



Annual
Conference

November
14-15

Fresno,
California

California
Grand Juries
making a
difference
Since
1849-50

Gary Greenberg Chair,
g_greenberg@att.net



**INSIDE THIS
ISSUE:**

Chapter News From Around The State	3
Thoughts On The 2013-2014 Grand Jury	6
Committee Reports	8
Bord Actions	10



Grand Jurors' Journal

www.cgja.org

President's Message *By Bill Trautman*



There is indeed much happening with CGJA. In the last *Journal* edition, I highlighted the Training Committee's efforts to prepare for the forthcoming training season. However, there is much more. Over the last few years, the growth in CGJA chapters has been accelerating; one more just this month. We welcome and congratulate our newest chapter, the Santa Cruz County Chapter. A large and enthusiastic group that sent a small bus load of members to the recent CGJA Regional Meeting in San Rafael. I had to privilege to present them with their Chapter Certificate at that meeting. One of many regional meetings being held this year, the San Rafael meeting was attended by over 30 CGJA members from 10 counties. Chaired by our Vice President, Beate Boultinghouse, the meeting featured a presentation on *Restorative Justice* followed by a review and discussion of our Chapter Implementation Review (IR) Guidelines. Quite a good turnout.

The Chapter IR guidelines were completed and approved by the Board at its May 28th meeting. Designed to give the chapters that have or wish to start an IR program, the Guidelines set forth CGJA's recommendations and suggestions on how to conduct effective follow-up to yet-implemented grand jury report recommendations. The Guidelines attach a proposed form letter for the chapters to use in addressing implementation inquiries to governmental entities and officials and a memorandum on liability and insurance issues related to IR. I would like to personally thank the IR Committee that made meaningful suggested changes to these Guidelines. The Committee is composed of seven Directors; Beate Boultinghouse, Karin Hern, Dianne Hoffman, Karen Jahr, Dan Mufson, Larry Walker succeeded by Jim Ragan, and me; and seven Chapter members; Mike Boom(Yuba), Don Blythe(San Luis Obispo), Jerry Jagers(Sacramento), Beckie Jennings(Sutter), Jerry Lewi (Ventura), and John Morris(Napa.)

CGJA is also providing its chapters with recommended guidelines for CGJA Chapters on filing federal and state income tax returns, requesting exemption from state income taxes and registering as a charity with the Attorney General. Among other things, CGJA will be requesting a group exemption on behalf of the chapters from the Franchise Tax Board. These guidelines are the principal work of Director Karin Hern and the CGJA Finance Committee chaired by John Monaco. I am sure they will be of great benefit to our chapters.

Our 2013 Annual Conference is heavy into the planning stages. The Conference will be held in Fresno on November 14 and 15. Please hold the dates because this should be an interesting and worthwhile conference. Director Gary Greenberg from Fresno is spearheading the planning effort with some valuable assistance from last year's conference chair, Diane Dame Shepp, from Napa. Gary has his program committees in place and working to make this yet another memora-

Continued page 2

Pat Yeomans Follow-up

By Jerry Lewi

My wife, Marion, and I had the honor of attending the service and reception in honor of the late Pat Yeomans on April 16th. The service was held at the First Baptist Church of Los Angeles and the reception was at the Los Angeles Tennis Club that one could say served Pat as her other "religion" - tennis.

Audrey Lynberg and Marilyn Reingold also attended on behalf of CGJA and the Los Angeles Chapter.

All four of Pat's children spoke at the service. One of most amazing facts that came out about her life was that she was a member of the same church for 87 years! That has to be a record of some sort.

The service honored her work at the church while the reception seemed focused on her tennis friends where she played about two blocks from her home well into her 90's.

Truly an amazing lady who will be missed.

Continued from page 1

ble CGJA conference. Stay tuned for more to come.

Our Awards Committee chaired by Betty Mattea is actively considering possible candidates for special recognition. See also the announcement of the deadlines for the EIR and media awards. Finally, our Public Relations Committee is moving ahead with a program to provide copies of our *Grand Jury Handbook* to court personnel, legislators, county supervisors, city council members, and others. This Committee is also working on the "look and feel" of the *Journal* to determine if there is a cost effective way to put more color and life into its format.

We are pleased to announce that Audrey Lynberg of our Los Angeles County Chapter has agreed to return to the CGJA Board to fill the remaining term of Larry Walker who resigned for personal reasons. Audrey has a lifetime of community activities, including service on various boards of directors utilizing her organizational skills in non-profit organizations. She has been President of eight different organizations previously and was instrumental in developing the YMCA Shelter program for domestic violence and in funding a Woman of Achievement program. The list goes on and on. As a director and member of the Southern Association of Grand Jurors, she helped develop what is now the statewide CGJA and was involved in starting our formal training program with 40 trainees in 1999 that now trains approximately 1,000 new grand jurors each year. Audrey also previously served on the CGJA Board for five years. She is hard at work already and will be coordinating our 2014 Annual Conference in the Los Angeles area with the help of her Chapter colleagues. While we will miss Larry and his boundless sense of humor, we look forward to having Audrey back on the Board.

