

Grand Jurors Association of Orange County

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 7th, 2016

Call to Order: President John Moohr called the meeting to order at 1000. All board members present.

Minutes: Lynn Bonas moved and Paul Borzcik 2nd that the 4 February and 3 March 2016 board minutes be approved. So approved and will be forwarded to Ron Harris for posting.

Treasurers Report: Stuart Fuller passed out a GJAOC 2016 Budget draft for discussion and a financial status statement as of 31 March 2016. Fred Gebhardt moved and Dave Chapel 2nd, that we raise the luncheon fee by \$5. That would give us \$1250 more to cover the approximately loss of \$300/luncheon. Bill Underwood brought up the OCTA Measure M funds that we bring in annually leaving us \$4300 to cover luncheon losses. John Moohr to conduct a survey of the general membership at the June luncheon. Luncheon cost to remain at \$20 till then. Dave Chapel recommended that we can possibly move one or two luncheons to South Orange County (e.g. San Juan Capistrano) to help with the quarterly general membership meetings. Lynn Bonas moved and Paul Borzcik 2nd that the draft budget be approved. Vote was 6-5 in favor of approval. Our Association covers the cost to send the president and newsletter editor to the annual CAGJA convention.

Membership: Helen Alberts passed out new name tags for our mixer at Original Mike's today at 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Helen to contact by phone those with outstanding dues not paid. 18 members were dropped last year with 2 re-joining. Both Helen and Dave suggested our next mixer (number 3) be held in July with the newly seated Grand Jury members and the outgoing members. New membership directory will be ready in June to send out via e-mail this year and printed in 2017. Dave Chapel is working on designing new business cards to be distributed at the June luncheon. A discussion was conducted to what the cards should include and displayed. Send your ideas by e-mail to Dave. Various methods of increasing membership were discussed. Bill explained two ways to rename the Association. Formally thru the Secretary of State or informally. It was decided any changes would be done locally.

Programs: Lynn Bonas stated our 2 June 2016 luncheon speaker will be Norberto Santana Jr., Voice of Orange County Editor. Lynn to get confirmation letter from him with directions to the Phoenix Club. Paul Borzcik put forth Terri Sporza (sp) as a future luncheon speaker as well as Fred Smoller on the Ethics Committee before the upcoming election.

Newsletter: Bill Underwood will have the newsletter out before our next meeting. He has a service for mail outs and e-mails. Pictures need to be crisp for publication. Lynn Bonas to provide board slate for the September general membership meeting.

Correspondence: Nothing to report.

Standing Committees:

Measure M: Bill Underwood and John Moohr met with Alice Rogan at the OCTA Headquarters on 26 January 2016 to kick off this year's selection process. Adds to recruit TOC applicants have begun in the Times/Register and local papers. Bill Daughters will continue the process again this year for \$1700. The

fifth and newest panel member is Bette Flick (2005-06 Foreperson). This year districts 1,3,4,5 will be replacing termed out members. Selection committee will be engaged in the process from 2-13 May.

Web Site: We still need nominees to replace Ron Harris.

Speakers Bureau: Fred Gebhardt handed out a report effective April 7, 2016 that gives in detail their efforts on behalf of the Grand Jury recruiting process. Five cities have shown interest in recognizing their citizens that have served on the OC Grand Jury. Santa Ana, on Tuesday 5 April the city honored 13 of its citizens. Anaheim will honor their Grand Jury Alumni on 12 April. President John Moohr will make a short presentation speech.

Old Business:

TIC Update: Helen published the minutes of the 24 March 2016 meeting held at Original Mike's. Roy Baker indicated the next meeting will be on 14 April. The approach will be with the incoming jury according to Roy and present foreperson Peter Hersh. Our Association must work with sitting GJ, not take over the TIC task. There are two options to accomplish the required follow up; Complaint letter from our Association or thru the media. Or, both at the same time. We must prioritize issues we want to follow up on.

Legislative Committee Update: SB-1292 is the latest bill that addresses the GJ process. The CAGJA is following the committee process. We are not a state member (1 of 3 counties that are not) and need to decide if we want to proceed on our own or not. Dennis Evans committee chair, Paul Borzcik, Bill Underwood and John Moohr put forth pros and cons on the new legislative proposal. Paul objected to the legislative proposal and Bill indicated he was in favor the CAGJA process of limiting the damage. For example; the new bill will require a review of the facts narrowed down to a 2 day response vs. 60 day response time. As it stands now there is no requirement for an exit interview. The next committee mtg. is scheduled for 12 April 2016. How do we respond?

Open Board Seat: John Moohr recommended/moved that Robert Breton (2014-15, Paul Borzcik panel), and Paul 2nd that Mr. Breton replace Virginia Zlaket on the Board of Directors.

New Business: Audit Committee to meet on 15 April 2016.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 1230.

Next meeting date -5 May 2016 at 1000.