



CGJA BOARD ELECTION August 15 to September 15



Board candidates and their statements are shown below, by region. This issue of the *Journal* serves as **your voting pamphlet**. Ballot link will be emailed on August 15, to be returned by **September 15**.

Don't know your region? Click [here](#) to see map.

SOUTH: Deeming & Rogers



Karen Deeming

I was first introduced to CGJA during my membership on the Merced County Grand Jury. After serving at the local level, I began training for CGJA and recently joined the Training Committee, Training subcommittee and the Program Administration subcommittee where I contribute to the growth, strength, and continued progress of the organization. ([continued](#))

Richard Rogers

I have been an active volunteer with CGJA for the past two years, after having spent two years on the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury. Since joining CGJA I have been primarily involved in the training area, including serving on the Training Committee, the Curriculum Sub-Committee and as the chair of the Finance Committee.

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CENTRAL: Clark, Lloyd & Jones



Janet Clark

Over the years I have been president and secretary of our local chapter (Alameda). I have also been a long term member of CGJA Membership and Chapter Relations Committee, and the Annual Conference Committee. (*continued*)

Diane Lloyd

As a director for the Central Region and during my term as Chair of Membership & Chapter Relations, it has been a journey of discovery of interesting ideas, making new and valued friends, and continuing to make a difference statewide as well as in my local community. (*continued*)



Juliana Olinka Jones

I served on the Mono County Grand Jury 2017-2018, returned as Foreperson in 2018-2019 and 2020-2021, joining the CGJA Training Team in 2021 and shortly after became Chairperson of the CGJA Public Relations Committee. (*continued*)



NORTH: Caranci, Chan & Jahr

Marsha Caranci

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.

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Mary Chan

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. ([continued](#))

Karen Jahr

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. ([continued](#))



REMINDER - August 31 Deadline
Nominate a CGJA member for the 2023 Angelo Rolando Service Award. Click [here](#) for more information.

Grand Jury Training is Going Full Bore

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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. However, most grand juries are just getting started and have recently taken part in CGJA’s two-day training seminar, so we won’t be answering any questions in this month’s *Journal*. For future issues, you can submit your questions to me at cgjatraining@cgja.org. Our response to your edited or redacted question might appear in a future edition of the *Journal*.



CGJA wishes to extend a special welcome to all 2023-24 grand jurors who have signed up as introductory or paid members for this year. And we would like to remind you of the resources available to you from CGJA via our [website](#) and your training manual. [Read more.](#)



**CGJA Annual
Conference
October 23-24**
Embassy Suites – Walnut Creek
See details.



BUILDING BRIDGES
with Outreach and Awareness

News from Around the State

from El Dorado County



Chapter President, Tom Murphy (left), accepts the chapter charter from CGJA Director, Gary Cooper (right).

Photo courtesy of Dee Schweitzer.

from San Joaquin County



Swearing in of 2023-2024 San Joaquin County Grand Jury. *Photo credits: Mary Block.*

May 2023, **San Joaquin County Chapter Juror Appreciation Luncheon**

Left to right: Rick Price, Asst. District Attorney; Lou Meyer, 2022-23 Grand Jury Foreperson; Tom Horsley, Chapter Member, and recipient of CGJA Certificate of Special Recognition; Ron Freitas, District Attorney, Gary Cooper, Chapter President.



February 2023, **San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Grand Jury Appreciation Month Proclamation.** Pictured left to right: Robert Rickman, BOS Chairman; Lou Meyer, 2022-23 Grand Jury Foreperson; Gary Cooper, Chapter President.

— **NEW MEMBERS** —

See [list](#) of people who have joined this year.



Updated CGJA Website has Launched! *Read more.*

Recent Board Actions – *Click here.*

Keep us Posted

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

DEADLINE for submitting articles for publication in the next issue.

September 25, 2023

Change of address – Please notify the editor@cgja.org of any email address changes.

Join/Renew your membership

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.

Contacts: [Officers and directors](#), chapter and association [presidents](#).

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Karen Deeming (Southern region)

I have been a member of CGJA for five years. I served from 2018-2020, the second year as the foreperson. During my tenure, I chaired several committees and was involved in many aspects of the process. This experience illuminated the importance of the California grand jury system and its dedication to providing oversight and recommendations for improvement to our local governments.

Being part of the training program has increased my commitment to CGJA and the important work that we do preparing jurors for their role as unbiased watchdogs of local government. I am interested in serving as a member of the Board for CGJA and to further our mission "To promote, preserve, and support the grand jury system through training, education and outreach." One area of the mission statement that I gravitate to is the outreach as I am already heavily involved in the training and education portion. As a professor of Anthropology and Sociology, I am dedicated to promoting diversity and inclusion and feel this aspect of outreach is where I can make a beneficial contribution to CGJA. Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy and I look forward to contributing to CGJA wherever I can best serve the organization.

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Richard Rogers (South region)

During my tenure on the Grand Jury, I served as Foreperson pro tem, committee chair on several investigative committees, including the Editorial Committee, and as the IT coordinator. In addition to being an active contributor to the 21 reports published during the two years I served, I also worked on the redesign of the Grand Jury's website.

