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As we go to press, the Annual Conference is underway at South Lake Tahoe. We have some coverage in this issue. There will be a more complete account in the December *Journal*.



San Bernardino Wins Grand Jury Reporting Award

by Barbara Sommer, Excellence in Reporting Subcommittee Chair

The Grand Jury Reporting Award recognizes grand jury reports that bring matters of vital importance to public attention and thereby lead to positive changes within their communities. Seven terrific reports were nominated this year (described in the [August edition](#) of the *Journal*.)

In addition to evaluating the report's quality (e.g., clarity, thoroughness, substantiated facts), the Excellence in Reporting (EIR) subcommittee assigns points based on agency responses and media coverage as measures of its effectiveness. We want the public to learn more about the work of the grand jury. The award criteria are listed on the [Excellence in Reporting page](#) on our website.

This year's winner was the 2016-17 San Bernardino County Grand Jury's [report](#) "Apple Valley Unified School District Police Department."

From January 2014 through December 2016, the Apple Valley Unified School District Police Department (AVUSD-PD) in San Bernardino County ordered over 700 vehicles towed from public roadways. This number was proportionately higher than that in adjacent school districts during the same time period. All were towed by just one company. An examination of the issued citations revealed that most vehicles were not stopped for hazardous moving violations, but rather for equipment or registration violations that were outside of the authority of the AVUSD-PD. During the same period, there was a decline in student related interactions and on-campus activity by the police.

After the grand jury began its inquiry, the AVUSD-PD changed its tow methodology to involve additional companies. The grand jury recommended that illegally obtained funds be returned, restitution be made where appropriate, owners be notified of their rights when subject to tow, the limits of the police authority be made clear and police duties and responsibilities be prioritized.

In addition to getting the most points on our award criteria, there were some great comments from the reviewers:

- This report clearly identifies a problem, investigates and brings about change.
- That was a fun report to read! The press and public response was impressive.
- The background was particularly thorough -- written well, carefully attributed. The narrative was presented engagingly. Clearly the investigation's findings resonated, because several policies and procedures were changed. The report also received extensive media coverage, further bringing to light the workings of a local government entity.

The award was presented on October 1, 2018, at the 37th CGJA annual conference held in South Lake Tahoe. Norma Grosjean, grand jury assistant; Sharon Bragg, superior court administrator; and Ron Zurek, member of the 2016-17 grand jury, accepted the award on behalf of the grand jury.

Contra Costa County Grand Jurors Honored

by Joann Landi, Awards Committee Chair

Two **Certificates of Special Recognition** were awarded at this year’s annual conference.

One went to **Leslie Lea**, who served two terms on the Contra Costa Grand Jury, one as the foreperson. During her tenure as foreperson, the jury issued a number of impactful reports. Leslie is a founding member and former president of the Contra Costa Chapter of CGJA and is active in member recruitment. She is an eight-year member of the CGJA Program Administration Subcommittee and has earned the title of CGJA’s travel agent. She coordinates accommodations for the Training Committee, annually booking about 250 room nights at 30-plus training venues.

The second award recognized the **2016-17 Contra Costa Grand Jury** for their contribution to good government. After a lengthy process of investigation and deliberation, the jury issued an accusation against an elected official for converting campaign funds to personal use; failing to disclose personal use of campaign funds; and signing and filing documents that contained misrepresentations, omissions and/or false statements under penalty of perjury. As a result of this accusation, the district attorney resigned, and his law license was revoked by the California Supreme Court.

New and Reelected Directors



Jerry Kunkle, Northern



Lloyd Bell, Central



Larry Herbst, Southern



Jim McClary, Northern



Barbara Sommer, Central



Ron Zurek, Southern

Votes Cast

Northern Region

28 Jerry Kunkle
23 Jim McClary

Central Region

32 Lloyd Bell
26 Barbara Sommer
21 Janet Clark

Southern Region

30 Larry Herbst
23 Ron Zurek
1 Janice Barr (write-in)

Chapter and Association Presidents' Online Round Table

by Rich Knowles, Membership Relations Committee Chair

Join our monthly one-hour online video meeting. Exchange ideas and hear what is going on around the state. Share your concerns. Put your heads together to solve problems – or at least commiserate about them.