Ending as I started, much is happening with CGJA and its Chapters. We hope our informational sources (the *Journal*, our website, at www.cgja.org, the regional meetings) keep you informed and up -to-date. I am always interested in hearing from our members.

Email me at trautman17@sbcglobal.net

Nominations/Elections Committee – 2013 Calling for CGJA Board of Directors Candidates

Beate Boultinghouse, Chair beateb4@aol.com
Marsha Caranci Caranci@aol.com
Beckie Jennings beckie.jennings@gmail.com
Harriet Raphael harriet@deltavbio.com
John Mainland jcmg@lightspeed.net
Audrey Lynberg allm@charter.net

Do you know a good candidate interested in serving on CGJA's Board of Directors? Perhaps that person is you?

Here is an opportunity to join other people who are passionate about the future of the CGJA and make decisions about its current operations that effect the organization's functioning for years to come. Directors must serve on at least one standing committee.

To read about the authorities and the responsibilities of a director, go to Article 6 of our bylaws located on the web site: www.cgja.org/ - click on **CGJA Members** on the top banner, then **Board Information**, and finally **Bylaws**.

We elect two directors from each of our regions (northern, central and southern). The two-year term will begin after being sworn in at the annual conference in mid-November.

Deadlines:

JULY 1 – Nominations and/or Statement of Interest in becoming a CGJA director.

JULY 15 – Commitment to place name on ballot for the position of CGJA director

JULY 31 – Due date for candidate's campaign statement (200 words or less)

Ballots will be mailed to all voting members of the CGJA who are in good standing as of July 31, 2013. The results of the election will be announced by the tellers at the annual conference.

Please, contact me or any of the other Nominations/Elections Committee members with any questions.

Angelo Rolando Memorial Award *By Joann Landi, Committee Chair*

Each year the CGJA honors a member for outstanding service to our organization. The award is presented at the Annual CGJA Conference each year.

We look to the members of CGJA to nominate members they consider worthy of receiving this prestigious award. Nominations will be accepted for consideration by the Angelo Rolando Memorial Award Committee until August 30, 2013. Nominations may be submitted via postal mail, email, or via our online submittal form at <http://cgja.org/form/rolando-award-application> (CGJA Members/Awards/2013 Rolando Award Nomination).

In arriving at a decision to nominate someone you believe deserving, please consider that this award is for past service and not for anticipated service in future years. Some factors you may wish to consider:

Substantive participation at both the state and county level in support of CGJA goals and objectives.

Has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills and is unusually effective in accomplishing projects.

A nominee must be a current member of CGJA and there will be no multiple awards.

The currently serving CGJA president is not eligible to receive this award in that year.

If you have any questions regarding the nomination process, feel free to call or email me: Joannelandi@aol.com or 650-365-4184. My mailing address is: 178 South Palomar Drive, Palomar Park, CA 94062

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

By Beate Boultinghouse, Vice President

This is the time of year that the sitting juries are frantically finalizing their investigations and writing furiously to get their reports published prior to the June 30th date that marks the end of their term. While they are doing that, we are working to do what we can to assist counties to seat the best possible jury for the new year. I wish to thank Medsie Bolin of the Fresno chapter for soliciting for and collecting the material for this article. And I thank those chapter presidents who took

the time to share their news with us. We all want to hear what others are doing. With your input, this is possible. And it is OK to brag once in a while. After all, you have worked hard and accomplished much. Here is some of the news from around the state:

Butte

John Welton, president of the chapter, tells us that "one of the key objectives of the Butte Chapter is educating the public via civic clubs and

educational institutions on the function of a California **civil grand jury**. We prepared a Power Point presentation for this purpose. We showed it to the citizens that showed up for 2012 grand jury interviews. It was a success! We will present it again this Friday, May 17th, for the 2013/2014 prospective sitting grand jury. To address



Continued on page 4

Awards:

Excellence in Reporting <http://cgja.org/eir> – best Grand Jury report (Geiss award) and best media Coverage.

Angelo Rolando Memorial <http://cgja.org/form/rolando-award-application> — for outstanding service to CGJA.

Local Achievement <http://cgja.org/local-achievement> – for chapter members advancing Grand Jury in the region.

Grand Jury Achievements <http://cgja.org/grand-jury-achievement-2>

Look for grand jury reports that made a difference and submit to our Grand Jury Achievement data base

Training Registration Information <http://cgja.org/training-general-information>

The registration information for the 2013 Regional Training seminars is now on line and may be accessed through .

