

Grand Jurors Association of Orange County

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2016

Call to Order: President John Moohr called the meeting to order shortly after 10AM. John asked Bill Underwood to fill in taking meeting minutes for the absent regular Secretary Robin Bowen.

A Board of Directors 2016 meeting dates schedule was distributed for all to calendar the future monthly dates on the 1st Thursday of each month, except for the 4 General Membership Luncheon meetings on the 1st Thursday of March, June, September and December of 2016.

Absent: Robin Bowen (recovering from surgery), Gerald Brown & Virginia Zlacket (who has resigned due to family illness, which created a Board vacancy appointment opportunity for 2016). Helen Alberts was initially absent, but arrived after the first ½ hour. A quorum was present.

Minutes: Fred Gebhardt moved and Lynn Bonas 2nd that the November 6, 2015 minutes be approved. Minutes so approved with 2 abstentions and needs to be forwarded to Ron Harris for posting by Robin?

Treasurers Report: Stuart Fuller passed out a Financial Report comparing this budget year with the two previous years.

1. Stuart indicated the 31 December 2015 income statement comparison to budget was basically correct, but would be cleaned up by the next meeting. That would allow it to be reviewed by an ad hoc Audit Committee, appointed by the President, as the Association's year-end report. After that review the year-end income statement and balance sheet could be used as input to file the 4 tax authorities' information reports in the spring.
2. Stuart asked for budget requests from various chairs for the GJAO's 2016 Budget, so that he could compile the 2016 Budget & present to the Board for approval at the February meeting.

Membership: Helen Alberts reported that Association Membership stands at 163, which includes 9 of the 2014-15 OC Grand Jury former members. Approximately two-thirds of all members have paid their 2016 dues, with 50 yet to pay. Helen will follow up electronically with the unpaid members.

Nominating Committee: Lynn Bonas, Chair of the Nominating Committee solicited the Board for which existing officers desired to stand for election in their current elected office, and which elected positions new Board members would be willing to fill. Written ballot were distributed to each Board member for President, First Vice President (Programs), Second Vice President (Membership), Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian and Sergeant at Arms.

Unanimously elected were:

John Moohr – President,
 Lynn Bonas – 1st VP-Programs,
 Helen Alberts 2nd VP-Membership,
 Robin Bowen – Secretary,
 Stuart Fuller – Treasurer, Roy Baker – Parliamentarian,
 Paul Borzycik – Sergeant at Arms

Not discussed but implied as understood, subject to the President's appointment of someone new, were the continuation of the following appointed chairs for 2016 as:

Newsletter Editor & Publicity Chair – Bill Underwood

Tracking & Implementation Chair – Roy Baker

Speaker's Bureau Chair – Fred Gebhardt

Membership Co-Chair – Dave Chapel

Nominating Committee Chair – Appointment needed |

Audit Committee Chair & Member – Appointment needed

Programs: Lynn Bonas will pursue Human Trafficking speaker for March. Bill Underwood will assist. Details will be discussed at Feb. Board Meeting. Stu Fuller will confirm Phoenix Club dates & deposits.

Newsletter: Bill Underwood will publish in late January/early February. A separate email blast to all members, and a governmental agency mailing will go out after February Board meeting, announcing the March luncheon meeting topic & speaker.

Correspondence:

1. The low numbers of 55 applications received to date for the 2016-17 OC Grand Jury were robustly discussed. Short term Board Actions for this item that were discussed were;
 - a. Paul Borczik will distribute to Board electronically for discussion the model OC GJ recruitment ads that the 2014-15 OC GJ prepared but were never used.
 - b. Roy Baker will contact his contacts at OC Register for a OC GJ recruitment story.
 - c. Bill Underwood will prepare a OC GJ recruitment electronic blast to GJAO members.
 - d. All should spread the word in any way more effective and expeditious.

2. Paul Borczik's 3 page Initiative Proposal on Annual Grand Jury Report Awards had a robust discussion with lots of ideas introduced. Fred Gebhardt moved and it was seconded that The Board endorses the concept in general but would like to see a proposed Process that details specifically the number & type of awards and how the Award process would work.

Standing Committees:

Measure M: Nothing to report.

Web Site: We are still looking for a replacement for Ron Harris. Stuart Fuller will call Ron Harris for an invoice to renew our Web Site. Paul Borczik will contact person with technical inclinations on his 2014-15 OC GJ.

Speakers Bureau: Fred Gebhardt indicated that they have a meeting next Tuesday, January 12th, but need venues to speak at.

Tracking & Implementation: Roy Baker indicated that his committee has a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 20th.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 until Thursday, February 4th, 2016 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Underwood