Marsha Caranci

I am running as an incumbent director representing the northern region. I have been a CGJA member since 2002 and a CGJA Trainer since 2003. I currently serve as the chair of the Training Committee, and as a member of the Finance, Bylaws and Policy Review, and Executive Committees. I am a past recipient of CGJA's Angelo Rolando Service Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award and was honored to be selected for both. I am also a director and past president of the Shasta County Chapter of CGJA.

I am passionate about CGJA and its mission. I have worked hard over the past two decades to contribute to the strength of the organization by spearheading the planning, organization, and execution of the CGJA Training Program, and by participating in the general oversight of the organization by serving on the board. If elected to serve another term, I will continue to work towards furthering the strength and vitality of this great organization.

My goals for CGJA are to keep doing what we do best – training and supporting the grand juries throughout California. We should also continue to reach out to the public to educate them about the grand jury system, and support MCRC's goals to strengthen chapters and continue growing our membership. Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy.

Mary Chan

I am running to serve on the CGJA Board - Northern Region. Currently, I serve as the Secretary for the El Dorado County Chapter –CGJA. As a two-term Grand Juror, I have seen firsthand how our reports have made a difference to effect true change for my County. I have enjoyed working with CGJA and felt there is more I could contribute to help our Counties' Grand Juries by becoming a Board member.

I spent over 30 years in State service, retiring early as Research Manager II, when my husband took ill and needed full-time care. I also spent over 30 years in the National Guard and Army Reserves with 3 and half years of active duty, retiring with the rank of Colonel. I have considerable experience as a Multifunctional Logistician. My last three assignments within the military were: 1) Chief Logistics Trainer for the 91st Training Services Division, 2) Inspector General for the 91st Division, and 3) Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer to the California Army National Guard.

I am a long-time resident of EI Dorado County. After my husband passed, I had more time and decided I wanted to do more and became a volunteer with different organizations in the county. The highlight has been my 2 terms as a Grand Juror. (2021-2022 and 2022-2023). As a successful juror, I utilized my military training to leverage my leadership, training, administrative, logistical, and investigative skills. I would bring these same skills to my role as a CGJA Board member.

Thank you for your consideration!

Karen Jahr

I am running for re-election to the Board of Directors representing the northern region. I have served several terms on the Board of Directors and was the association's president from 2012 to 2014. I am also a director for the Shasta County Chapter of CGJA. I have been active in CGJA and my local chapter since 2008, when I retired from the position of Shasta County Counsel.

Most of my time with CGJA has been devoted to our training program. I am the lead legal trainer and the chair of the Curriculum Subcommittee. In the latter role, I oversee the annual updating of the training materials for CCJA's seminars and workshops, including the Legal Advisors' Workshop, which I developed and co-teach. I also chair the Legal and Legislative Resources Committee, which answers questions posed by courts and grand juries about the powers of grand juries and the association's best practice recommendations for grand jury operations. I was honored to have received CGJA's Angelo Rolando Service Award and Lifetime Achievement Award.

The training, online resources, and support provided by CGJA are essential to grand juries and their advisors throughout the state. I would like to continue being a part of this work at the board level, as well as with the training program. I would appreciate your vote.