



# CGJA Journal

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Greetings!

## call for NOMINATION

Would you like to submit a name for possible nomination to the board of directors? Two new members are elected each year from each region for a term of two years to make a total of twelve on the board (four members from each region). Board members may serve three consecutive two-year terms.

The term of office is November 1 to October 31. Board members have direct input in how CGJA carries out its mission to promote, preserve, and support the grand jury system through training, education, and outreach in our communities. Serving as a director can be a rewarding experience. [Read more.](#)

## Honoring CGJA Volunteers New Awards Program

This is the "Year of the Volunteer." On July 1<sup>st</sup>, we introduce three new association-wide **Above-and-Beyond Volunteer Recognition Award** programs that recognize and celebrate the hard work and dedication of *all* our volunteers, and especially those who go Above-and-Beyond:

- **New Volunteers** - Honoring those who first joined the Associations volunteer ranks during the current year;
- **Volunteer Service Anniversary Milestones** - Recognizing the 1-, 5-, 10-, and multiples-of-5-year service anniversaries of every volunteer; and
- **Above-&-Beyond Volunteer of the Quarter Award** - A Volunteer of the Quarter winner, nominated by their fellow volunteers.

[See details.](#)

## Ask the Trainers by the Training Committee Co-chairs



Marsha Caranci

*In this regular column, the CGJA training team shares with Journal readers our responses to questions we receive from grand jurors. Please remember: Do not take any responses as legal advice and contact your local legal advisors to answer any question that might divulge confidential information.*

*You may submit your questions to [cgjatraining@cgja.org](mailto:cgjatraining@cgja.org). If your question appears in a future edition of the Journal, it might be edited and will not be attributed to you.*

### Questions

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***Read the answers.***



Richard Rogers

## CGJA Chapter Officers’ Meeting

by Darlyne Swenson

The Chapter Relations Subcommittee (CRS) of the Member and Chapter Relations Committee (MCRC) held its first Chapter Officers’ meeting of 2026 on February 11. Attending were twenty-seven participants representing sixteen active chapters.

The meeting was a dynamic exchange of ideas on recruitment, highlighted by several updates from the CRS members, and a presentation from one of the local chapters. ***Read more.***



## It's time . . .

Hundreds of civil grand jury reports are published every year. Surely you know one that is deserving of special recognition! Maybe media coverage is not what we would wish, but here's a chance to provide some real reinforcement and recognition for a reporter or media outlet.

Nominations are open for CGJA's prestigious **Best Grand Jury Report Award** and **Best Media Coverage Award**. The awards will be presented at the October Annual Conference in Sacramento – good potential for media coverage. The San Joaquin County Chapter nominated last year's winner. [Read more.](#)



Receiving the award for the civil grand jury were San Joaquin chapter members Chrystena Rockett, Denise Snider, Nancy Moll, Fran Block, Bruce Frank (with Barbara Sommer, EIR subcommittee chair) and Gary Cooper. *Photo by John Bradley.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**CGJA's 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference** will be held on **November 1-2, 2026**, at the Embassy Suites in Sacramento. We're bringing back informative breakout sessions that have been extremely popular. We will also hear an update on the "state of the state" from CalMatters Columnist Dan Walters, recognize numerous volunteers through an expanded recognition program, and enjoy an elegant dinner with, of course, a silent auction. More information about these events will be provided as we get closer to the event.

Information will be provided in June once we are prepared to receive your registration. You don't want to miss this one!

We look forward to seeing you there.

# behind the scenes

## Connie Jo Neustadter – “Why I Volunteer”

by John Bradley

It was an infallible ‘inner voice,’ along with an early role model, that directed Connie Jo Neustadter to her calling as a volunteer. “I’ve always had this very strong feeling,” she begins, “and I’ve always relied on getting messages about things. I kind of watch for ‘signs’ in my life, and when I see or feel that something is coming my way, I’ll go for it. The Santa Cruz home I lived in for 27 years is a good example: the first time I saw it, I *knew* it was going to be my house!” [Read more.](#)



## Chapters: One Network – Many Voices

from the *Chapter Relations Subcommittee*

Chapters are a hallmark of the Civil Grand Jurors Association. Drawing on the experience of their members, they serve as a valuable resource to their communities. To recognize their contributions, the Chapter Relations Subcommittee (CRS) will select one chapter to highlight in the *Journal* – offering an opportunity for its story and experiences to be shared. [Read more.](#)



## ***El Dorado* - Civil Grand Jury Recruitment Efforts**

Recruitment banner over Main St. in Placerville  
Tom Murphy and William Blaylock at the *Battle of the Badges Chili Cook-Off*  
Rescue Fire Marquee (Rescue is a town in the eastern part of the county)



# MARCH 2026 AS GRAND JURY MONTH

## *Humboldt*

On January 27, 2026, in honor of Civil Grand Jury Month, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors presented a Proclamation to the Humboldt Chapter.