Change of Address

Please notify Bonnie Kenk, parroted@cox.net, of any address changes. When you don't, it costs us \$1.00 or more to get your correct address from the Post Office and your Journal mailing is delayed.

Journal Available Electronically

If you are interested in electronic delivery of the journal, please email editor@cgja.org to be sure we have your correct email address. This is definitely an opt-in situation as we will always print copies for regular mail distribution.

Continued from page 3

our concerns that some organizations may not have a suitable projector, we recently purchased our own which we used to make the presentation to the California Retired Employees group.

Fresno

Because of budgetary problems the Superior Court in Fresno last fiscal year transferred all duties other than jury selection and grand jury report approvals to the County Administrative Office. Over this last year the Fresno Chapter of the CGJA (FCGJA) has been trying to step up and assist the Court and the CAO. We believe our chance has come.

Gary Greenberg, the chapter president also shared that “on May 9th Ed O’Neill, Medsie Bolin and I met with Presiding Judge Gary D. Hoff. The judge was very enthusiastic and very supportive of our efforts. On May 17th, Medsie Bolin and I met with Charlotte Tilkes, Senior Administrative Analyst for Fresno County. As a result of this meeting, after the new jurors are sworn in on June 20th, FCGJA will do a two-day scheduled orientation June 24th & 25th followed by the CGJA Visalia training on August 1st and 2nd.”

Los Angeles

Audrey Lynberg, 3rd Vice President of the Los Angeles chapter, informs us that Bill Selditz, 2nd Vice President, is now fulfilling the Presidency of Los Angeles County as John Hackney resigned this past spring for business and personal reasons. The chapter’s annual luncheon meeting is scheduled for June 18th, at the Los Angeles Athletic Club.

Marin

This month the Chapter held its annual reunion replete with a variety of firsts according to Mike Chernock, the chapter president: “It was the

first time in memory that we were honored by the attendance of a county supervisor, the first time a chapter member received (the very first) of the new state "commendation" plaques (presented by President Trautman) and likely the first time that our keynote speaker was the subject of a negative report by the seated Grand Jury just days prior to his presentation to the chapter. (Fiction writers can never hope to compete with reality!)

‘Instead of the disaster this could have been, our speaker saw it as an opportunity to present his case and participate in public dialogue with seated jury members present regarding the report and his department's position. It was refreshing to see opposing government/citizen positions presented in polite discourse with all sides being heard. Would that we could model the event in all our state and national government/citizen interactions.’

San Francisco

Following the April 15th deadline for applications, members of the chapter gave an overview to all the applicants of what to expect when serving on the grand jury. Those applicants who realized it was not something they wished to pursue dropped out. The rest were each interviewed by two members of the chapter. Seven interviewers enjoyed meeting the applicants, determining who might become a strong juror, as well as introducing them to the CGJA and our chapter in hopes that they would perhaps become one of us after their service. The committee then created a spreadsheet which ranked all the applicants based on a rubric reflecting the scores of responses to questions asked in the categories of interest, commitment, computer skills, re-

search, writing, interviewing, team playing and leadership asked during the interviews. They sorted the applicants by score, gender, ethnicity, and whether they might make a good foreperson or secretary. This along with the applications was then sent to the advising judge for the Judges Committee to determine which of the applicants would be chosen as the seated jury for the 2013-2014 term.

The chapter will hold its annual meeting in the San Francisco courthouse on July 11th. Supervisor Scott Wiener will be the guest speaker. Refreshments will be served. All current jurors and past jurors are invited to attend that they may welcome the incoming jurors into the grand jury community. Elections for the board will also be held.

San Luis Obispo

For the third straight year, former grand jurors of the San Luis Obispo County Chapter supported the Superior Court in juror selection by interviewing applicants to the 2013-2014 Grand Jury. This effort, modeled on programs by the San Francisco and Marin chapters, consists of former grand jurors interviewing applicants individually to (1) allow them to meet former jurors and become more knowledgeable about grand jury service and (2) to give the court feedback on the applicants prior to their interviews by the judges. Thirteen chapter members participated in this interviewing effort this year. The Superior Court is strongly supportive.

Yolo

Yolo Chapter is selecting past grand jury reports for follow-up with regard to implementation. Barbara Sommers, president of the new chapter says, “Following the lead of Contra Costa County, described at

Continued from page 4

the Yuba-Sutter regional meeting in February, we chose those recommendations where the agency response was "will implement" or "needs further study." We sent the agency a letter with the exact grand jury recommendation and the agency response, using their exact wording. Then we asked about the current state of the matter. We have responses to two of three letters that we have sent so far, and have two more in the works. Our hope is to bolster the effectiveness of the Grand Jury reports."

