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JOIN US FOR LUNCH
Thursday Dec 6
at
Phoenix Club
1340 S. Sanderson Ave
Anaheim
Richard M. King
Superior Court Judge

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time we meet on December 6th, I will have attended the California Grand Juror's Association Annual Conference. GJAOC is closely affiliated with this statewide organization even though we are not a formal chapter. Their dues are based on the number of members in each chapter. Since OC has an average membership just over 150 members each year, we decided not to join the state group as a chapter, but would instead pay the dues for our President, newsletter chair person, and now our webmaster as individual members. They serve as a conduit to the CGJA whose primary role is to offer orientation training for incoming panel members throughout the state. They also monitor legislation that would have an impact on grand juries and sound the alarm when action should be taken. Any eligible past grand juror may become an individual member. Please contact me if you would like more information.

Our election this year for six new or returning directors was an interesting exercise. While I was pre-

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DECEMBER SPEAKER

Richard M. King, Judge, Superior Court, O.C. since 2000; currently serving on the Central Felony Trial Panel will be our speaker in December. Judge King has done workout runs with Judge David Carter, who by the way, may not be joining us in December; he is having a knee replacement surgery (perhaps competing with Judge King contributed to the need for this).

Judge King may give us his perspective on the recent election regarding the death penalty and what that might mean to our judicial and jail systems. He will talk on a variety of judicial topics.



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pared to have a written ballot at the September meeting that would have allowed write-ins, our bylaws require us to have a written ballot by mail. After discussion among the directors, we are making recommendations for changes to our bylaws. The proposed changes are in this newsletter. Please take time to review them before our meeting. You may want to have your copy of the By-law booklet while you read thru the changes. There will be time for discussion. We will vote by a show of hands at the December lunch meeting. An affirmative vote of a majority of those members present will approve the changes. I will ask for a vote on the entire body of changes. I hope that the proposed changes are clear. Most of them are designed to make our election process fair to any member in good standing who is interested in serving on the board and be final in a much shorter timeframe by eliminating the need for a slate to be approved by the Board and replace the need for a mailed ballot with a written ballot if needed at the September lunch meeting.

As in the past, we will have a drawing for the table decorations in December – you may be the lucky winner. See you then.

- Cheryl Brothers

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS

The following members were elected to the Board of Directors for a 2-year term as a result of the mailed written ballot. They are listed in order of highest number of votes.

Cheryl Brothers

Carol Morales

Terry Dancey

Glen Stroud

Lynn Bonas

There is a tie for the sixth position between Chuck Holt and Bill Underwood.

Per our bylaws, we will have Judge Carter or King do a blind draw at the December luncheon to determine the winner for the final seat. The new Board will be sworn in following the draw.

I want to thank all candidates, returning and new, for their willingness to serve for 2013-14 term.

- Cheryl Brothers, president

GJAOC WEBSITE

The Association's website, *GJAOC.ORG*, has a new webmaster. Ron Harris has taken over the duties from Viola Sadler who inaugurated the site earlier this year. Ron served on the 2002-2003 panel. Since then he has edited both a newsletter for the Friends of the Mission Viejo Library and his homeowners association newspaper, the Casta Courier. More recently he established a garden club blog.

You can contribute to the website. The website has a news section that is open for association and member news and announcements. Contact Ron at (949) 837-0925 or use the website "Contact" menu item to contact him by email. He will assist you with guidelines for submitting text and photos to him for posting our posting. Our GJAOC domain name has been renewed for 2013.

GJAOC ANNUAL FINANCE REVIEW

Director John J. Moohr will chair the Review Committee this year. They will review the Association's financial records after the close of the calendar year and report their findings to the Board.

NOTES & MISCELLANY

MEASURE M

Measure M Oversight Chair will meet with OCTA staff in January to set up the recruitment calendar for 2013. If you might be interested in learning more about this committee and the work they do, contact Glen Stroud (714) 835-7691.

