

## Grand Jurors Association of Orange County

### Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Call to Order:** President John Moohr called the meeting to order at 1015. Robert Breton arrived at 1020 to give the panel a quorum.

Absent were Lynn Bonas, Paul Borzcik, Dave Chapel, Dennis Evans, Fred Gebhardt.

**Minutes:** Stuart Fuller moved and Bill Underwood 2<sup>nd</sup> that the May 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 board minutes be approved. So approved and will be forwarded to Ron Harris for posting.

**Treasurers Report:** Stuart Fuller passed out a report of the Association Directors Budget as of 31 July 2016. Checking Account Balance - \$7,428.24. CD Balance - \$9,048.51. Helen submitted the July expense report which included the cost of the reception, \$64.59 and she received a check from Robert Breton, \$15 for his 2016 membership dues. Bill moved and Robin 2<sup>nd</sup> that the treasurer's report be approved. So approved.

**Membership:** Helen had two house guests that assisted in gathering contact information. They were a real plus to a good turnout of sitting grand jurors and association board members. Bill and John suggested a follow up get-together in January 2017. We have 155 members on our roles. A survey will be taken at the next general session on how many members use the membership directory. Cost is @ \$300 to print and .79 cents to mail.

**Programs:** Bill Underwood sent out a blast yesterday indicating that the quarterly luncheon will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday (vice 1<sup>st</sup>), September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Point of contact remains Joe Quiros. We are contracted with the Phoenix Club thru December 2016. Helen will follow up on prospective locations for next year. Topic for the September Luncheon is "Fraud in Public Places and Cybercrime". Speakers are Damon Tucker, OCDA Major Fraud Unit and Thomas J. Reitz, FBI OC Complex Financial Crimes.

**Newsletter:** Bill indicated that he would publish the newsletter next week. He mentioned that Alf Lyle may do the newsletter in the future.

**Correspondence:** John Moohr mentioned CGJA President Karen Jahr's letter in response to our Association's recommendations in re SB 1292. Bill indicated we should share our response to SB 1292 with the members at the general meeting in September. Board members were directed to forward to Robert Breton five (5) things that you feel would improve the Grand Jury process, (i.e., TIC). Improvements will help with the negotiations when SB 1292 resurfaces next year.

#### **Standing Committees:**

**Measure M:** Bill had met with OCTA legal staff and indicated we did not forward any Association members to the TOC selection drawing. Their new lawyer indicated there is a possible (at least perceived) conflict of interest in us sending forth fellow members for consideration. It took 26 years for this to surface as we have been the independent contractor to OCTA since 1990. Bill indicated we need

to inform our membership of the new guidelines before the public in general. We will go out to our membership to fill the position Bill Daughters has been filling since 1990.

**Web Site:** Mike Morris who was on 2015-16 Grand Jury has agreed to take over the Web Site. We owe Ron Harris a very big Thank You for all his diligence and patience on our behalf.

**Speakers Bureau:** Stuart Fuller gave an update for Fred Gebhardt who was not available.

**Legislative:** Robert Breton gave an update on SB 1292, its status in the Appropriations Committee (suspense file) because of financial imposition on counties as a mandated procedure. We will know if the bill will be re-activated by the end of August or not. With 1500 bills pending in committee it appears the State water districts will resubmit next year. Robert Breton put forth three options we can pursue. Our Legislative committee consists of Robert, John, Paul and Bill. E-mail to Robert your suggestions and we will open up to the general session for their ideas.

**TIC:** Roy Baker indicated his committee consists of seven members now. Roy and two committee members met with sitting grand jury for @ 40 minutes to discuss how we can assist them in the TIC process. Outside consultants can be hired as well to ensure reports are addressed as required.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** John Moohr met with the 2016-17 Grand Jury to brief them on the GJACOC.

Bill Underwood (Lynn Bonas absent) passed out a Nominating Committee Report. Two board members are up for reelection (Helen and Fred). Two openings (Bill and Lynn are retiring). Dave Chapel and Dennis Evans have submitted resignation letters. John Moohr, Robin Bowen, Roy Baker and Stuart Fuller have one more year (2017).

**Adjourn:** Helen moved and Robin 2<sup>nd</sup> that we adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1210.

Next meeting- 8 September 2016 at the Phoenix Club, Anaheim.