Yuba

The Yuba County Chapter of the California Grand Jurors Association will be having a "mixer" with the current grand Jurors on June 1st. We will be discussing the advantages of becoming a member of our Association and hope we will have several new members after our event. We will also be discussing the new guidelines of the recommended IR Committee, and the tax (both state and federal) requirements for our Association, as well as requesting our tax exempt status and registration as a charity from the Attorney General. Many of these items are the direct result of some very hard work from the CGJA Board of Directors. Thank you for your hard work, guidance and assistance!

PLACER COUNTY GRAND JURY STRIKES GOLD!
By Winfield Gredvig, Treasurer

On April 17, 2013 the Placer County Grand Jury held an open house to showcase their spacious new and improved grand jury offices. It was a grand affair with a large number of invited guests!

The Placer County Grand Jury approached the County about moving to new facilities. The teamwork between the Grand Jury's 5-person subcommittee and the County's Facilities and Information Technology

Departments was outstanding. Support from the County Board of Supervisors, County Executive Officer, David Boesch, and Facilities Director, James Durfee, made the outfitting and move to the new quarters a resounding success. The move had been long overdue. The Grand Jury offices are located on land that is now called The DeWitt Center where the majority of the County's offices are located. The land was acquired by the War Department in 1943. On February 27th, 1944, the Dewitt General Hospital was officially opened. Its function was "to receive and treat war casu-

large electronically controlled dropdown projector screen with a video projector suspended from the ceiling. There are four smaller conference rooms and a spacious work area consisting of four work stations. Each juror now has a small locker to secure their personal belongings. The office manager and foreperson have private offices which were nonexistent in the old building.

A secure state of the art network was established. It enables jurors to connect to a network connection from a computer enabling them to communicate with each other on a



Ribbon cutting at Placer Grand Jury new quarters.

alties" as well as the military facilities from the surrounding area. The property was declared surplus in 1945 when it was transferred to the State of California. The property was transferred to Placer County by the State in 1972.

The move to the new quarters was required because the offices in the existing WW II era buildings were not only cramped but also leaked when it rained and moisture would seep through the brick walls and cause the paint to flake.

The new offices consist of a bright and spacious grand jury meeting room with multiple white boards, a

secure network. This lets them collaborate with fellow jurors on report documents.

The new offices provide an environment that is even more conducive to the investigations and reporting tasks that a Grand Jury is duty-bound to perform. Members of the Placer County Chapter realize that not every county is lucky to have dedicated space. Some county grand juries have to scramble to locate meeting rooms. It is our hope that future Placer County Jurors realize how lucky they are to have the support that we receive from Placer County!

SHASTA COUNTY CHAPTER HOLDS MEDIA APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

By Karen Jahr and Marsha Caranci, Directors

On April 19, the Shasta County CGJA chapter held a “media appreciation luncheon” at a local restaurant for representatives of our local newspaper, television, and radio outlets to let them know how much we appreciate their efforts on behalf of the grand jury. Nine high-ranking media representatives from those three news sources attended.



Karen Jahr

The local news media can help the grand jury in two primary ways. It can provide news coverage of the grand jury’s final reports, the entities’ responses to the findings and recommendations, and the entities’ implementation of agreed-to recommendations. The media can also help publicize the grand juror recruitment process.

At our luncheon, we stressed that the frequent broadcasting of our TV and radio recruitment PSAs (public service announcements) and the excellent placement of our ads in the Redding Record Searchlight, helped bring out a highly qualified pool of applicants for next year’s grand jury. We also gave a special thanks to Paul Barth, a professional marketing guru, who has donated hundreds of hours to our chapter as our unpaid marketing director.

Our guest speaker at the luncheon was David Kehoe, current Chair of the Shasta County Board of Supervisors, former member of the Redding City Council, and former two-time grand juror. Supervisor Kehoe lead a spirited discussion of local government accountability, highlighting what the media can do to help, particularly with regard to covering the governing boards’ adoption of their responses to final reports and in following up to see if those boards have implemented the recommendations they agreed to. The media reps emphasized that we could ensure that results of implementation review efforts get coverage by putting together media packages describing those efforts.



Marsha Caranci

While the media reps appreciated being recognized, they also learned more about the grand jury system and how they can help improve public awareness of the grand jury’s civil investigating and reporting powers. We all agreed that everyone wins if the media covers our grand jury’s final reports, the entities’ responses, and implementation efforts. The more information the public has, the more likely the entities are to follow through with implementation commitments. And the more the grand jury is in the news; the more its credibility is enhanced. That in turn will encourage more people to volunteer for grand jury service, and a more qualified jury will lead to better reports.

CHAPTERS FAQ OF THE MONTH

by Beate Boultinghouse, Vice-President

I must say I am very pleased that 15 of 26 chapters responded to my inquiry this month. Two sets of questions were posed. Thus I will handle each of the topics separately.

