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Make a Run for It

Hey, Teddy Roosevelt did it. So can you. Self-nominate for the CGJA Board of Directors. If you don't want to do that, nominate someone else. There are twelve elected directors on the board (four members from each region). Two new members are elected each year from each region for a term of two years. They oversee the operations of CGJA.



Board members can serve three consecutive two-year terms. The term of office is November 1 to October 31. Being a director is an extremely rewarding experience. You have direct input in how CGJA carries out its mission to promote, preserve and support the grand jury system. This is accomplished through training, education, and outreach in our communities.

The board establishes management-related policies, makes decisions on major issues and generally oversees the association's activities. These actions are carried out through CGJA's standing committees. [Read more.](#)



Marin Chapter CGJA Award

Lloyd Bell, chair of the Annual Conference Committee, presented a CGJA **Certificate of Special Recognition** to the Marin Chapter.

Pictured from left to right: Tom Borden, chapter member; Lloyd Bell, CGJA Annual Conference Committee chair, and Jack Nixon, chapter president.

The citation reads "... in recognition of their invaluable and selfless service to the 2022 CGJA Annual Conference in San Rafael. Their efforts during the conference, as well as their ability to secure an effective alternate keynote speaker at the last possible minute, led to a very successful conference. The Marin Chapter should be proud of its service as the host chapter, setting a high standard for other host chapters to follow."

Ask the Trainer by Marsha Caranci, CGJA Training Chair



This regular column allows the CGJA training team to share with Journal readers our responses to questions we receive from grand jurors. Please remember – do not take any response from CGJA as legal advice, and contact your local legal advisors to answer any question that might divulge confidential information.

You can submit your questions to me at cgiatraining@cgja.org. Our response to your edited or redacted question might appear in a future edition of the Journal.

[Read this issue's column](#)

Celebrating Grand Jury Awareness Month

by Juliana Olinka Jones, Chair, Public Relations Committee

Did your county answer the call? Many county Boards of Supervisors acknowledged Grand Jury Awareness Month in February and March with the issuance of proclamations. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger initiated the practice by proclaiming February as *Grand Jury Awareness Month*.

This year more counties than ever answered the call, thanks to the efforts of many CGJA and chapter members who reached out to their local elected officials to help make the acknowledgement of grand jury service public. Pictured below are those who supplied photos but the recognition also happened in El Dorado, Monterey, San Francisco and San Mateo Counties.

If we missed some of you, send me the announcement (jjones.cgja@gmail.com) and a picture and we'll post it on our Facebook account.



Nevada County



Contra Costa County – (left to right; **CGJ**-sitting grand jury; **GJA**-chapter)
 John Minney, CGJ; Leslie Lea, GJA; Laura Griffin, GJA; dark-haired man behind Laura, unknown;
 Diane Burgis, BOS; Cindy Roberts, CGJ; Richard Nakano, GJA; Bob Montgomery (white haired), CGJ;
 Anne Granlund, GJA; Ken Carlson, BOS; John Gioia, BOS; Federal Glover, BOS; Dave Singh, GJA;
 Elaine Kelly, GJA; Candace Anderson, BOS; Bob Finlayson, GJA; Bill Pratt (glasses), CGJ.



Humboldt County – (left to right) Connie Decoe-Munier, Juror; Wayne Ventuleth, Chapter President; Steve Madrone, BOS Chair; Meara Hattan, Acting Court CEO; Vicky Joyce, Current Foreperson Pro Tem; Candy Bryant, Juror.



Mendocino County – (Left to right) 3rd District Supervisor John Haschak; 2022-23 Grand Jury members: Colleen Gorman and Dina Ortiz; Grand Jury Foreperson Carole Hester; Juror Phyllis Dockins; 1st District Supervisor Glenn McGourty; jurors Diana Frediani and Tim Prince. (Contributed/Ted Hester)



Mono County – Juliana Olinka Jones, CGJA PRC Chair (podium), Supervisor Rhonda Duggan (center), Supervisor Linda Salcido (left), Supervisor Jennifer Kreitz (right).



