Athletic League, Pop Warner football and little league baseball. After retiring from construction work in 1991, he moved to Bakersfield; though he never truly understood what "retirement" meant, because in addition to his CGJA service he participated in many other volunteer activities.

Ask the Trainer by Marsha Caranci, CGJA Training Chair



This regular column allows the CGJA training team to share with Journal readers our responses to questions we receive from grand jurors. Please remember: Do not take any response as legal advice, and contact your local legal advisors to answer any question that might divulge confidential information.

Please submit your questions to me at cgjatraining@cgja.org. Our response to your edited or redacted question might appear in a future edition of the Journal.

Q. Some of the responses we've received to last year's reports don't comply with the requirements of the penal code. Should we post copies of the non-compliant responses on our grand jury's website? Are we required to send them to the State Archivist?

A. At this time of year, most grand juries are receiving the responses to last term's grand jury reports. Two subsections of Penal Code section 933 discuss how the grand jury is to maintain copies of its reports and the responses to those reports.

The only mention of non-compliant responses is in subdivision (b), which says, in part: "One copy of each final report, together with the responses thereto, found to be in compliance with this title shall be placed on file with the clerk of the court and remain on file in the office of the clerk."

This provision can be read a couple of ways as to whether a copy of non-compliant responses should be maintained by the court.

One interpretation is that the phrase "found to be in compliance with this title" refers to both the report and the responses. It seems to us, however, that the comma after "thereto" indicates that the phrase refers only to the report and that "together with the responses thereto" is an independent unmodified phrase. If the legislature had intended the "compliance" language to refer to the responses, the sentence would read "One copy of each final report, together with the responses thereto found to be in compliance with this title, shall be placed" Therefore, the clerk would be required to maintain non-compliant responses.

Subsection (c) of section 933 says, in part, that with regard to all responses, "one copy shall be placed on file with the applicable grand jury final report by, and in the control of the currently impaneled grand jury, where it shall be maintained for a minimum of five years."

There is no requirement that a grand jury "maintain" the reports and responses by posting them on its website, although almost all grand juries do so.

Should non-compliant responses be omitted from your website? It's fine if your jury does not post non-compliant responses – or even compliant ones – on your website, as long as you maintain them in some manner. But on a practical basis, it would seem that the residents of your county would have an interest in reading all the responses (and maybe a heightened interest in the non-compliant ones, since the respondent has failed to comply with the Penal Code), so we recommend that all responses be posted on the website.

Under section 933(b), it is the duty of the court clerk, not the grand jury, to ensure that copies of the report and responses be provided to the State Archivist. We recommend that the clerk send all responses, even those that are not compliant, to the State Archivist.

Recent Board Actions

By unanimous email vote, June 25, 2021

Adopted amendments to Policies 6.20, 8.30, 10.20, 12.60, and 13.60.

Adopted amendments to the CGJA Bylaws Article 5(f); Article 6, §7(e); and Article 7, §4.

Approved 2021 Director Election Ballots

Board Meeting, July 27, 2021

Approved support letter with suggested changes.

All approved board meeting minutes are available on the CGJA [website](#).

NOTE: We encourage members to attend meetings of the board of directors. They are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month via Zoom (no meetings in July and rarely in December). The agenda along with Zoom information is available a week before the meeting. [Read more](#).

Keep us Posted

Send us your chapter or association news and accomplishments. Format articles in Word and send as email attachments to Barbara Sommer editor@cgja.org. For more details see [How to submit an article](#).

DEADLINE for submitting articles for publication in the next issue

September 27, 2021

Change of address - Please notify the editor@cgja.org of any email address changes.

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