

**California Grand Jurors' Association
Board of Directors Meeting – May 24, 2011**

MINUTES

Call to Order & Roll Call:

The roll was taken and the meeting began at 7:01 P.M.

Present: Boultinghouse, Caranci, Hoffman, Landi, Lewi, Mufson, Noce, North, Petersen,
Small
Absent: Hern(ex), Trautman(ex)

Agenda and Comments:

B-1 Agenda Approval: North

Director Lewi said that there was no policy attached to action item E-1. The President said that his inclination was to table the item until the policy is distributed. Director Small believes that this item was agendized in error.

A motion was made by Director Small, seconded by Director Hoffman and passed by voice vote to approve the Agenda.

B-2 Member Comment (maximum 10 minutes total)
None

Consent Item

C-1 Approval of 4/26/11 CGJA Board Meeting Minutes: Mufson
C-2 Acknowledge Committee Minutes and reports in 5/24/11 packet: North

The President said that some committee minutes are draft minutes and are subject to change. A motion was made by Director Lewi, seconded by Director Small and passed by voice vote to approve the Consent Items. The Secretary said that she would not be at the August meeting. Director Hoffman volunteered to take the minutes for that meeting.

Officer and Committee Chair Reports:

D-1 Legislative Affairs Committee – Trautman: Director Hoffman reported that AB 622 will be before the Appropriations Committee on May 27th; no comment will be allowed. Legislators needed to be contacted by May 21st. A meeting with Assemblyman Dickinson is scheduled for June 3rd. It has not yet been determined who will attend the meeting. CGJA representatives will make no concessions. Director Mufson said there has been an amazing effort made by the counties. He asked chapters to get involved and believes that 17 have done so. He mentioned efforts made by San Mateo County Chapter President Barbara Arietta which seems to have

made an impact. Director Mufson said we have learned things during this process and when this matter is complete, we may want to put together a piece on lessons learned. Director Hoffman said if the bill does not receive approval by the Appropriations Committee, it becomes a 2 year bill which means that it will come up again next year.

AB 1133 is another bill and it would prohibit any grand juror who worked for an agency during the previous 3 years to participate in a grand jury investigation—they would have to recuse themselves. There is no update on this bill. The author of this bill is on our side regarding AB 622.

D-2 Public Relations Committee – Lewi: Tomorrow is the Journal deadline. Director Lewi has received a great deal of material. He believes he has something from most committees and may have some late items from a couple chapters. There will be an article re the EIR and Rolando Awards. Director Lewi reported that he and Diane Masini have been going back and forth working on the new site. They have agreed on a modified home page. He's not sure when the new site will go live.

D-3 Membership Relations Committee – Mufson: The offer of a 3 month bonus to convert from an introductory member to a regular member didn't get much action. The MRC has been contacting a number of IM's by telephone and there has been some interest.

Sutter and Butte are interested in establishing chapters. Director Mufson will be speaking to them in July.

Chapter presidents have been encouraged to speak to sitting jurors regarding joining CGJA. Some have done so or will be doing soon. There is still hope that IM's will convert to regular membership in June and July.

The President said that San Bernardino has delayed their vote regarding becoming a chapter until October.

D-4 Training Committee – Caranci: The Training Committee is busy preparing for the upcoming training season. Nine hundred sixty manuals are being printed. All power point presentations have been completed and proof read. All trainers are assigned to the various 17 locations throughout the State. All hotel reservations are made. The first seminar is June 27th.

Trainer Ron Miguel will be out for this training season due to cardiac surgery in June.

So far there are reservations for 140 jurors. Have not been hearing much from counties regarding budget concerns; most appear to be able to find the resources to send jurors. Director Caranci invited Board members to attend a seminar so that they can see the new curriculum; please let her know if you plan to attend. Directors could also volunteer to man registration or publication tables at the seminars.

It is hoped that this second year of the IM program will be even more successful.

D-5 Finance Committee – Phillips: Director Hoffman said that to date she has not had to transfer any funds out of savings. However, Director Caranci said that there will be about \$10,000 in costs for printing the training manuals. It was mentioned that the Finance Committee has not met this year.

The customized DVD's have been made, distributed and the counties have been billed.

The President will contact Finance Committee Chair Phillips regarding policy review and budget preparation.

D-6 Awards Committee – Mattea: Director Small, Vice Chair of the Committee, said that around March the Committee developed the concept of a regional recognition award. In April the Committee decided it may be premature and that there may be enough awards already. A decision was made to defer this matter until the policy for the Committee was reviewed, amended, etc.

D Ad Hoc Committee Reports

D-7 Policy Review Committee (PRC) – Small: Each committee is to have its proposed policy to the PRC by June 15th. Leading the pack is the Training Committee who have already submitted theirs. Director Lewi said that PR should have theirs in after the June 14th Committee meeting.

Action Agenda

E-1 Establish Regional Recognition Awards
Betty Mattea, Chair Awards Committee

Recommended Action: Resolved that the CGJA Board of Directors approve, and it does hereby approve, the Awards Committee Policy covering Regional Recognition Awards.

A motion was made by Director Small, seconded by Director Boultinghouse and passed by voice vote to table this item.

Directors Comments

-The President just returned from a trip which took him as far south as San Diego and he is reminded just how spread out we are.

-The memorial for Bob Geiss was held at the Phoenix Club in Anaheim. The President said there were about 80 people. He learned that Bob was a trained navigator, pilot and had a high level career in the military. Director Lewi said it was an amazing affair, was upbeat and a celebration of Bob's life. Bob's daughter lives in Napa and it occurred to Director Lewi that it would be nice to invite her to the Annual Conference to witness the ceremony awarding the first Bob Geiss Excellence in Reporting award. His son expressed interested in attending. Director Lewi said that the announcement of renaming of the EIR was warmly received. He also said that a description of the Angelo Rolando Memorial Award and the Bob Geiss EIR should be in the Conference booklet.

-AC update: Director Mufson said there will be an article in the Journal. Registration is proceeding slowly.

-This new, free call in service seems to be working fine. As to the use of Skype, it is still being tested. The President said that Skype is being used on a trial basis for work on the website. Microsoft recently purchased Skype.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Director Small, seconded by Director Petersen and passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 P.M. The next meeting is June 28, 2011. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

Information Items Submitted Directly by Sponsor

- H-1 Committee Roster: Landi
- H-2 Critical date reminder: North
- H-3 Budget/Actual: Hoffman
- H-4 Balance Sheet: Hoffman

Submitted by,
Joann Landi