Answers were all over the board on the first topic. Every county is unique as to its support of their jury financially, in the amount of space dedicated to them, the amount of administrative support they receive, and who they turn to for legal advice. Budgets range from \$41,000 to \$329,000! I analyzed to see if the geographical size of the county, thus more travel reimbursement could be

the reason for the spread. There seemed to be no correlation as some of the smaller counties had some of the larger budgets, and some of the larger counties had budgets under \$100,000.

One of the smaller counties provides the grand jury members with a telephone, an ancient antiquated computer that is not secure from prying eyes, a printer and a fax; it also provides them with parking passes (a significant benefit during working hours at the County Building). The County also assigns an analyst in the CAO's office to provide support in minor administrative matters (e.g. processing claims for juror reimbursement).

Another county states that the Court staff, and the sup-

Continued on page 7

Continued from page 6

porting personnel and departments, are extremely supportive of the grand jury and the grand jury system. The supportive atmosphere makes for as pleasant an experience as one may have. A neighboring county says that other than sending reports to the court clerks for them to distribute on the jury's behalf, there really was no assistance.

One county with a budget on the lower end of the spectrum enjoys a dedicated space, about 4,000 square feet for a full panel room, four conference rooms, dedicated office for each the office manager and foreperson, large workroom with six computer terminals, kitchen, rest rooms, waiting room for visitors, but no administrative support from the court.

From one county: "We have two rooms, one which will seat the 19 member jury somewhat comfortably, and a smaller room we call "The Bunker" where committee meetings can be held."

There is one county that sports a dedicated jury chamber which consists of an amphitheater seating chamber with a desk, file cabinet, computer/internet access and microphone for each jury member. In addition it contains a shared printer and audio visual capabilities. It also contains multiple file cabinets and a reference library. Adjoining the chambers are four private interview rooms with conference tables & chairs, a small lunchroom with kitchen facilities and private toilet facilities. Adjacent and part of the jury area are the offices of the Grand Jury Coordinator who gives full time support to the Jury.

Some juries are lucky to get any space at all in which to hold their deliberations. In one instance, if the courthouse closes at 5:00 PM, then all parties must vacate the premises

and no business can occur after that hour. Another has a large deliberation room reserved for their plenary sessions only, but otherwise has to beg for rooms in which to conduct its interviews, and then is only allowed one room at a time. So if two interviews are to be scheduled, they must not be scheduled concurrently.

When it comes to getting legal advice, it appears that county counsel is the most common resource. A couple counties use the district attorney, and several use both. One stated that the county counsel tells them what they *cannot* do and the district attorney tells them what they *can* do. The presiding judge appears to be approached as a last resort.

One of our members asked to compare our various chapters, whether member or board driven, a comparison of dues, and are alternate membership offered. Of those chapters replying, eight are member driven, six are board driven and two claim to be both. Three chapter charge dues of \$25; three \$20; four \$15 and three \$10. One chapter does not charge dues at this time as their coffers are full enough to meet all their financial needs. One chapter has a \$250 lifetime membership and another offers one for \$150. Otherwise, no one has any special rates for multiple years. One chapter does not require members 80 years old and up to pay any dues. A couple of the newer chapters require CGJA membership in addition to the chapter membership.

I hope some of your curiosity was satisfied; that you learned something of what goes on in other counties, and have developed some questions of your own. If so, please forward them to me at beateb4@aol.com and I will try to get them answered in the next issue of the *Grand Jurors' Journal*. A big

thank you goes out to those who responded and contributed to this column.



THOUGHTS ON THE 2013-2014 GRAND JURY TERM

Bill Trautman, President

Once again, the constitutionally mandated annual ritual has begun: the courts are selecting and impanelling grand juries in each of California's 58 counties for the 2013-2014 term. So we ask: who should they be looking for and what is needed to perpetuate and preserve the grand jury institution, an institution that epitomizes democracy in action – truly government "by the people"? Where else can citizens take a close look at their local government and make recommendations to improve it?

What kind of jurors can be successful with this entirely new experience? Our grand juries need people committed to, and capable of, embracing the concept of self-government - people who believe that civic responsibility to one's community is imperative in a democracy. Grand jurors must think independently, be open-minded, have the ability to rise above divisiveness and self-interest and must not be afraid to be assertive, though not antagonistic, to serve as citizen "watchdogs". This is an experience that also requires one to have certain expectations of their government: expectations that look at local governmental entities and officials and ask are they operating legally, effectively, economically, openly and for the good of the people? In short, are these entities and officials accountable to their citizens?

Grand juries must understand why their credibility is so important.

Continued on page 8

Continued from page 7

Pursuing inconsequential investigations; misusing the grand jury's power; venturing outside its jurisdiction and intruding on policy-matters will bring criticism and disrespect for the grand jury institution. Grand juries need to work hard, make good choices and do significant work to be lauded and respected by their citizens, by the media and, particularly by local public officials. This respect does not just come with the territory, but rather, it must be earned. The most effective way to do this is for grand juries to undertake meaningful, useful investigations; to make factually supported findings; and to offer needed, feasible recommendations for improvements to their local government. If that is accomplished, it will make implementation of their recommendations more likely and most certainly will perpetuate and preserve the grand jury institution.

