

June 11, 2025 Chapter Officers Meeting Notes

The meeting was a dynamic exchange of ideas, highlighted by several updates from the CRS members and a presentation from one of the local chapters. Topics covered included:

- **CGJA website** - Marsha Caranci announced that there have been several updates to the website and recommended that everyone become familiar with what is offered to CGJA members and Chapters on the website. Additionally, she encouraged Chapter officers to share their activities by submitting articles for posting.
- **Combined Membership Renewal Program** - In Mike Hofman's absence, Marsha Caranci reported that twelve Chapters and twenty-seven members have signed up for the Combined Membership Renewal Program so far. Mike asks those chapters not currently participating in the program to please reconsider.
- **Tax Filing** - Marsha reminded the attendees that those Chapters operating on a calendar year are to file taxes by May 15th if required. Those operating on a fiscal calendar year should file in November if required to do so by their by-laws.
- **Chapter Liaison Program** - Dar Swenson, Co-Chair of CRS announced that a Chapter Liaison program will be implemented soon. A Liaison will be assigned to each Chapter and will function as the contact and resource for the Chapter members. More details will be forthcoming.
- **Awards Committee** - John Bradley announced that Martha Saldana-Wolfe is the new Chairperson of the CGJA Awards Committee. The new recognition program "Above and Beyond" guidelines were addressed. It was stated that this new program will recognize more members for their contribution to CGJA.
- **Recruitment** - this topic was the key focus of the meeting, with a discussion of chapters contributing their recruiting materials, strategies and documents that can be posted in the resource section of the website for shared use.
- **Chapter Development Presentation** - David Heinz gave a presentation on the revitalization of the Santa Cruz County Chapter. Following CGJA guidelines for Chapter organizations, and filing as a non-profit, the Chapter has been able to obtain and utilize software programs at little or no cost to the Chapter. Over the past few years, the Chapter has reorganized with software programs that allow all members to share Chapter information and use working documents.