I initially volunteered for grand jury service because I wanted to give back to and make a positive impact on the community where I live. I found the experience very rewarding and believe I was able to accomplish those goals. When asked to join CGJA I saw an opportunity to expand my ability to serve and help each of the counties within California improve the governmental services provided to their residents.

My career was eclectic and included working as an audit manager in the small business division of the largest of the Big 8 accounting firms, top management positions in professional sports franchises, television and cable enterprises, and a national not-for-profit sports enterprise. I have also served on or held the role of board president on several boards.

I look forward to expanding my role with CGJA and to help continue and improve the delivery of training and valuable resources to the counties within California. Thank you for your consideration.

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Janet Clark (Central region)

Seven years ago, with the help of two neighboring CGJA members, I worked with eight other newly “graduated” jurors to establish the Alameda Chapter of the CGJA. I have been a member ever since. I believe in working together to strengthen our bonds and create a larger impact.

I would like to continue working with committees and the Board of Directors to expand the work of the Civil Grand Jury in California.

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Diane Lloyd (Central region)

I've been grateful to the entire Board of Directors of CGJA for their support and guidance these past two years. As a representative of the Central Region, I've managed to visit a number of other counties, viewing best practices, and enjoying the camaraderie of like-minded individuals.

My background in the grand jury system began with the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Calaveras County Grand Jury. I was one of the original group that formed the Mother Lode Chapter – CGJA, the first chapter to encompass three counties – Amador, Calaveras, and Tuolumne. I am also the treasurer of our chapter. Currently, I am foreperson of the 2022-2023 Calaveras County Grand Jury. This latest venture is probably the hardest I've worked in my entire life!

I have the greatest respect for every single member (and introductory member!) of CGJA. It has been my honor to serve this group of individuals bonded together for a common purpose. I would sincerely like the opportunity to continue serving CGJA and the Central Region as Director for the new term.

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Marsha Caranci (Northern region)

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.

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.

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Juliana Olinka Jones (Central region)

My past and current experiences provide me with both macro and micro knowledge of grand jury work that I am confident will be an asset to the California Grand Jurors' Association. Born in Detroit, I received my BA in Theatre from Michigan State University in 1973 and my MBA from Pepperdine University in 1983. Career travels led from Michigan to Atlanta to New York City and finally to Los Angeles in 1978, where I spent 25+ years in Theatrical Features Entertainment Marketing at Warner Bros. in both Domestic and International. While in LA I served on a criminal and then a civil jury case.

I made a second career of teaching Drama at Taft High school before moving full time to the Eastern Sierra in 2011. While in So. Cal. I served on the Board of the Lonny Chapman Group Repertory Theatre and in various roles on the Valley Beth Shalom synagogue board, including revitalizing and managing the monthly newsletter while working and raising a son with my husband.

After moving to Mammoth Lakes, I was hired as the Marketing Director, then the Development Director of the Mammoth Lakes Foundation for 5 years before retiring. During that time, I served on a criminal grand jury case. I have a great deal of non-profit board experience, currently serving on my HOA Board, on the Mammoth Lakes Fire Safe Council as Secretary, and as President of the Eastern Sierra Arts Alliance.

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Mary Chan (North region)

I am running to serve on the CGJA Board - Northern Region. 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 El 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 two 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!

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Karen Jahr (Northern Region)

I am running for re-election to the Board of Directors representing the northern region. 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.

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Ask the Trainer

You will find these helpful tools and resources on our [website](https://cgja.org/jury-resources) (<https://cgja.org/jury-resources>).

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): These are common questions asked by jurors. The answers come from our Legal and Legislative Resources Committee (LLRC), and they can help you understand the law and the grounds for our best practice recommendations.

Local Government Information: This page provides links to many government and other agency websites that have to do with various local governments.

Sample Documents: We spoke a great deal about this in our seminars. There are over 100 useful documents on a variety of subjects on this page. You may download and use these as is or modify them. Our thanks to the many grand juries who have shared these documents.

Your 2023-24 **CGJA Training Manual** should continue to be a resource for you throughout the year. You will find:

- useful information about the law in Tab 2,
- more about local government entities in Tab 3,
- information on ethics and transparency in Tab 4,
- how to conduct grand jury investigations and interviews in Tabs 5 and 6,
- information on writing reports in Tab 7,
- and additional resources and a glossary in Tab 8.

We hope you will take advantage of all our available resources. We welcome questions and comments about any topic related to our training program or to the civil aspects of grand jury work. Have a great grand jury term – we look forward to reading your reports this time next year.