The group has met three times, and the feedback has been positive. The first two meetings were in the morning, and the last one was on a Tuesday evening. Meeting time is negotiable by the group.

The online conference uses WebEx (free), which allows participants to see one another, although the video segment is not required. I arrange the log-on procedure and notify you ahead of time (and take the meeting minutes). It is a fairly simple and smooth process.

Attendees determine the agenda. I serve as the facilitator. Topics covered so far are juror recruitment, chapter members recruitment, speaker programs, regional meetings, the annual conference and implementation review (and we can return to any of these). A major discussion has been new presidents getting an idea of what others do. The aim is for a sharing format.

Note that the presidents can delegate their position at the meeting to a member of their chapter/association. If you are interested in participating, ask your president if a representative for your chapter is needed. Please **contact me** for more information.

View list and contact information for chapters and association.

Grand Jury Business Occasionally Makes News Outside Grand Jury Reports

by Jim Ragan

Public Relations Committee Chair and Website Grand Jury News Blogger

In producing our website's grand jury news blog (posting media articles about the grand jury) for many years, I always come across stuff that interests me – and maybe you. At least I hope so.

Most media coverage deals with grand jury reports and responses. Our tabulation is that county grand juries published 441 individual reports for 2017-18. The media reported on a great many.

Sometimes, the media report on events that potentially affect how grand juries can and should do business. Let's look at three such events reported by the media in 2018.

- **Public disclosure of confidential grand jury information.** In March 2018, the Napa County Grand Jury accused the county assessor of willful and corrupt misconduct. The *Napa Valley Register* and other media reported the assessor's successful effort to get the superior court to unseal grand jury transcripts dealing with the accusation. This story is not yet over.
- **Timely release of grand jury reports.** The *Lost Coast Outpost* reported that the superior court in Humboldt County implemented a new policy on the timing of report releases during June election years: they may be released until the second Monday in February and after the June election.

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- **Release of grand jury reports at all.** The *Appeal-Democrat*, the *Enterprise-Record* and other media reported on the June resignation of 17 members of the 2017-18 Sutter County Grand Jury, resulting in the publication of no report for the year. Subsequent media reports focused on local efforts to ask the attorney general to look into the resignations. This story is not yet over.

For more on grand juries around the state, follow our news blog. The most recent articles scroll horizontally across our [home page](#). Click on each to go to the full article. Clicking on the oval **Archive** button just below the scrolling will take you to all articles, organized chronologically starting with the latest.

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 some of the questions we receive from grand jurors. Please remember the following: our trainers are happy to answer questions in their areas of expertise and may be contacted by using the information in Tab 8 of our training manual; you may not take any response as legal advice; and you should contact your local legal advisors to answer any question that might divulge confidential information.

Please submit your questions to me at cgjatraining@cgja.org. The Training Team's response to your question might appear in a future edition of the Journal.

Q. Is it okay to let people know we are on the grand jury and that we welcome citizen complaints to be sent in as suggestions for investigation topics?

A. The names of the grand jurors selected to serve are public record, and it is fine to tell people that you are on the grand jury. It is also fine to let them know how to file a complaint and where they can find your citizen complaint form. Beyond that, it is best if you don't discuss any issue with them personally, but rather have the full grand jury approve an investigation before any kind of interview takes place.

Q. In regards to the annual required inquiry into the condition and management of a detention facility, if we want to interview a few detainees and staff people, will this still be considered an "inquiry" or does it then become a full investigation?