A closing thought: *Trivial* is not a pursuit for grand juries! Those that perform effectively will successfully fulfill their responsibility not only to their citizens, but also to the grand jury institution. Good luck to all 58 grand juries in the 2013-2014 term. Make us proud!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Relations Committee

By Dan Mufson, Chair

We send a message of glad tidings to our Introductory Members with each edition of their emailed Journal. We rarely get such an enthusiastic response (or any response) as we recently did from Maude DeVictor (Contra Costa):

"WHOPPEE!!!!!! I'm anxiously waiting the next turn in my 'Grand Jury Road.' Will my local chapter forward me a membership packet for the next phase?" We put Leslie

Lea in touch with Maude...

I like the concept evoked by "the grand jury road" for it nicely summarizes an ideal journey from sitting juror to an active participant on the local level to help subsequent grand juries do even a better job, and then serving on a broader scale at the state level. This is the month for you to take that next step. **SEE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ON PAGE 10**

Grand juries have served in California since 1850. Did you ever stop to consider how they functioned without the CGJA training? Who answered their questions that arose during the year when there was no LLRC? The reality was that each was an isolated island, with surely no communication among them on best practices, as there were neither regional meetings nor reports of chapter news from around the state. Without chapters there wasn't anyone to help the Court recruit, select and orient new jurors. Yes, life was tough in the new state without a CGJA-- for more than 100 years.

I'm reminded of the recent Internet services commercial where the 12-year olds tell their 6-year old siblings just how lucky they are with high speed... So too are we all lucky to have a strong vibrant CGJA with an all-time high membership; 27, and growing, chapters; vibrant regional meetings; and a program that trains almost every juror. Let's keep it growing. Sitting jurors, now is the time to take the next step on your "grand jury road" and join CGJA; existing members, pay your dues; and all, ask what can you do to ease the harsh conditions of grand jury life on this frontier with shrinking budgets.

We are pleased to welcome our new 14 colleagues from Santa Cruz County who have joined CGJA and started a chapter under Eric Zinn's capable

leadership. They join members from Madera and Yolo Counties who started chapters so far this year. The members of the MRC have been busy contacting, and inviting forepersons of sitting juries in counties without chapters, to join and organize alumni groups/chapters.

ASK THE TRAINER

Marsha Caranci Training Chair

As your jury completes its term and a new jury is ready to be impaneled, what can you do to help ensure that their term is successful?

As we teach in our Continuity Workshop during the CGJA training seminars, there are several things you can and should do to help those that come after you. Here are a few of the most important things to consider at this time of year:

The **procedures manual** adopted and used by your grand jury is often provided to the new jurors at the time of impanelment. Make sure that the manual you are passing down to the incoming jury has been updated as needed. This manual can be an invaluable tool for the new grand juror, as long as it is comprehensive and as free of bias and error as possible. The procedures manual should be the best local resource for such items as required and optional protocols, standard operating procedures, form letters, report formats, and practices for obtaining legal advice. The new jury will, of course, have to officially adopt its own rules.

A grand jury with a good **library** and access to online research and other electronic technology tools will be able to get up and running faster and with less effort. The library should include copies of past grand jury reports and responses (as required by law), as well as documents related to local public entities, such as procedure manuals,

Continued on page 9

Continued from page 8

ordinance codes, and organization charts. Your grand jury should leave the succeeding jury an updated and well organized library.

One of the most helpful things your grand jury can do is make sure the new jurors receive an effective and complete **local orientation**. The orientation program may be presented by the county, the court, the local CGJA chapter or past grand jurors' association, or the outgoing jury, or a combination of any of these. The program usually includes an overview of the local government agencies by local officials, a review of administrative matters such as expense reimbursements, and presentations by the jury's legal advisors. It may

also include a review of the procedures manual that is being handed down and a discussion about the various committees that the jury uses to get its work done.

Your jury may also want to make sure that the incoming jurors are aware of the CGJA **training** programs available to them and pass on information about them. The list of Regional Training Seminars and Foreperson and Pro Tem Workshops is available on our web site, or information about on-site training is available by contacting us at cgjatraining@cgja.org.

While orientation is a localized program, CGJA regional and on-site training seminars are the pri-

mary training resource for most grand juries. **Local "orientation" should not be confused with grand jury "training,"** which instructs on all relevant topics, including those required by the Penal Code. The CGJA training program provides a statewide perspective from experienced trainers who are familiar with all aspects of grand jury work. The CGJA Training Manual will also serve as an invaluable reference throughout the year.