*From the left:* Sheryl Steiner, Linden Glavich, Connie DeCoe Munier, Dennis Reid, Supervisor Mike Wilson, Victoria Joyce (CGJA Chapter President), Kathleen Sartorius (Civil Grand Jury Foreperson), Gabriel Parks, Billie Herman, and Mike Lee.

Earlier in the month, the chapter elected Victoria Joyce, President; Clare Greene, Vice President; and Jim Glover, Secretary-Treasurer. Board Members are Guy Aronoff and Connie DeCoe Munier. We meet monthly, alternating Zoom with in-person attendance. Our March meeting celebrated all that our committees have accomplished this past year.

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## *Monterey*



Monterey county supervisors honor current and former civil grand jurors by declaring March 2026 as civil grand jury awareness month on March 17, 2026. The declaration was introduced and read by Supervisor Kate Daniel.

## Solano



*From the left:* Front row: Kren Eft, Mike Wright, Ross Reiche (Chapter Liaison), Michael Smith, Wayne Goodman, Teri Ruggiero, Stephanie Perry (Pro Tem), Manuel Hector (Foreperson), BOD Supervisor Cassandra James. Back row: BOD - Wanda Williams, Mitch Mashburn, and Monica Brown

## Yolo



*From the left:* Supervisors Sheila Allen and Lucas Frerichs; Chapter members: Barbara Sommer, Bob Phibbs, Rich Zeiger (also current GJ Foreperson); Supervisors Mary Villegas and Angel Barajas.

## LIFE MEMBER - Patricia Goodman

Patricia "Trish" Goodman recently renewed her membership in CGJA by becoming a Lifetime Member.

She was a member of the Marin County 2023-24 and 2024-25 civil grand juries and became a CGJA member at the end of 2024. Trish trained and practiced as an attorney for many years and was an important member of her grand juries.

She noted, "As a strong believer in the power of civil grand juries, I'm pleased to support CGJA and the work it does to train and support our civil grand jury system throughout the state."

Trish, thanks so much your incredible support of CGJA!



# Letters

During last year's conference, my husband decided that the best Valentine's gift he could give me was a trip to *Sensoria* courtesy of the Annual Conference auction. All I can say is thank you CGJA for making such a wonderful experience available. We had a fabulous time.



All the views and music were amazing. When we arrived, we were escorted to the Terrace where we enjoyed a charcuterie board and a glass of wine as we waited for the sun to set and the light show. Once the lights danced to life, we took a stroll down the walking path and were treated to wonderful pockets of colorful geometric formations complimented by haunting tribal music weaving its way around the structures and embracing us as we wandered through the displays. It was a beautiful experience that is not to be missed.

Martha Saldaña-Wolf, Solano

**See CGJA's 2025 *Financial Statements***

**Recent Board Actions - [click here](#)**

## ***Keep us Posted***

Format articles in Word and send as email attachments to Barbara Sommer, [editor@cgja.org](mailto:editor@cgja.org). For more details see [How to submit an article](#).

**DEADLINE for submitting media for publication in the next issue.**

**May 25, 2026**

Please **update** your contact information (if needed).

## *Join/Renew your membership*

**Serve on a committee - see the *committee descriptions*.**

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

Contacts: ***Officers and directors***, chapter and association ***presidents***.

**STAY CONNECTED**



*Visit our website*

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## Election for CGJA Directors Coming Soon

The board establishes management policies, makes decisions on major issues, and oversees the association's activities. These actions are carried out through CGJA's standing committees.

### Requirements

Directors must be voting members of CGJA on July 31 of the election year and throughout their two-year term.

Directors must reside in the region they represent.

It is desirable for directors to have experience with CGJA chapters or committees.

### Are you interested or do you know someone who might be?

See Board Member Duties and Director Responsibilities below. Also, the CGJA website has additional information.

Using the pull-down menu About CGJA, go to Board Information where you will see links to the current agenda and past minutes.

Board meetings are held via Zoom and/or telephone on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 3 p.m. Directors are expected to attend.