A. Typically, a detention facility tour is considered an inquiry and consists of gathering general information. But if you are looking at a specific issue or concern and asking specific questions, it would probably then be considered an investigation. Remember that a report (which must include findings based on documented evidence) can only be issued based on a full investigation and that any interviews conducted (either during an inquiry or an investigation) must include two or more jurors.

Both inquiries and investigations require the authorization and approval of a supermajority vote of the full panel. If your grand jury voted to approve an inquiry or tour but did not authorize interviews, then your committee would have to go back for further approval before conducting any interviews. If the jury approved the interviews as part of the inquiry, then your committee can go back after those interviews with a recommendation as to whether a full and complete investigation, which could result in a report, should be approved and undertaken.

Even if a full investigation is conducted and nothing of importance is uncovered, no report is required. If the jury decides to issue a report, all the information therein must be verified.

2018 Report Writing Workshops

CGJA conducts several one-day report writing workshops to expand on the information presented in the summer two-day seminars. For details, see [Report Writing Workshops](#).

Mon., Oct. 22 – Visalia
 Thurs., Oct. 25 – Rancho Cucamonga
 Mon., Oct. 29 – San Jose
 Thurs., Nov. 1 – Sacramento
 Fri., Nov. 2 – Sacramento
 Mon., Nov. 5 – San Rafael
 Fri., Nov. 9 – Redding

NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

from Shasta County by Phil Perry

The Shasta County chapter held its annual Fall Social on September 19. This was the fourth such event for current members and past grand jurors. The social is held on behalf of new grand jurors who have completed most of their training and are undertaking investigations. We also invited the superior court judges and staff that work with jurors.

The event was held in Redding at the Behrens-Eaton House Museum, a restored Victorian that was the home of a former Shasta County judge. Docents dressed in early 1900 attire gave tours of the museum. Chapter members donated wine for the event, and snacks were sold for \$5.



Twenty-six people attended on a nice late-summer evening without any smoke in the valley from fires. A raffle of two baskets donated by chapter members raised \$145 dollars for our activities.

Former San Luis Obispo Chapter President Dies

by Jim Ragan, the Preceding Chapter President

Members of the San Luis Obispo County chapter are mourning the unexpected August 5 death of Mimi Kalland, who served as our president for three years, 2012 to 2014. After her 2006-07 grand jury service, she joined the chapter and immediately became very active. She and I led the chapter's successful sponsorship (upon very short notice) of the 2013 CGJA Annual Conference in San Luis Obispo.

Following a long and distinguished teaching career at the secondary and college levels in Southern California, she and her husband retired to Los Osos (west of San Luis Obispo) to immerse themselves in volunteerism. Mimi mentored foster children in the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program for over 10 years and helped found a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving public spaces in her community. She was honored for the latter by being named Los Osos-Baywood Park Citizen of the Year in 2010.

As happens often with grand jury and chapter service, Mimi and I became very close friends. The chapter honored her at our August 28 meeting and with a donation to CASA. Mimi was 87. I am missing her.

Betty J. Mattea 1931-2018

by Jerry Lewi with input from Owen Haxton

CGJA has lost one of its best with the passing of Betty J. Mattea of Marin County on August 24. Betty is one of the few individuals who have been honored with both the Angelo Rolando Service Award (2008) and the Lifetime Achievement Award (2011). Betty served on the CGJA board until her health dictated that she cut back on activities. She served as vice president, chaired the Nominations Committee and helped establish a grand jury course for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. She was a member of the Public Relations Committee for several years. Betty was the driving force in establishing the annual CGJA Foreperson's Workshop. She initiated the concept of CGJA hosting a joint meeting of court liaisons and of association and chapter presidents at the annual conference to address topics of mutual interest. Her last formal role was as chair of the Awards Committee.

At the chapter level when Betty was foreperson, she hosted the first foreperson luncheon where attendees could have a free-wheeling discussion. She chaired the chapter training/orientation committee for two years. Elected officials and county staff now contact the grand jury well in advance to schedule their presentation to the incoming grand jury. Betty also helped to establish a formal relationship with the court to assist in the jury selection process. With Betty's guidance, the Marin chapter increased chapter and CGJA membership significantly.

