

California Grand Jurors' Association Board of Directors Meeting February 28, 2023 MINUTES

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

The roll was taken, and the meeting began at 3:00 p.m.

Directors present: Shirley Boracci, Marsha Caranci, Janet Clark, Gary Cooper, Bob Finlayson, Travis Gibbons, Jim Glover, Karen Jahr, Larry Herbst, Diane Lloyd, Lou Panetta, and Henry Rible.

Excused: Barbara Sommer and Joann Landi

Quorum is present.

Others present: Committee Chairs: Lloyd Bell, ACC; Juliana Jones, PRC; Richard Rogers, FC.

Members arriving late Henry Rible.

Members leaving early were Larry Herbst, Diane Lloyd, and Lloyd Bell.

B. Agenda and Comments

B-1 Agenda Approval: Board members unanimously approved the agenda.

B-2 CGJA Member Comments – none.

C. Consent Items

C-1 Approved Regular Board Meeting Minutes, 01/23/23: Gibbons.

C-2 Acknowledged Committee Minutes and other documents in 02/28/23 meeting packet: Gibbons.

Board unanimously approved the consent items and the minutes.

D. Officer and Committee Chair Reports – see committee minutes in packet for details on current activities.

D-1 **President's Report** – Gibbons – President Gibbons will not be able to hold the spring retreat on March 6th. After much discussion the date decided was May 5th at 9am via zoom. Items on the agenda will be reviewing the succession plan, review MCRC, Chapters, rainy day fund, etc. Anyone having other ideas are asked to contact President Gibbons.

D-2 Officer Reports

Vice President (Herbst) – no report.

Treasurer (Gibbons) –Contract has been signed for the 2022 taxes and the first cut tax report has been received from the Stoltey for review. The “Annual Financial Report” is given at each meeting as the current position. The Annual Financial Report to Membership has been prepared and will be forwarded to the Secretary for inclusion in the April Journal.

Secretary (Sommer) – no report.

D-3 **Legal and Legislative Resources Committee (LLRC)** – Jahr attended the State Public Safety Committee hearing on AB-78. It was stated that if AB78 went into effect and the plenary

stipend was raised, some counties would cut back on the investigations rather than pay the higher per diem fee. This would result in the final reports being short and probably not as well investigated as should be. Many counties oppose the increase and it would put counties in financial straits. The vote was taken, and the bill was moved on to the Appropriations Committee. Last year this also happened, and the bill died in committee.

- D-10 **Annual Conference Committee (ACC)** – Bell reported there was nothing more than what was in the ACC minutes. He did suggest that they need a theme for the conference in October.
- D-4 **Public Relations Committee (PRC)** – Jones said there is not much more than what is in the minutes. Grand Jury Awareness was brought up and she stated that she had received 3 or 4 articles that will be put in the Journal.
- D-5 **Membership Relations Committee (MRC)** – Nothing new but, Glover reviewed the minutes that were in the meeting packet stating that the quarterly Chapter meeting was well attended, new IMs had been received and El Dorado Chapter has submitted an application for a new chapter. (See E-3)
- D-6 **Training Committee (TC)** – Caranci reported a big project on the curriculum, four counties will have spring workshops, starting to schedule summer training sessions, and will be selecting trainers to train for the coming year.
- D-7 **Finance Committee (FC)** – Rogers - updated financials are in the meeting packet.
- D-10 **Awards Committee (AC)** – no report.
- D-11 **Bylaws & Policy Review Committee (BPRC)** – no report
- D-13 **Technology Committee (Tech)** – Herbst said the original web design schedule called for launch in April but that is no longer a possibility. The home page is coming together with a new design and is essentially complete. There will be more graphics on the new home page, but will plan to change every four to six months. The user account will be gone but the top menus will be the same with the exception that the Membership tab will change to Get Involved. This new menu dropdown will include: become a member, volunteer for CGJA, become a grand juror, join a chapter, form a chapter, and support us (donate). Right now, the hope is to launch in June but with summer training, annual conference, election of new directors, it may be after the October conference. It will not change the cost from Elevation If it does, the remaining balance may be negotiated to ¼ in May and the balance when up and running. Larry thanked Marsha and Lloyd for all their help. There is lots of effort by everyone involved. Larry stated that all the delay was with him, not Elevation.
- D-14 **Grand Jury Effectiveness Workgroup (GJE)** – Finlayson said everything was in the minutes. He stated that students are evaluating jury reports, four colleges are doing the work, students choose the report to evaluate, it is done on site, and it may be expanded to other junior colleges. The data base will be shared with CGJA.

E. Action Agenda

E-1 Ratify Nominations-Elections Committee (NEC) appointments.

As per Policy 11.002 the president will appoint a chair who is a director, and another CGJA voting member to the NEC for each region. Those appointed were North Jim Glover-director and Ray Frisbee; Central are Gary Cooper-director (chair) and Joanne Landi; South Larry Herbst-director and Teri Goldner.

[Motion made by Gibbons, seconded by Panetta.

The motion passed, 11-0-0, by hand vote.

E-2 Ratify the President’s appointment of Jim Glover as Chair of the Membership and Chapter Relations Committee (MCRC) Current chairperson is resigning due to overflowing plate but will help where she can.

[Motion made by Gibbons, seconded by Panetta]

The motion passed, 11-0-0, by hand vote.

E-3 Approve formation of the El Dorado Chapter. Panetta stated that El Dorado did everything we asked, it was messy recruitment, things are legal, and we are here to help not serve.

[Motion made by Boracci, seconded by Glover.

The motion passed, 10-0-1, by hand vote.]

F. Director Comments - none

G. Adjournment (4:11 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Boracci, Acting Secretary