### The Nominations and Elections Committee is now accepting suggested nominations.

Send an email message to [nominations@cgja.org](mailto:nominations@cgja.org). The Nominations and Elections Committee will screen candidates to determine that each has the skills, time, and dedication to fully and productively participate in all board activities. (CGJA Policy Manual, section 13.40)

### Timeline for 2026 nominations, voting, and reporting:

**May 31** – nominations and candidate interviews close

**June 15** – candidate statement deadline (for inclusion in the August edition of the Journal)

**June 24** – ballots submitted to the board

**July 31** – membership closes for eligibility to vote

**August 15** – voting begins

**September 15** - voting ends

**September 30** - ballots counted by Tellers Committee and reported to CGJA President and candidates

**November 1** – results announced at Annual Conference and in October *Journal*

Contact NEC members ([nominations@cgja.org](mailto:nominations@cgja.org)) for more information regarding the nomination and election process.

### CGJA Board member Duties Described in Bylaws: It shall be the duty of the directors to:

- (a) Perform any and all duties imposed on them collectively or individually by law, or pursuant to these bylaws and the board's adopted policies
- (b) Assume fiduciary responsibility for the corporation as required by law
- (c) Prescribe the duties and fix the compensation (if any) of all officers, agents, and employees of the corporation, except as otherwise provided in these bylaws
- (d) Supervise all officers, agents, and employees of the corporation to assure that their duties are performed properly
- (e) Meet at such times and places as required by these bylaws or the policy manual
- (f) Register their address, including any email address, with the secretary of the corporation
- (g) Approve the proposed annual ballot that includes a slate of qualified candidates for director
- (h) Elect officers of the corporation (CGJA Bylaws, Article 6, Section 4)

### CGJA Director Responsibilities Described in Policy Manual: The following are in addition to those duties outlined in Article 6 of the CGJA Bylaws:

- A. Directors shall attend all board meetings except when excused by the president. Directors shall participate in teleconference or face-to-face board meetings at their own expense. Directors may be removed from the board if they fail to participate in two consecutive board meetings or a total of four meetings in any twelve-month period, except when excused by the president for good cause.
- B. Directors shall read and review all agenda packet items in preparation for each board meeting.
- C. Directors shall attend the CGJA Annual Conference and Annual Meeting unless excused by the president and shall attend at their own expense.
- D. Each director shall be active on at least one of CGJA's committees.
- E. Directors shall monitor and, when necessary, promptly respond to email and voicemail communications regarding the business of the board and their committee(s).
- F. Directors shall avoid personal agendas and put personal differences aside in order to properly and fully satisfy their responsibility to serve the best interests of the association. Directors must become familiar with and be faithful to the association's missions and goals. Directors shall comply with the adopted Code of Conduct contained in the Directors' Handbook.
- G. Directors shall assume fiduciary responsibility for the association as required by law. (CGJA Policy Manual, section 3.10)

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## New Awards Program Debuts Honoring CGJA Volunteers

All active committee members, trainers and CGJA Officers are eligible for all three programs. Watch for program kickoff information and instructions in the June *Journal*.

“Year of the Volunteer” recognition excitement will build toward a crescendo at the October Annual Conference, *when every winner from throughout the year, from all three programs, takes the stage to be presented with their award, live* – to be capped off by the pinnacle of CGJA’s annual presentation of the 2026 Angelo Rolando Service Award.

Volunteers are the life-blood of our organization. [Click here](#) to visit the CGJA website to read about the volunteer opportunities awaiting, and for a chance to link your skills and interests with a committee’s needs.

Don’t miss your chance to become part of the “Year of the Volunteer” and the celebration in Sacramento. Become a CGJA volunteer today!

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## Ask the Trainers

### **Q. Can a grand jury report indicate that “no response is necessary” for one or more of the recommendations?**

**A.** Recommendations are required whenever a report contains a finding that identifies a problem. A recommendation lets the government entity know what it can do to address that problem. Penal Code section 933(c) states that the entity “shall comment...on the findings and recommendations...” in a grand jury report.

CGJA believes that if the report has a positive finding (a finding that the entity is doing a good job), no recommendation is needed. Because the finding did not identify a problem, there is no improvement for the jury to recommend. And there is no need to make up a recommendation to solve a problem that doesn't exist, such as “no response necessary” or “keep up the good work.” A positive finding should stand alone, and there will be no need for the entity to respond. See the 2025-2026 CGJA Training and Reference Manual, Tab 6, page 5 for more about this topic.