Betty had a uniquely quiet, smooth and effective ability to work within a group that minimized conflict with the result that the group suddenly realizes that they have reached their goal and feel that the solution is theirs. When I announced the Lifetime Achievement Award, I said "Betty didn't say a lot, but when she does, you better listen because it's pretty valuable advice." Judi Lazenby, when presenting the Rolando Award, recalls that Betty said, "Thank you for making me feel so important."

Finally, a comment from Betty's daughter Michelle "I moved her to a board and care closer to me after she could no longer stay in assisted living. I was able to see her every day which made her happy. In hospice care she had a lovely room with lots of sunshine, classical music and her cat. Every time I visited I felt how peaceful it was."

In Remembrance of Bob Bianco

by Marsha Caranci, Training Committee Chair

Bob Bianco – a fabulous and most knowledgeable CGJA trainer in the legal topics, a supportive colleague with a quick wit, and a truly kind person – passed away on August 16. Following exemplary service in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the United States Army, Bob practiced civil litigation in San Francisco for 56 years. He was also a professor at the University of San Francisco School of Law.



Bob served on the Napa County Grand Jury in 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. He became a CGJA trainer in 2013 and served on the Training Committee, the Curriculum Subcommittee, and the CGJA Legal and Legislative Resources Committee. He also served as a director of the Napa County Chapter of CGJA.

Bob will be missed by all who knew him.

2018 Standing Committee Annual Reports



ANNUAL CONFERENCE (ACC) - oversees the planning and management of the association's Annual Conference as authorized by CGJA policy. **Chair, Lloyd Bell**

This role includes oversight of the activities of the hosting chapter or independent association (the "host") regarding program development, enlistment of volunteer support, financial management, publicizing of the event, registration and associated tasks. This committee provides guidelines and assistance to the host, ensuring that the annual conference advances the Association's charitable and educational purposes and mission statement, and that the conference itself is self-supporting.

The El Dorado Chapter volunteered as host for this year's conference, which proved to be a very informative and interesting one held in conjunction with the required annual meeting of CGJA. The program was carefully designed to provide timely information useful to chapters, seated jurors and CGJA members. The awards for excellence in reporting was announced and we were all introduced to this year's Angelo Rolando award winner.

The Annual Conference Committee has started planning for next year's conference and will announce the location before the year is over. If your chapter would like to consider being the host at a future annual conference in your county, please let our committee know and we'll be happy to assist you to make it the success we all anticipate.

AWARDS (AC) - establishes and administers all CGJA awards and recognition, with the exception of the *Lifetime Achievement Award* that falls within the purview of the Board of Directors. **Chair, Joann Landi**

This year's awards granted at the October conference are described elsewhere in this issue. A *Certificate of Special Recognition* was awarded earlier in the year to Devine Printing for their outstanding customer service and the consistent quality of the *Grand Jurors' Journal*.

We urge our colleagues to consider presenting awards at their Regional or Chapter meetings. While certain awards must be presented at the Annual Conference, i.e., the *EIR* and *Rolando* awards, *Local Achievement* and *Certificates of Special Recognition* awards can be presented at a chapter or regional meeting. This may permit more local people to be present to enjoy the proceedings and congratulate the honoree(s). For more details, please visit <https://cgja.org> and scroll to the bottom of the page.



FINANCE (FC) - works with the president and treasurer and committee chairs to develop the annual budget and provide oversight of other finance-related information and activities of the association. **Chair, Lloyd Bell**

The committee actively recruits for new members familiar with financial management principles, the nonprofit legal environment, accounting software and administration.