Placer County – BOS Chair Jim Holmes (middle) presents the Grand Jury Awareness Month proclamation to Al Witten (to Holmes' right), president of the Placer County Grand Jurors Association, Barbara Ferguson (to Holmes' left), foreperson of the sitting grand jury, and current members of the grand jury.



San Joaquin – (left to right) Robert Rickman, BOS Chair; Lou Meyer, Foreperson; Gary Cooper, Chapter President.

San Luis Obispo – (left to right) Front row: George Tracy and Nancy Welts, Chapter President; Back Row: Supervisors Jimmy Paulding, Debbie Arnold, John Peschong and Bruce Gibson. *Photo by Jeanette Trompeter.*



Shasta County – Chapter President Will Arthur speaks to the Board of Supervisors thanking them for their support in proclaiming March as *Grand Jury Awareness Month*.

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Best Grand Jury Report California Grand Jurors' Assn

Nominations Open

It is time to nominate an outstanding grand jury report for CGJA's Best Grand Jury Report award. Reports issued in 2018 or thereafter are eligible.

The deadline for nominations is **June 30**. One nomination per county, please. The winner will be announced at the CGJA Annual Conference in the fall. Last year's winner was San Francisco's [Van Ness Avenue - What Lies Beneath](#).

For the criteria and nomination process, [download](#) printer-friendly PDF.

How to Recruit Grand Jury Members from Placer County

There are many things you can do to assist the local Superior Court to recruit applicants.

- Create local Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts where you can announce final grand jury reports and post related media articles.
- Engage with your Court Executive Officer and ask what you can do to help reach potential jurors.
- Write an editorial about your experience as a grand juror (see "[Serving on the Civil Grand Jury](#)" article below).



[Read more.](#)



Serving on the Civil Grand Jury is Meaningful, Productive and Personally Fulfilling – Anne Granlund and Peter Magnani write about serving on the Contra Costa Grand Jury. [Read more.](#)

CGJA
Best Media Coverage Award
California Grand Jurors' Association



Nominate Now!

Have you seen outstanding grand jury media coverage? If so, consider a nomination for CGJA's best media coverage award. The award recognizes a reporter or media entity (print or digital) that provided outstanding coverage of a grand jury's report (or the grand jury in general) during the past five years.

Last year's winner was Genoa Barrow, reporter for *The Observer*, Sacramento, for her coverage of the grand jury's investigative report "[Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Abandons Responsibility for Covid-19 CARES Act Spending.](#)"

The deadline for nominations is **June 30**. One nomination per county, please. The winner will be announced at the CGJA Annual Conference in the fall. While you may not think of a nominee now, you might in the future. We recommend you keep a file of media posts (online material may disappear over time) or newspaper clippings about grand jury reports and activities in your county.

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Foreperson Roundtable Discussion Set for April

Our inaugural foreperson roundtable sessions held in January were very popular. The attendees requested that we continue holding these several times throughout the year, so we have scheduled a session for **Monday, April 24, from 10:00 until noon.**

Current grand jury forepersons (or their pro tem or other designee) are invited to attend this Foreperson Roundtable Discussion being hosted on Zoom by members of our Foreperson and Pro Tem Workshop training team. [Read more.](#)



SAVE THE DATE!

10/22-23, 2023, Annual Conference

The CGJA Annual Conference Committee continues to work on the 2023 Annual Conference to be held in Walnut Creek on October 22-23. Plan to join your friends and colleagues as we meet and celebrate successes and learn about chapter and association happenings throughout the state.

Visit our Annual Conference webpage by clicking [HERE](#) to view the program information as it unfolds.

We hope to see you all there!

Check Out CGJA's 2022 Financial Statements

[Balance Sheet 2022
December 31, 2022](#)

[Budget vs. Actuals 2022
December 31, 2022](#)

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Serve on a committee - fill out our [Volunteer Interest](#) form.

The mission of the CGJA is to promote, preserve, and support the grand jury system through training, education, and outreach.

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