Legal advisors are excellent sources of guidance about findings and recommendations, so you should also consult with your legal advisor about this.

### **Q. I would like to discuss continuity versus compliance reports. We had a lot of confusion over the reason we would use one rather than the other and the content of each. I am interested in some clarification, please.**

**A.** This is a great question. A response compliance report is actually a type of continuity report. It is limited to two specific issues: whether the responses to last year's reports were submitted by the required deadline in Penal Code §933(c), and whether the responses used the language required in Penal Code §933.05. This type of report is optional and is discussed in the 2025-2026 CGJA Training and Reference Manual at Tab 6, pages 6-8. An example of a response compliance report is at Tab 6, Attachment C and is also posted on CGJA's website under [Sample Documents](#).

There are two other types of continuity reports. One is a follow-up report on a topic the jury reported on in an earlier year. The other is a report about whether an entity implemented the recommendations made in a prior report. Both reports require a new, complete investigation and are discussed in the 2025-2026 CGJA Training and Reference Manual at Tab 4, page 6.

### **Q. What should juries keep in mind when considering using social media to promote the grand jury or discuss grand jury activities?**

**A.** Jurors sometimes ask about using social media to generate interest in the jury's reports and bolster juror recruitment. Social media can be a useful tool if appropriate guardrails are in place. Used improperly, it can lead to breaches of confidentiality and damage the jury's credibility.

When using social media to make public comments about the grand jury or its reports, remember that anything regarding the nature, scope, or strategy of any investigation or inquiry, other than what appears in a published report, is confidential. This includes indications of what the grand jury is investigating, all evidence collected, how the jurors voted, and their internal discussions. The jurors' oath of secrecy is binding for life, and any violation of jury confidentiality is a misdemeanor.

Anything posted about the grand jury must comply with these restrictions. Even if an initial post does not violate jury confidentiality, responses to public comments that follow can lead to inadvertent disclosure of confidential information or even personal biases that may create a damaging public impression of the jury.

To manage these unique challenges, juries can consider including a social media policy in their rules of procedure. The policy might include designating one juror to draft approved messages about the grand jury, in consultation with the legal advisor or the court as appropriate. This policy should also address what content other jurors may and may not post on social media, including rules about responses to public comments.

Another approach might involve establishing a grand jury social media account, in consultation with the court and the legal advisor, where jury information can be posted. An example of a “social media strategy” using this approach is on the CGJA website under Jury Resources, Sample Documents, Grand Juror Ethics, Collegiality, and Use of Social Media, “Social Media Strategy.” Click [here](#).

Using social media presents benefits and risks. It can vastly expand the number of people who read your reports and increase jury applications, but there is a risk of improper disclosures and comments that may negatively reflect on the jury. CGJA recommends that juries proceed thoughtfully in this area, in consultation with their legal advisor and the court.

## CGJA Chapter Officers' Meeting by Dar Swenson

Topics 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **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. See [list of suggestions](#)—*ed*.
- **Chapter Development Presentation** - David Heintz 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.

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## Excellence in Report Awards – Nominations Now Open

Last year's Best Report Award went to the 2021-22 San Joaquin County Civil Grand Jury for recognizing that the Stockton Unified School District was headed toward a 30-million-dollar deficit by fiscal year 2024-25. The report titled [\*Stockton Unified School District: A Failing Grade in Public Trust\*](#) recommended an extensive list of steps to address the problems.

The most recent Best Media Coverage Award went to Thadeus Greenson, news editor, *North Coast Journal* (Humboldt County) in 2024 for excellence in writing and dissemination of important grand jury report findings on Brown Act noncompliance by a local school board and providing outstanding information about civil grand jury service.

Reports issued in 2021 or thereafter are eligible. **The deadline for nominations is June 30.** One nomination per county, please. Nominator must be a CGJA chapter or a CGJA member.

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 disappears over time) or newspaper clippings about grand jury reports and activities in your county.

For nomination details and instructions, see the following CGJA webpages:

[\*Best Civil Grand Jury Report\*](#)

[\*Best Media Coverage\*](#)

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## Connie Jo Neustadter - "Why I Volunteer"

Like many of us, Connie Jo attributes her early inspiration for volunteering to her parents—particularly her mother, who worked as an actor and model before marrying and raising a family. "She continued her involvement with small, local theater companies while I was growing up," Connie Jo recalls. "In addition to volunteering as an actor, she sewed costumes, painted sets, cooked food for the entire Company, whatever had to be done. She didn't do it for the recognition; she was just doing things that she loved to do. It touched me that my mother did that." Connie Jo's mother also gave of her time and raised money to support a local children's orphanage, and frequently took Connie Jo and her sister along to both activities.