This year the committee:

- Conducted a monthly review of CGJA financial records and transactions.
- Provided timely reminders to chapters concerning their tax-filing obligations. Provided timely reminders to chapters concerning their tax-filing obligations.
- Filed IRS CP 119 Form to update subsidiary CGJA chapter nonprofit status.
- Filed updated Entity Numbers for Subordinates to CGJA with the California Franchise Tax Board.
- Successfully managed finance-related issues as a result of the appointment of a new CGJA Treasurer.
- Prepared and submitted an Annual Financial Report for the CGJA Board and membership.
- Facilitated the closure of the Los Angeles Chapter and funds transfer to CGJA.
- Facilitated the creation of the Treasurer's Procedures.
- Revised the Finance Committee procedures.
- Will conduct another year-end donation solicitation campaign.
- Will compile and facilitate board approval of the 2019 CGJA budget.



BYLAWS AND POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE (BPRC)

- works with other standing committees and the board of directors to ensure that the association's governing documents are updated as needed, compliant with state law and internally consistent.

Chair, Karen Jahr

This committee reviews any proposed amendment to the CGJA **Bylaws** or **Policy Manual** and makes recommendations regarding the amendment's content, format and placement within the bylaws or manual. We also review newly adopted or revised committee procedures for consistency with state law, CGJA's Bylaws and the Policy Manual, and report our conclusion

to the referring committee. We review other documents as requested.

This past year, BPRC recommended several minor "clean-up" changes to the Policy Manual, which had been rewritten in 2017.

BPRC also commented upon the internal procedures developed by CGJA's nine standing committees and the newly developed procedures for the president, secretary and treasurer. We reviewed the association's website privacy policy, and reviewed and commented upon the **Chapter Formation Guide** and the **template** for chapter bylaws.

LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE RESOURCES (LLRC) - answers questions submitted by grand juries, grand jurors, CGJA chapter members, legal advisors to grand juries and court personnel. **Chair, Karen Jahr**

LLRC is comprised of active and retired members of the California State Bar, CGJA members with experience in state legislative matters and veteran members of the CGJA training team. As we are not in an attorney/client relationship with any grand jury, the committee does not provide legal advice in response to the questions we receive. Instead, we make "best-practices" suggestions based on the information submitted to us and on our collective experience.

This past year, LLRC has provided formal responses on a number of topics, including the propriety of "informational" reports, the presence of non-jurors during site tours or grand jury meetings, "compliance" reports, jurors' term limits, the use of transcription services, the extension of the grand jury's term and amendments to final reports. Individual members of LLRC, who are trainers, responded informally to many other inquiries when the answer could be limited to a referral to the text of the *Training Manual* or the *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)* page of the association's website.

Whether the response comes from the committee or one of the trainers, we cite the applicable code section or provision of our training manual or information on CGJA's website. Grand juries and jurors are always advised to consult with their legal advisors.

Another function of the committee is to monitor legislation that could affect the grand jury system and provide an analysis of the bills to the board of directors. This year, we analyzed a proposal having to do with mandating grand juries to vet the membership of local redistricting commissions.

LLRC also updated the **FAQ** page on CGJA's website. We added new questions and answers and modified several others. We updated and extended the license for the annotations contained in our Compendium of California Grand Jury Law. We wrote articles for the CGJA Journal. We reviewed four sets of new or amended chapter bylaws. In connection with a pending attorney general opinion, we provided an analysis of the term "public prisons" as that term is used in Penal Code section 919. We filed an amicus brief in support of the Napa County Grand Jury in a case involving the secrecy of grand jurors' notes that were compiled prior to the initiation of an accusation proceeding.

MEMBERSHIP RELATIONS (MRC) - promotes good relations with chapters and members, thereby encouraging both existing members to renew their membership and others eligible for membership to join the California Grand Jurors' Association. **Chair, Rich Knowles**

To accomplish this mission the committee developed a statement of the benefits of CGJA membership. Our plan is to use this statement as a start of discussions with chapters and juries throughout the state.

MRC is responsible for recruiting new members and getting existing members to renew. In the last 12 months we have processed 79 new members and 97 renewals. We sent out 264 renewal emails and 103 renewal letters.