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New Members since January 1, 2023

<i>County</i>	Name	<i>County</i>	Name
<i>Alameda</i>	Carole Salerno Sandralee McCabe	<i>Nevada</i>	Kathleen Williams Loydyne Lane
<i>Contra Costa</i>	Michael Arkelian Anne Granlund	<i>Orange</i>	Karen Kindschi
<i>El Dorado</i>	Thomas Murphy Mary Chan	<i>Sacramento</i>	Lupe Trevino
<i>Fresno</i>	Cynthia Thomas	<i>San Benito</i>	Stacie McGrady
<i>Glenn</i>	Mark Fountain Jenifer Johnson Mark Layman Kristie Rumble Facundo Rosa James Smith Dess Tibbitts John Batty-Sylvan Tami Allen	<i>San Bernardino</i>	Donna Jordan
		<i>San Diego</i>	Ralph Schuerenberg Edward Lopatin Burnie Dunlap
		<i>San Francisco</i>	Richard Bogan
		<i>San Joaquin</i>	Judith Prima Bruce Frank Mary Kennedy-Bracken
<i>Humboldt</i>	Lawrence Giventer	<i>San Mateo</i>	Janet Borgens
<i>Los Angeles</i>	Carina Lister Wayne Dodds Don Lindgren James Bukowski Norman Green Leslie Flores	<i>Santa Clara</i>	Karen Enzensperger Karen Michael Nancy Baumann
		<i>Santa Cruz</i>	James Goodrich
		<i>Sonoma</i>	Ron Chestnut
<i>Marin</i>	Bradley Wright	<i>Stanislaus</i>	Richard Cato
<i>Mariposa</i>	Daniel Wilson	<i>Trinity</i>	Everett Harvey
<i>Monterey</i>	Flora Laura Dillender Bryan Laws		

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Annual Conference Update -- August

You're invited!

Registration for the CGJA's 40th Annual Conference and Membership Meeting is currently under way. Complete information concerning the program, conference registration, and sleeping room reservations, are available on the CGJA website by clicking [here](#).

The conference will open Sunday afternoon, October 22, at 1:00 PM, with a presentation by Daniel Borenstein who will give us tips on effective techniques to improve getting our grand jury "story" to the public. Following his remarks, we will receive an update on the state of the association from CGJA President Travis Gibbons, be introduced to the newly elected CGJA directors, and meet the winners of the Excellence in Reporting Awards. Closing out the afternoon portion of the program, Public Relations Chair Juliana Jones will moderate breakout sessions that will discuss five different topics of interest to our members. Select one (or two!) and receive up-to-date information that will make you, your chapter, or association more effective. As a finale to the first day's program, this year's Angelo Rolando Service Award recipient will be revealed at our gala Sunday evening banquet (cost included in your conference registration).

The conference will reconvene at 9:00 AM Monday morning, October 23. Ethan Rarick, Executive Director of the Little Hoover Commission, will kick off our morning with the keynote address, followed by a panel discussion on the role of chapters in juror recruitment and selection, moderated by Spencer Sias from Marin County. There will be time for member comments, a Q&A period, and closing remarks from our CGJA President.

Along with all the updates, presentations, and speakers that will challenge and inspire us, we are again bringing back our silent auction, which has proven to be a fun, well-received hit over the years. Chapters and Associations are encouraged to create gift baskets containing products that represent the bounty from their county, such as olive oils or preserved olives, wine, dried fruits and nuts, or holiday floral arrangements. Items with a wide interest have proven to be hits throughout the years, so plan your donation accordingly.

Auction baskets will be displayed throughout Sunday afternoon, and the auction will be closed at the conclusion of the Sunday evening dinner, so there will be plenty of time to review the items during the day before selecting your favorite before dinner. A description of the donation in advance will help our committee prepare bid sheets. Information can be sent to annualconference@cgja.org. Donors will be recognized in the Annual Conference Program if the information is received by September 15, 2022. Plan to bring your display-ready silent auction item with you when you arrive for the conference. We look forward to having a lot of fun with this, and your participation would be cheerfully received and appreciated in advance. All auction proceeds are used to offset conference expenses to help keep registration costs as low as possible.

The Embassy Suites, Walnut Creek, is a newly renovated facility minutes from shopping in downtown Walnut Creek. Public transportation via BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) is convenient from both the Oakland and San Francisco international airports, delivering you directly across the street from the conference location. The hotel is a short drive away from the Napa and Sonoma wine countries and other Bay Area attractions. A two-room suite, free made-to-order breakfast, and complimentary evening receptions add to your enjoyment of this fine conference venue.

Take time today to register for the conference. We're looking forward to seeing you in person again and renewing old acquaintances!

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The California Grand Jurors' Association has launched a new, user-friendly website that provides extensive resources and training materials for both current and past grand jurors as well as serving as a valuable resource for anyone interested in the grand jury system in California.

The new website features a more efficient architecture that allows users to easily navigate through the site and find the information they need. With a wealth of information available on the site, including handbooks, videos, and online resources, the California Grand Jurors' Association is committed to providing jurors with the tools they need to succeed in their roles.

Check out the [new site](#).

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Recent board actions

- 06/27/23 Ratified appointment of Gary Cooper as Vice President.
- 06/27/23 Ratified appointment of Lou Panetta as Tech Committee Chair
- 06/27/23 Approved 2023 Director Election Ballots

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