

California Grand Jurors' Association
Board of Directors Regular Meeting – February 22, 2009
MINUTES

Call to Order & Roll Call:

The roll was taken and the meeting began at 2:00 P.M.

Present: Caranci, Chesny, Hern, D. Hoffman, R. Hoffman, W. Hofmann, Johnston, Landi, Lazenby, Lewi, Masini, McKown, Noce, Sitton
Absent: Bardell(ex), Wylie(ex)
Chairs: Lew Avera, Training
Also: Linda Baker

Agenda Approval:

A motion was made by Director Hern, seconded by Director W. Hofmann and passed unanimously by voice vote to approve the agenda.

Member Comment(s): None

Consent Item

C-1 Approval of minutes of January 27, 2009 Board meeting: Landi
C-2 Acknowledgment re position of Director: Noce
C-3 Legislative Affairs Committee Chair and Vice Chair recommendations: Noce
C-4 Administration: Noce
C-5 Directors: Noce

A motion was made by Director Hern, seconded by Director W. Hofmann and unanimously passed by voice vote to approve the consent items.

Officer and Committee Chair Reports: Any minutes submitted by a committee were in the meeting packet. None were received.

D-1 Legislative (LAC)-Lazenby: The Committee hasn't met yet and a set day hasn't been chosen.

D-2 Public Relations Committee-Lewi: No report

D-3 Membership Relations Committee-Mainland: No report

D-4 Training Committee (TC)-Avera: Director Caranci reported that the TC just completed a two day workshop. They worked long and hard and got a lot accomplished. It was very successful and resulted in significant improvement. TC has surveyed the 58 counties regarding interest in the training program. The response has been excellent; about 36 counties have responded that they will participate. The TC will do some outreach to the non-responding counties.

D-5 Nominations-Election Committee-Hern: The Committee is planning to meet next month. It was suggested that an article be prepared for the March Journal.

D-6 Annual Conference Ad Hoc Work Group-Lewi/McKown: This was discussed during the retreat. If anyone has an idea for a theme contact Jerry or Catherine.

D-7 Publications Work Group/CGJA Budget worksheet-Sitton: Director Sitton reported that he now has a full Committee but no Vice Chair has been chosen.

D-8 Litigation Committee-Hern: Deferred to executive session.

D-9 Review Committee-McKown: Director McKown reported that she and Directors D. Hoffman and W. Hofmann comprise the three member Committee. They met and accomplished their goal of working with and obtaining records from former Treasurer Thomas. President Noce thanked the Committee for their good work and for resolving this issue. The Review Committee deals with grievances in an attempt to resolve on behalf of the Board.

D-10 Angelo Rolando Ad Hoc Committee-Mason: No report.

D-11 Executive Committee-Noce: No report

D-12 Steering Committee-Noce: No report

D-13 President Noce: Reminded everyone that item E-3 will be a closed session.

D-14 Vice President McKown: Reported that she attended the San Diego Association meeting in January and thoroughly enjoyed herself.

D-15 Secretary Landi: No report

D-16 Interim Treasurer Mainland: No report

Action Agenda

E-1 GRIP workgroup recommendations
President Noce

Recommended Action: (1) Approve recommendation to change the previous named CGJA workgroup GRIP to the Daye Index. The duties of the workgroup will be as defined as phase two and phase three stated in the California Grand Jury Final Reports Subject Index 2001-2002 Edition dated January, 2004 and prepared by CGJA GRIP Subcommittee which can be found on the CGJA website (click on Grand Jury Reports Index Project Phase One, Field Research Work Book). (2) In addition to approve a workgroup named "Archive Workgroup" whose duties are defined in the same location stated above and identified as phase one. Further definition of this group and appointment of members will be made at a later date. (3) In addition to confirm CGJA member Linda Baker as the Daye Index Workgroup coordinator. (4) Budget control for both workgroups will be under the control of the CGJA Board.

President Noce read his submittal setting forth the reasons for proposing this action (in meeting packet). Director Lewi suggested that Daye is an acronym for "Document about yearly events". Linda Baker has gone through recent reports 2006-2007 and 07-08 and is now working on 05-06. She is also working on the introductory page for the Daye Index. Director Lewi said that her information is easily folded into the grand jury achievement database. There are two levels of grand jury achievement reports—provisional and validated. Director Chesny suggested that the Daye Index may need a sub title that is more descriptive. That level of detail will be in the introductory page. There will be a separate and distinct separation of these

two activities. Director Lazenby asked if we should put this on the website rather than printing; that way it can more easily be updated. Director Lewi said that the method of distribution for the Day Index has not been decided.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

E-2 CGJA Website, Directors' phone numbers

Director Lewi, Chair PR Committee

Recommended Action: Add phone numbers for only those Directors who agree.

A suggestion had been made to the Public Relations Committee that we include Directors' telephone numbers in the Journal and on the website in addition to email addresses. Directors were surveyed and 7 are opposed, 9 in favor and 1 in favor if all Directors were on board. Director Lazenby is concerned that there could be a problem with someone who calls a director for an opinion or with a question and then assumes that the director was speaking for CGJA. Limiting contact to email provides more oversight. Director Hern said that in her experience, membership organizations never give out officers' personal contact information with the exception of the president. Director Lewi reminded the Board that only those members who agree will have their phone numbers listed. After discussion, the motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: R. Hoffman, W. Hofmann, Johnston, Landi, McKown, Sitton, Noce

Noes: Caranci, Hern, D.Hoffman, Lazenby, Lewi, Masini

Abstained: Chesny

E-3 Executive Session – Litigation

President Noce

A motion was made by Director Lewi, seconded by D. Hoffman and unanimously passed by voice vote granting the President authority to sign on behalf of the corporation when mediation results in an agreement.

Director Lewi made the following motion: If the conditions stipulated by the Litigation Committee in mediation are not agreed to, the President will convene a Special Board Meeting and failing to reach a quorum, will convene an Executive Committee meeting to resolve the issue. The motion was seconded by Director D. Hoffman and unanimously passed by voice vote.

Director Comments

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Director Lewi and seconded by Director Johnston to adjourn the meeting at 3:39 P.M. The next regular meeting is March 24, 2009.

Information Items Submitted Directly by Sponsor

H-1 Article: Fresno Co. struggles to diversify grand jury: The Fresno Bee newspaper

H-2 Article: Lois Henry—Calling all bulldogs: Bakersfield Californian newspaper

H-3 Media release: Kern County Chapter Members Elect New Board: Kern Chapter

H-4 GRIP Project status & inventory, 2/1/09, submitted by Linda Baker

Submitted by Joann Landi