To help chapters in their recruitment, we will continue to provide a list of past and present CGJA members who live in their county.

MRC coordinated the creation of two new chapters this year – in Siskiyou and Santa Clara counties. The members of the new chapters did the work of creating their chapters and we helped them along the way. We also finished an update of our **Chapter Formation Guide** to make chapter creation as easy as we know how.

We need additional members. The two members handling the processing of renewal and new memberships have that well in hand. Where we really need more hands is in meeting with chapters throughout the state and talking about CGJA and how we can productively interact with chapters and juries. Anyone interested in pitching in with that effort please **contact me**.



PUBLIC RELATIONS (PRC) - continues to present timely information about CGJA and our unique California Grand Jury system to our members, our chapters, grand jurors and interested others. **Chair, Jim Ragan**

Our main 2018 activities centered on our website, our bimonthly Grand Jurors' Journal and our social media presence.

Website: We went online with our revamped website in November 2017. The site modernizes design and graphics, provides for more intuitive navigation, and contains a more user-friendly store – while preserving and improving all content. The website has become a highly valued resource for sitting grand jurors. The Training Committee keeps adding to our "Jury Resources" page, which includes **sample documents** for grand jurors about rules and procedures, administrative matters, correspondence, complaints, investigations, and report writing; documents and links about **local governments** in California; links to **other useful websites**; and responses by the CGJA Legislative and Legal Resources Committee useful websites; and responses by the CGJA Legislative and Legal Resources Committee to frequently asked questions from grand jurors, CGJA members and chapters, court personnel, and legal advisors about grand jury functions and procedures. Website-visitor statistics support how important our site is to grand jurors.

Our Chapter Resource Documents page consists mainly of chapter-developed documents in grand-jury-report implementation review, juror recruitment, juror orientation, and administration. This page is a source for chapters to share information on what works – and what doesn't – in these (and other) topics.

Our news blog, Grand Jury News, started in late 2008, now houses over 3,500 news articles on California civil grand juries – mostly on their reports and published comments about them. To access them, hit the oval Archive button on our **home page**. In reading them, we can confirm that grand jury reports are resulting in positive change – or at least stimulating public dialogue about hot-topic local government issues. We post articles every few days, resulting in over 300 each year.

To experience our website, go to <https://www.cgja.org>.

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The Grand Jurors' Journal: The bimonthly *Grand Jurors' Journal* continues as a vibrant information vehicle to reach our members, current grand jurors, and court and county staffs. Starting with the April 2018 edition, the *Journal* has entirely become electronic – except for a few recipients who would rather receive print copies. The key reasons for moving from a print to electronic edition are (1) improved communication opportunities by providing quick links to relevant and related information, (2) sharper and better visual presentation, and (3) much lower costs. Feedback for the switch from print to electronic has been very positive.

Social media: Dennis Frahmman is bringing CGJA into the current social media environment and updating our presence. Our connections are **Facebook** and **Twitter** (we have dropped **LinkedIn**). Check them out.

TRAINING (TC) – develops and conducts annual training programs for new grand jurors presented at statewide locations. **Chair, Marsha Caranci**

CGJA's **training program** continues to be the major activity of the association. During the summer of 2018, we provided training to over one thousand jurors, alternates and legal advisors from all but six counties at three regional seminars, 28 on-site locations, four **Foreperson and Pro Tem Workshops** and two **Legal Advisor Workshops**. We will soon be conducting the fall **Report Writing Workshops**, where we will train another 350 or more jurors in nine locations throughout the state.



Our newest program, the **Legal Advisor Workshop**, is now in its third year and brings together grand jury legal advisors to discuss ways to improve their service to the grand juries they support. Feedback on these workshops has been very favorable. The three former legal advisors on our training staff (two retired county counsels and one former district attorney), facilitate this workshop.