A side note on her name: although christened 'Connie Jo,' many know her today as 'C.J.' "My mother intended (for the names "Connie" and 'Jo') to be used together, but at a young age, I decided I didn't like 'Jo.' It's a family name, but always for the boys (with an 'e'); I was the first girl it was given to. When I became an adult, I realized, "Hey, I have a cool name!" But by then, most people automatically shortened my name to either 'Connie' or 'Jo.' A former boss suggested 'C.J.," she says, "and it has kind of stuck," although she prefers the full version.

Connie Jo was born and spent her early childhood in the wilderness of northwestern New Jersey. "We were literally out in the 'wilds,'" she recalls, "and my family took in injured wild animals as pets—including a raccoon and a crow!"

At age 11, her family moved across the U.S. to California's Santa Cruz Mountains. A few years later, Connie Jo moved down to the City of Santa Cruz, where she earned degrees in Early Childhood Education (Cabrillo Junior College), Psychology (UC Santa Cruz), and a Masters in Social Work at San Jose State University, later becoming licensed as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Thinking she would like to go into counseling following her Early Childhood Education degree, Connie Jo spent several years as a volunteer support counselor at a youth agency. "And I loved it!" she laughs. She also recognized that it was a smart thing to do, "especially in psychology," she adds, "where it's important to have first-hand experience beyond 'book learning.'" That counseling experience, along with her degrees, led to a 20-year career doing investigations for both Child Protective Services and Adoption Family Studies for abused and neglected children. Eventually she moved over to Family Court, as Senior Counselor for Mediations and Investigations in both Santa Clara Superior Court and El Dorado County Superior Court, before ultimately retiring in 2019 after a successful 42-year career.

Since retiring, Connie Jo has devoted herself to her new husband of 18 months, Roger Thomsen; to her two grown sons and their families; to gardening ("I've built a big garden in my backyard, mainly flowers and ornamentals"); and rededicating herself to taking piano lessons again—something that she loved as a child.

But, once more, she got that feeling that something 'intended' was also coming her way.

"When I retired, I knew I was going to volunteer somewhere. But I truly didn't know where. So, I just gave it time. I knew that if I could find something that would use my family court and investigative skills, that would be fabulous!"

One year, El Dorado County's sitting civil grand jury decided to put up juror-recruitment lawn signs, and Connie Jo happened to spy one near her home. Although she had worked with and for the courts for 40 years, Connie Jo was still unsure exactly what a civil grand jury did. "So, I looked it up, and thought, "Here it is! *This* is what I was waiting for! I knew it was coming!" She applied immediately and was selected and served on the 2023-24 El Dorado County Civil Grand Jury.

"It was one of the most amazing experiences I've ever had in my life!" she smiles. "I had so much fun, and I couldn't believe how much I learned about our county." True to her instincts, she was able to fully utilize her skills and background in investigations ("I think I helped fellow jury members go into interviews with 'a lighter touch'; by re-ordering and re-phrasing questions, we were able to make our interviews less adversarial and to obtain better cooperation"), and even in successfully mediating several process challenges along the way.

During her term, the jury's Foreperson invited the rest of the jurors to attend a county chapter meeting. Connie Jo attended and is now vice president of her chapter and serves on a subcommittee developing a new orientation program for El Dorado County grand jurors.

"In 2024, I was approached to become a trainer at the state level," she recalls, a position she has held for the last two years, teaching multiple training sessions a year across California. Serving as a trainer has become her favorite volunteer role with CGJA, she says. "Being able to present such professional training, with such helpful colleagues—and with all of the positive receptions we get—it's wonderful!" Additionally, Connie Jo serves on the CGJA Awards Committee and the 'Excellence in Reporting' Subcommittee.

Today, Connie Jo's already-full volunteer life continues at full throttle, topped off by Santa Cruz's 'The Christmas Project,' donating and delivering holiday gifts to underprivileged children—something she has undertaken for the last 37 consecutive years.

"(Volunteering) is just something that's in me; I've been doing it my whole life," Connie Jo concludes. "I think it goes back to watching my mother doing all those things for our community. She would say, 'You should always help people who are less fortunate.' Since then, it's always been a part of my life, too, to help people who aren't as lucky in life. My whole career was working with people less fortunate than me. And it just makes me feel so good to do that."