So please ensure that these four important things are provided for the jurors that follow you. And congratulations on the end of what we hope was a very successful year for your grand jury.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

By Keath North, Chair

Have you tried our News Blog? In recent weeks the number of media articles about newly-published grand jury reports has increased dramatically. You should find it interesting and inspiring what valuable service grand juries provide, although not all reports are greeted with acceptance. If you aren't following this interesting flow of grand jury news, you're missing out!

We've made it easier than ever to do. You can stay up-to-date using any of the following methods:

- 1) Click on a story in scrolling window
- 2) Grand Jury Newsblog on our website side menu.
- 3) LIKE us at www.facebook.com/cgja1 and you'll receive the Blog posts.
- 4) Our brand new www.Linkedin.com page has a rapidly-growing following which indicates a broad interest among those active professionals in the civil role of our 58 county grand juries.
- 5) Twitter is by far the most convenient way to follow the Blog for "smart phone" users. Just send the message "Follow @cgja1" to 40404; send "Unfollow @cgja1" to 40404 to cancel.

If you enter "California Grand Jurors' Association" in the Search block of any of these sources you'll be directed to our page.

Be sure to read CGJA President Trautman's thoughtful challenge to the 2013-2014 grand juries, printed elsewhere in this edition of The Grand Jurors' Journal. As he points out, juries are being impaneled.

Among the many free recruitment resources we at CGJA have made available via our website, www.cgja.org, are two Public Service Announcements (PSAs) featuring Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom.

Although the selection process of new grand jurors is ending for this year, it's important to note that the message in these 30-second and 60-second PSAs isn't limited to just grand juror recruitment. This message can help build public awareness of the grand jury system itself; not only increasing the number of applicants, but also enhancing the positive impact many grand jury reports have on local government. They are available on our website. You can also contact your local public access TV station and asked that they be played. Or ask the court to play them to their trial jury pool.



Continued on page 10

BOARD ACTIONS

By Jim Ragan,
Secretary



April 2013

Approved the petition from CGJA

members residing in Santa Cruz County to become a chapter of CGJA.

Approved the following: "All CGJA members, both introductory and voting, should be encouraged to volunteer to support the association and that, when approved by an appropriate committee chair or officer, with funds in their budget, can be reimbursed for any expenses incurred in accordance with existing CGJA policy."

May 2013

Ratified President's appointment of Audrey Lynberg (Los Angeles) to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors created by Larry Walker's resignation. Term is up in November 2014. Vote: 9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.

Approved the Chapter Implementation Guidelines, authorized distribution to chapter presidents, and thanked the Implementation Review Committee (7 CGJA director members, 7 CGJA chapter members) for its work on the Guidelines. 10-0-0.

Continued from page 9

I urge you to ask for these announcements to be run year-round, with special emphasis during the February through - May recruitment period. A follow up phone call or email is advisable, especially to renew the request for airtime prior to our annual promotion of February as Grand Jury Awareness Month. Not to worry; I'll remind you!

Your polite persistence will pay off, and these important PSAs will be well-positioned for 2014. I have DVDs of the PSAs, so if you need a copy, please contact me.



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.

Check all that apply:

New member *
 Associate member**
 Renewal
 Donation

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: _____

The California Grand Jurors' Association will not knowingly provide, sell, trade, transfer or in any other way deliberately reveal any such private member information to any party outside of the California Grand Jurors' Association

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

CGJA is a California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation and designated an IRS Section 501(c)3 Tax Exempt Corporation. Both dues and contributions to the association are deductible to the extent permitted by law.

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

Credit Card amount _____ (MasterCard/ Visa only, fill in the information below)

Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ Exp. Date _____ - _____

Billing name (if different from above) _____

Billing address (if different from above) _____

Signature _____

3 digit security code from back of card

After you have completed this form, you can either
 1.) Save the form and email as an attachment to: [Bonnie Ken parroted@cox.net](mailto:BonnieKenparroted@cox.net)
 2.) Print and mail to: **CGJA Membership Attn: Bonnie Ken, 5645 Dartford Way, San Diego, CA 92120**

***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!!!!



CGJA Officers

President

Bill Trautman
trautman17@sbcglobal.net

Vice President

Beate Boultinghouse
beateb4@aol.com

Secretary

Jim Ragan
Jimragan@charter.net

Treasurer

Dianne Hoffman
cgjamilbox@yahoo.com

Mailing Address: 1017 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Phone: 916-471-6500 Email: president@cgja.org