SENIOR GUIDE O.C.

The 2013 edition is out. The GJAOC has again placed a recruitment ad in the Guide. This free publication is a valuable resource for services and information aimed at seniors. For example, Medicare plans are compared, medication management, caregiving for family members, and more. The GJAOC helps support this resource with their ad for volunteer opportunities on page 122. We will have a limited number of copies for you at the December luncheon and information on how to get multiple copies.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership is holding strong with 156 paid members. Glen Stroud will be mailing dues letters in mid-November. Return your check by mail or in person at the December luncheon.

GRAND JURY APPLICATIONS

The Superior Court is accepting applications for the 2013 - 14 Grand Jury.

The information and applications are available at www.ocgrandjury.org, or at (714) 834-6747, or in person at the Jury Commissioner's office, 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana. Deadline for applications is Jan 18, 2013.

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OC IT CONTRACT UPDATE

Both the sitting grand jury and the Grand Jurors Association were invited to join the IT Procurement process. Last year's panel foreman rightly refused the offer stating that they may eventually investigate the selection process and execution of the contract if problems occur. Joe Moreland was the Association president when the invitations were made and did accept the offer from the committee for the Association to observe the process.

By this time the RFP had been completed and bids had been received and evaluated. The Association *per se* did not participate in this process.

The selection committee decisions were reviewed and altered by the Board of Supervisors and the County Counsel.

Joe Moreland presented this information to the Board of Supervisors at their meeting on October 10.

BYLAW CHANGES PROPOSED

The GJAOC Board of Directors has proposed the following sections of the GJAOC Bylaws be amended as follows. An affirmative vote by a majority of regular members present at the December 2012 lunch meeting will amend the following sections of the GJAOC BYLAWS:

Please note: all changes are in bold type (and within brackets).

Added language is underlined, and language with a strike thru shall be omitted

¶ Page 5> Nominating Committee - Must nominate a (minimum of one) candidate for each Board position and offer a (~~slate~~ / list) of candidates to the general membership each year.

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Section 3>.....Nominations mailed by US postal Service or electronic mail to the Chair of the Nominating Committee must be received by the Chair no later than (~~July 15th~~ / Aug. 1st) and must.....

Section 4> (~~The slate of nominees shall be presented to the Board for approval at the August Board Meeting and~~ The list of nominees shall be announced in the notice for the September General Meeting of the Membership, and introduced at the September general meeting of the membership.) Additional nominations of consenting members may be made from the floor at that meeting. Should there be but one person nominated for each Directorship, the election may be by voice vote at that meeting. Should there be more than one person nominated for each Directorship, the voting shall be by (written) ballot (~~mailed by US Postal Service to the Regular Members of the Association no later than September 15th. These ballots must be returned to the Chair of the Nominating Committee no later than October 1st~~ (at the September General meeting.)) The Nominating Committee will not be responsible for misdirected or lost mail. Those candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie for the sixth position, the successful candidate will be determined by a blind draw.

Section 5> For the purposes of this section,....The (Nominating) Committee shall present (~~this slate a list~~) of nominees to the New Board for consideration at a (~~Special~~) Meeting of the New Board in (~~November January~~). Nominations for Officers of the New Board may be made from the floor at this (~~Special~~) meeting.....

Section 8> Any action of the majority of the Board of Directors, although not at a Regular or Special Meeting, shall be.....assented to in writing by a majority quorum of the Board (or ratified by a majority of the board at the next regular board meeting.)

Section 12> Any director who does not attend three (3) consecutive Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors (including General Meetings of the members of the Association) (~~without having been excused~~) may be retired from the Board.

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Section 2> Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on the First Thursday of January, February, April, May, (July), August, October and November of each year (~~no Regular Meeting is scheduled in July~~) (Any regular meeting may be cancelled by consent of a majority of the Directors) and not less than four days notice given to the members of the board.