

**California Grand Jurors' Association
Board of Directors Meeting – June 28, 2011**

MINUTES

Call to Order & Roll Call:

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

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

Agenda and Comments:

B-1 Agenda Approval: North

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

B-2 Member Comment (maximum 10 minutes total)

Diane Damé-Shepp, AC Chair, reported that the Committee is moving ahead with the logistics. They are almost set with panel speakers and are waiting for the keynote speaker to be confirmed in the next week or two. All other speakers are in place. Director Mufson reported that there are 69 room nights available.

Consent Item

C-1 Approval of 5/24/11 CGJA Board Meeting Minutes: Mufson

C-2 Acknowledge Committee Minutes and reports in 6/28/11 packet: North

A motion was made by Director Lewi, seconded by Director Trautman and passed by voice vote to approve the Consent Items.

Officer and Committee Chair Reports:

D-1 Legislative Affairs Committee – Trautman: Jerry Jagers has joined the LAC; he is the watchdog for various bills in Sacramento. A motion was made by Director Hern, seconded by Director Small and passed by voice vote ratifying Jerry's appointment to the Committee.

Re AB 1133: The bill was amended in the Senate on June 22nd. This is the legislation that provides that a former/retired employee of a government entity must report his former employment to the court and recuse him/herself from participating in an inquiry into that entity. The bill has not been passed yet but is moving toward the Governor's desk. CGJA did not oppose this bill since it is not believed to be dangerous to the grand jury process.

Re AB 622: At the author's request, the President, Jerry Jagers and Director Trautman met with him on June 16th. The meeting provided an opportunity to provide Assemblyman Dickinson with pertinent information. Other Sacramento legislators were visited during the trip to Sacramento. The next hearing of the bill is July 5th. Director Trautman will attend on behalf of CGJA. The most troubling aspect of the bill, making interviews under oath public, has been removed. Director Trautman feels that our position is well documented and well known in Sacramento. A report released by the Yolo County Grand Jury was referred to as a reason why this bill is necessary. The report dealt with a conflict of interest of a romantic nature; it was read and found to be well written and documented. Director Small thanked Director Trautman for leading the charge.

Things have been fairly quiet since grand juries are busy getting out their final reports.

D-2 Public Relations Committee – Lewi: The Journal deadline is July 27th and the Conference Committee was encouraged to provide as much information as possible. Director Lewi said that since he will be training, he will not be able to do the editing; a first since assuming his editorial duties. Director Landi will proofread to aid Diane Masini, Assistant Editor. He encouraged early submittals so that he might be able to read them prior to his participation at the Visalia training.

The new website development is progressing. President North, Diane Masini and Director Lewi are often on line with Precision Intermedia and have changed the page layout. The launch date is getting closer. They are working on the idea that committee chairs will provide content to the webmaster for review for conformance to the format. Director Boultinghouse said that Gabriel (Precision Intermedia) and President North have been invited to the August 27th Regional Meeting to make a presentation about the new website. Diane Damé Shepp said that Napa would like to partner with CGJA for their website. Director Lewi said it is possible but right now he isn't quite sure how.

D-3 Membership Relations Committee – Mufson: The key activity has been to try to convert Introductory Members into regular members; has not been very successful. They will make another effort in July once sitting jurors have completed their service. Director Mufson said that Stanislaus and Glenn County jurors/former jurors have expressed interest in forming a grand juror association. Because of this interest MRC and Director Boultinghouse may try to set up a regional meeting in Sacramento for Glenn, Butte and Stanislaus Counties

D-4 Training Committee – Caranci: Director Lewi reported that the Committee has conducted two seminars and the third is in progress. The Ventura training didn't go as well as he would have liked. Director Hoffman said that the San Bernardino training went very well; the entire pool of 30 applicants were trained. Director Trautman said that the Northern California trainings begin next week after the Senate hearing.

D-5 Finance Committee – Phillips: Director Hoffman said we are receiving registration revenue every day.

D-6 Awards Committee – Mattea: Director Small made reference to a discussion in the Committee's June 8th minutes regarding inviting Bob Geiss' widow and children to the Annual

Conference (AC) for presentation of the Bob Geiss Excellence in Reporting award. The Awards Committee supports this idea but feels that it is beyond their scope to make any recommendation relative to the expenses for their attendance. Director Trautman said that the AC has penciled them in to help make the EIR presentation. Director Lewi agrees with their participation and his recommendation is that CGJA comp meals. The EIR Award presentation is scheduled for 4 P.M. on November 7th. A motion was made by Director Small, seconded by Director Trautman and passed by voice vote authorizing the President to contact Mrs. Geiss regarding the EIR Award presentation and for CGJA to comp three meals at the evening banquet.

D Ad Hoc Committee Reports

D-7 Policy Review Committee (Policy vs. Procedure) – Small: All of the committees have submitted their policies except for LAC. LAC is reviewing the material within their Committee. The Awards Committee policy will be ready within the next week to 10 days. After that, the Policy Review Committee will review all the submittals. They will compile a document which will be presented to the Board for their consideration.

Action Agenda

E-1 Appointment of Leslie Lea to ~~Nominations-Elections Committee~~ Tellers Committee
Keath North, President

Recommended Action: Approve President's appointment of Leslie Lea to the Nominations-Election Committee

Director Hoffman asked why we need to appoint another person to the Committee. Director Mufson said that a member of the Tellers Committee had to resign and Leslie Lea would fill that position. It was clarified that the appointment is to the Tellers Committee, not the Nominations-Election Committee. It was pointed out that appointments to the Tellers Committee can be made by the President and ratified by the Board. A motion was made by Director Small, seconded by Director Trautman and passed by voice vote approving the appointment of Leslie Lea to the Tellers Committee.

Directors Comments

-The President said that our application to the Irvine Foundation was denied.

-Election news: Director Mufson said there are 2 candidates in the North, 3 in the Central and 3 in the Southern Region. The deadline is July 1st. The Committee has received the biographical information for the candidates and is working on the ballot design. On July 31st, Bonnie Kenk will report the number of eligible voters.

-Director Mufson reported on behalf of the Finance Review Committee that Ira Grooms, a CPA, met with Director Hoffman in April and reported that things looked good. He has some suggestions which he will submit. The next step is review of training finances.

-Director Mufson said that the quality of the teleconference seems to be deteriorating. Opinions from the rest of the Directors were mixed.

-The President said he has been using Skype premium; however, if all participants don't have high speed service, it doesn't work well.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 8:03 P.M. The next meeting is July 26, 2011.

Information Items Submitted Directly by Sponsor

- H-1 Committee Roster: Landi
- H-2 Critical date reminder: North
- H-3 Budget/Actual - May, 2011: Hoffman
- H-4 Balance Sheet: Hoffman
- H-5 Letter from Irvine Foundation (re grant application): North
- H-6 Letter to Senate Judiciary Committee members/staff: North
- H-7 Nominations-Elections status: Mufson

Submitted by,
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