When asked if she would encourage other CGJA members to similarly volunteer, Connie Jo Neustadter exclaims, "Yes, without a doubt! I sing the praises of CGJA and the civil grand jury all the time, to anybody who'll listen!"

Chapters: One Network – Many Voices  
*from the Chapter Relations Subcommittee*

Not all chapters are the same, yet each has something meaningful to contribute – whether a triumph or a challenge. This effort builds on the theme introduced last year by CRS and presented at the annual conference in San Luis Obispo. Our goal is to carry this forward by creating space for chapters to share their experiences, broaden communication, and support one another through the exchange of ideas and collaborative problem-solving throughout the year.

The selected chapter is notified at least six weeks prior to the publication date. Chapters are given four weeks to prepare and submit their story, along with photos or other materials they wish to share, to [membership@cgja.org](mailto:membership@cgja.org). Once received, submissions are reviewed before being finalized for publication. An additional two weeks is allotted for the review and publication process, and chapters are provided with specific dates to guide them throughout.

Remember, whether sharing triumphs or challenges, every chapter has a story worth telling.

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**Civil Grand Jurors' Association of California**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of December 31, 2025**

	Dec 31, 25
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	\$ 69,480
Accounts Receivable	48,495
Other Current Assets	
General Investments	60,000
Prepaid Expenses	3,500
Reserved/Designated Funds	130,000
Restricted Funds	
Memorial and Scholarship Funds	12,900
Total Restricted Funds	12,900
Total Other Current Assets	206,400
Total Current Assets	324,375
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 324,375
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 60
Credit Cards	1,733
Total Current Liabilities	1,793
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,793
Total Equity	\$ 322,582
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 324,375

**Civil Grand Jurors' Association of California**  
**Annual Membership Report: Statement of Activity**  
**Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025**

Income		
Administration	\$	9,808
Finance Committee		185
Membership		9,983
Annual Conference		17,018
Legal & Legislative		1,065
Training		211,317
Other		2,000
Total Income	\$	<u>251,376</u>
Expenses		
Adminstration	\$	18,243
Finance Committee		2,884
Membership Committee		5
Annual Conference		12,977
Legal & Legislative		31
Public Relations Committee		1,066
Technology		1,920
Training Committee		185,064
Total Expenses	\$	<u>222,190</u>
Net Income	\$	<u><u>29,186</u></u>

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## Board actions

**02-13-26**

Approved an incremental budget increase of \$3,468 and approved the CGJA president to sign a contract for 12 months. (Executive board action).

**02-24-26**

Approved the Awards Committee's proposal to begin the 'Above-&-Beyond Volunteer Recognition Program's two-year Pilot Phase.

Ratified the appointment of Loydyne Lane as Assistant Treasurer.

**03-04-26**

Approved closure of the BofA credit card and approved the required letter. (Executive board action).

**03-24-26**

Created Grand Jury Effectiveness (GJE) standing committee.

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## Civil Grand Jury Recruitment Efforts

### **Napa**

- Update brochure.
- Sent letters to county supervisors .
- Provide materials in other relevant languages (including grand jury reports), e.g., Spanish.

### **Shasta**

- Establish credibility the court executive officer.
- Get email addresses for CGJA to send court officials latest guide to civil grand jury [get correct title] and send them to Marsha Caranci [caranci@aol.com](mailto:caranci@aol.com). (Guide cannot be sent directly to chapters or CGJA members).
- Information tables at events.
- Information table outside venues where people are waiting in line (e.g., live theatre).
- Business-card size information to hand out.
- Ad in city bus.
- Poster in bus shelter.

### **Contra Costa**

- Exit interviews to find out why people leave (also Humboldt)
- Coordinate county, sitting grand jury and chapter efforts
- Provide County Supervisors with suggested wording for their newsletters.

### **El Dorado**

- Lawn signs and banners have been very effective. Use large lettering to make visible at a distance.
- Regularly schedules lunches with past and current grand jurors.
- Displays in county buildings.
- Facebook page.

### **Nevada**

- Post flyers around town.
- Postcard-sized information for people to take.
- Set up an Ollie class through a local college.
- BOS proclamation.

### **Others**

- Try to figure out how to post information near pickleball court (Fresno).
- One-on-one awareness raising (Santa Clara).
- Presentations to organizations (San Joaquin)
- Work with the sitting jury to coordinate recruiting efforts (Solano).

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