Grand Juror' Organizations By County

Butte County Chapter	John Welton, President	johnwelton@att.net
Contra Costa County Chapter	Leslie Lea, President	lgroarke@pacbell.net
El Dorado County *	Chuck MacLean, President	camaclean1@sbcglobal.net
Fresno County Chapter	Gary Greenberg, President	g_greenberg@att.net
Glenn County Chapter	Cynthia Hunt, President	clhunt0@gmail.com
Humboldt County Chapter	Louise Jacobson, President	xlj5535@yahoo.com
Kern County Chapter	Larry Walker, President	larywalker@gmail.com
Kings County Chapter	Georgia Tierney, President	memageorgia@yahoo.com
Los Angeles County Chapter	Bill Selditz, President	whseld@aol.com
Madera County Chapter	Lianne Thomson, President	liannethomson@gmail.com
Marin County Chapter	Michael Chernock, President	michaelchernockassociates.com
Napa County Chapter	Bill Cinquini, President	bcinquini@sbcglobal.net
Orange County*	Cheryl Brothers, President	Cherylbrot@aol.com
Placer County Chapter	John Monaco, President	info@PCGJA.org
Sacramento County Chapter	Joseph Maloney, President	joepm@pacbell.net
San Benito County Chapter	John Sitton, President	sitton_john@yahoo.com
San Bernardino County	Burrel Woodring, President	burrelw@aol.com
San Diego County*	Bill Eichler, President	wceichler@hotmail.com
San Francisco County Chapter	Beate Boultinghouse, President	beateb4@aol.com
San Luis Obispo County Chapter	Mimi Kalland, President	mkalland@charter.net
San Mateo County Chapter	Barbara Arietta, President	barietta2006@yahoo.com
Shasta County Chapter	David Plowman, President	dsplowman@yahoo.com
Santa Cruz County Chapter	Erik Zinn, President	enzinn@gmail.com
Solano County Chapter	Wanda Kiger-Tucker, President	kigertucker@juno.com
Sonoma County Chapter	Richard Klein, President	kleinmain@gmail.com
Stanislaus County Chapter	Carmen Morad, President	carmenmorad@yahoo.com
Sutter County Chapter	Beckie Jennings, President	beckie.jennings@gmail.com
Tulare County Chapter	Gene Russ, President	resiruss@aol.com
Yolo County Chapter	Barbara Sommer, President	basommer@ucdavis.edu
Yuba County Chapter	Mike Boom, President	mike@boomfamily.net

*Independent Past Grand Jurors' Association

CGJA Directors

North

Marsha Caranci, Shasta
caranci@aol.com

Karen Jahr, Shasta
karen.jahr@sbcglobal.net

John Monaco, Placer
john.monaco@TheRocklinGroup.com

Keath North, Humboldt
knorth@cgja.org

Central

Beate Boultinghouse,
San Francisco
beateb4@aol.com

Karin Hern, Marin
karinhern2322@comcast.net

Dan Mufson, Napa
dan@apotherx.com

Bill Trautman, Napa
trautman17@sbcglobal.net

South

Gary Greenberg, Fresno
g_greenberg@att.net

Dianne Hoffman, Orange
cgjamilbox@yahoo.com

Audrey Lynberg, Los Angeles
allm@charter.net

Jim Ragan, San Luis Obispo
Jimragan@charter.net

Standing Committee Chairs

Awards

[Betty J. Mattea](mailto:Betty.J.Mattea)

Finance

[John Monaco](mailto:John.Monaco)

Legal & Legislative

Resources
[Karen Jahr](mailto:Karen.Jahr)

Membership Relations

[Dan Mufson](mailto:Dan.Mufson)

Public Relations

[Keath North](mailto:Keath.North)

Training

[Marsha Caranci](mailto:Marsha.Caranci)



Grand Jurors' Journal

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
US POSTAGE PAID
Thousand Oaks, CA
Permit # 233

Jerry Lewi , Editor
2275 Fernleaf Court
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

Address Service Requested

Stay Connected



<http://www.fb.com/cgja1>



<http://twitter.com/cgja1>

The Mission of the California Grand Jurors' Association is 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

Format for submitting letters and articles to the Grand Jurors' Journal

Articles submitted by e-mail should be saved in Rich Text Format (.rtf) and transmitted as an attachment to Jerry Lewi, editor@cgja.org
See more detailed instructions on our website, <http://cgja.org/submit-article>

Limit Letters to the Editor to 200 words.

Limit opinion articles by readers, experts, and issues advocates to 600 words.

We are especially interested in articles on Grand Jury issues or solutions to improving public education of the grand jury system in California

Grand Jurors' Journal Publisher: **California Grand Jurors' Association**

Editor:
Jerry Lewi
editor@cgja.org

Design/Layout:
Diane Masini

Publications Support:
CGJA Public Relations Committee

Opinions: The views expressed in the Grand Jurors' Journal are those of the writers unless otherwise stated.

Copyright © 2013 All rights reserved. The California Grand Jurors' Association Board of Directors disclaims any liability arising from errors or omissions. The Editor reserves the right to reject, edit, not print, or not accept any submitted articles.

Deadline for submitting articles for publication in the next issue
July 22, 2013