

Grand Jurors Association of Orange County

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2017

Call to Order: President Roy Baker called the meeting to order at 1007. Eight members present for a quorum. Absent: Mike Morris and Tom Cagley. Present were Bill Underwood and April Lancaster.

Minutes: John Moohr moved and Alf Lyle 2nd that the October 5, 2017 minutes be approved. So approved.

Introduction of newly elected Board Members: Carrie Carmody is in San Diego and Ian Guajardo not present. Lynn Bonas corrected Ian's e-mail for the board. I will include all newly elected members in the posting of our Board Minutes.

CGJA Conference: Roy Baker attended the annual California Grand Jury Association meeting held in Monterey, CA, on 29-30 October 2017. Roy indicated the meeting was short in duration and did not allow enough time to share experiences. Agenda included recruitment, implementation and state wide problems. Paul Borzick indicated that Penal Code, section 903 covers the four responses required by an agency reported on. The Superior Court refers non-compliant and inadequate responses to the Grand Jury for follow up. The burden is upon the implementation committee to ensure an agency does what it states it will do. For example, if the response, "more time is required", then that should include a time line and end date. The GJAOC help train, support, encourage the continuity process for the sitting Grand Jury.

Stan Ness indicated there is currently a training deficiency for Grand Juries and that the presiding judge dictate a training syllabus. Stan moved and John Moohr 2nd that we invite current Foreperson and Pro-Tem to our Board meetings. Passed. The Contra Costa County Grand Jury action taken when the District Attorney was charged with malfeasance was cited. The DA resigned before being indicted. Alf Lyle asked if the conference was viable. Roy responded in the affirmative and @ 100 in attendance. The question came up several times as to why GJAOC was not a member. We are the largest association and there for an associate member. It has been decided in the past at several Board meetings that we remain independent and the dues are not worth the cost. Roy Baker passed out the Shasta County Grand Jurors' Association pamphlet on "Searching for Volunteers".

Treasurers Report: Tom Cagley absent. Bill Underwood passed out the GJAOC Treasury Calendar of Events dated January 2015 that he compiled for our edification. We need to respond to Attorney General Xavier Becera's letter, dated October 9, 2017, that we are delinquent in not filing Annual Registration Renewal Fee (form RRF-1) for FY ending 12/31/2012. We have 60 days (December 7, 2017) to show we filed or refile with the \$20.00 fee. Roy indicated that the current jury have their pins.

Membership: Alf to coordinate lists with Mike Morris and ensure Joe Quiros has the latest membership list. \$20.00 dues will be collected at the December Luncheon along with the \$20.00 luncheon cost. Mentioned was a possible GJAOC and sitting Grand Jury no host get together at Mike's Restaurant on

Main Street. The get together that Helen Albert hosted was very successful. We will invite the Foreperson and Pro-Tem to the Christmas Luncheon.

Programs: Stan Ness hand carried our Association invite to the Honorable Charles Margines, Presiding Judge, OC Superior Court this morning to be our guest speaker at the December 7, 2017 luncheon, to include the swearing in of our six (6) new Board Members. Judge Margines was in a meeting and Stan is awaiting a response. Possible speaker for our March luncheon is the CEO of the new County Ethics Committee.

Newsletter: Mike Morris not present.

Committees:

a. **Measure M:** Bill Underwood indicated we meet with Alice Rogan at OCTA in late January 2018. Fred Gebhardt who was the administrator last year does not want to continue in that paid position. He took over last year for Bill Daughters who was the first and only administrator from inception in 1996. The stipend is \$1,000 + costs. Bill has a couple of contacts to follow up with. Application period runs @ 3.5 months and requires a detailed oriented individual with IT skills. Bill reiterated the change in not interviewing Association members for the TOC panel due to the preferential perception that OCTA lawyers pointed out. Members not on the Association rolls for 2years can then apply.

b. **Speakers Bureau:** Sandy Dunkin passed out a 3 page Newsletter that included outreach, speaking venues, proposed recruitment letter for OCGJ applicants. Accomplishments of the Bureau, past and future speaking engagements.

c. **Legislative:** Paul Borzcik indicated that AB-1024 is now law and AB-1004 was vetoed by Governor Brown. No reason given. The legislature has the votes to override the veto but not likely.

d. **Implementation Review:** Roy Baker indicated the committee consists of April and himself. Carry Carmody to join which will be a great help as she was Foreperson for last year's Grand Jury report on continuity.

Old/New Business: Alf to purchase Poinsettia plants at Home Depot for table center pieces at the December luncheon. Lynn Bonas to purchase a 2lb. box of See's Candies for the OCCU for allowing us to use their meeting room.

Adjournment: Lynn Bonas moved and Robin Bowen 2nd that we adjourn. Adjourned at 1155.

Next meeting at the Phoenix Club- December 7, 2017 at 1145.