Every year we ask those being trained for feedback on our seminars so that we can continue to improve the program. The most significant change this year was the introduction of two training videos that replace topics formerly taught at seminars –*Detention Facility Inspections* and *Continuity*. We encourage jurors to view these **training videos**. Removing these topics from the training curriculum allows more time for other topics and a slightly less hectic two days.

As is the case every year, there have been changes in the training staff, adding some and losing some for various reasons. We now have 22 active trainers, well diversified in skills and geographical location. We provide a comprehensive training program to our incoming and veteran trainers each spring.

There are twelve trainers on the Training Committee and five other volunteers who, while not trainers, are active members of one or more of our subcommittees and take care of many of the administrative activities required to keep the program organized.

I sincerely thank all the trainers and volunteers who work so hard throughout the year on our curriculum and skill development, who travel many miles to training venues at all times of the day and night, and who willingly take care of all the logistical details such as hauling the training materials and equipment we need for our presentations. It is a herculean task, especially considering that we are all volunteers. We are passionate about training new grand jurors, and we appreciate the positive support the jurors, the courts and all CGJA members show for our program.

Recent board actions

Board Meeting, August 28, 2018: Approved the Santa Clara County Chapter as a CGJA chapter. **Jim Ragan**, Secretary (outgoing)

Special Board Meeting, October 1, 2018: Elected officers for 2-year terms: Larry Herbst, President; Lou Panetta, Vice President; Barbara Sommer, Secretary; Travis Gibbons, Treasurer. **Barbara Sommer**, Secretary (incoming)

All approved board meeting minutes are available on the CGJA **website**.



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Check all that apply: New member * Renewal Donation
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Are you a member of a local chapter or association? _____ Chapter/association _____

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

Please continue to next page to indicate or update your volunteer choices and information support our important work with your time.

After you have completed this form, you can either

- 1.) Scan the form and email as an attachment to: Treasurer at treasurer@cgja.org
- 2.) Print and mail to: California Grand Jurors' Association, 1017 L Street #320, Sacramento, CA 95814-3805 Attn: Treasurer

CGJA Volunteer Application

Contact Information	
Name	
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County	
Contact Phone	
Email Address	
CGJA volunteers work mainly in committees and/or as grand juror trainers. Which areas are you interested in volunteering for? Please check each box as applicable.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Annual Conference Committee Oversees the preparation and conduct of the CGJA annual conference.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Awards Committee Administers the selection of winners of the awards given throughout the year.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finance Committee Oversees CGJA's financial management.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fund Development Committee Carries out fundraising via donations and grant writing.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal & Legislative Resources Committee Formally responds to legal and "best practices" questions; monitors legislative activity affecting the grand jury system.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership Relations Committee Encourages membership and chapter formation and communication; supports regional activities.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Relations Committee Manages the website; publishes the Journal; educates the public in support of California's regular grand juries.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Training Committee Plans, develops curriculum and presentation materials for, and organizes grand juror training seminars throughout the state.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trainers Participate in developing training curriculum; train grand jurors.
Special Skills/Qualifications. We frequently seek volunteers with special skills and qualifications to carry out specific tasks. Please check each box as applicable.	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Database management Web page design, management, and optimization
<input type="checkbox"/>	QuickBooks Online Information technology management
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bookkeeping or accounting Legal expertise in nonprofit, corporate, or grand jury law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Video production Publication writing, editing, or production
<input type="checkbox"/>	Education program development or management Public speaking or lecturing
Please summarize your grand jury experience (e.g., committees chaired/served, report writing) and other volunteer experience.	

Signature _____

Date _____

After you have completed this form, either (1) scan it and email to Travis Gibbons, Treasurer at treasurer@cgja.org.
 (2) print and mail it to: California Grand Jurors' Association, 1017 L. Street #320, Sacramento, CA 95814-3805 Attn: Membership. Thank you for your interest in volunteering with us.

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Please let us know if the current format is working for you. Comments and suggestions are welcome. Send us an email message editor@cgja.org.

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