

**Grand Jurors Association of Orange County
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

May 3, 2018

Call to Order: President Pro tem Stan Ness called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Stan announced the passing of our Board President, Roy Baker, and the events leading up to his death. It has been indicated by Roy's family that memorial services will be on June 9th (more to follow). John Moohr suggested that the minutes officially recognize the loss of Roy and that the board appreciates the work and contributions that Roy has made and that his leadership and efforts will be greatly missed. This was approved unanimously by all members present. GJAOC member, Dr. David Chapel, was sworn in as the newest member of the Board of Directors filling a pre-existing vacancy. **Roll Call** – Nine (9) Board members being present, thereby constituting a quorum. **Board Members present:** Alf Lyle, April Lancaster, Barton Harlan, Dave Chapel, John Gallie, Lynn Bonas, Michael Morris, Stan Ness and Sandy Dunkin. **Board Members absent:** Ian Guajardo and Tom Cagley. Also in attendance: GJAOC members John Moohr and Bill Underwood.

1. Approval of Board Minutes for April 12, 2018: It was moved by Sandy Dunkin and seconded by John Gallie to approve the minutes. Following discussion and changes the minutes of April 12, 2018 were approved as modified. The approved version of the minutes will be republished.

2. Discussion regarding the number of current Board members and possible new board members. Stan expressed his personal feelings that he would like to see the association become and continue to be a strong supporter of the Grand Jury system and be an organization with goals, objectives and actions to promote the same. Lynn said that when she joined the Board of Directors, she was looking for the association to be more proactive. When Roy Baker joined the Board she felt that we would move in that direction. John Moohr noted that other boards he has been on would hold periodical retreats (e.g., a half day on a Saturday) with follow-up evaluations and reports. Lynn reminded the members that Marie Whittington has already been considered for the Board, but she had withdrawn her candidacy in favor of Dave Chapel. Marie should be reconsidered and contacted. John M also suggested that at the next quarterly luncheon each of us sit at different tables and do some recruiting for future board membership. Dave Chapel offered to consolidate and document the current Board membership list, Board Office holders, and Committee Chairs based on discussions at the Board today and prior Board decisions. This list will then be published after Board approval on the GJAOC website.

3. Proceedings of the board following the death of the Board President, Roy Baker. Stan said that with the passing of Roy he is comfortable, for the time being, continuing as the President Pro tem. Tom Cagley has stepped down as Treasurer but will remain as a general board member. John Gallie has been persuaded to accept promotion to the position of Treasurer. CONGRATULATIONS John!

4. Committees:

A. Measure M.... Bill Underwood – Bill provided each member with a handout (Status Report for GJAOC Board on May 3, 2018) covering the Applicant Screening Panel for vacancies on OC GO's Taxpayer Oversight Committee (TOC). It included "Background," "2018 Schedule," and "TOC Apps Received." Interviews of the 38 finalists will begin today and continue into next week. Bill indicated that the process has run very smoothly so far. The original 5-year contract with OCTA will expire next month, on June 30th. The OCTA Board will draft a new contract and Bill will bring it to our Board. As a point of interest, Bill said that over 40% of this year's applications came from Social Media.

B. Speakers Bureau.... Sandy – Sandy passed out a status report for each member to look at. It covered two important items. 1). South County Senior Summit on April 20th held at Laguna Woods. Over 1,200 seniors attended the Summit. GJAOC was a paying sponsor of this event. Five of our members staffed our display table. We talked to all summit participants that stopped at the table. 25 names and contact information were collected of people that want to receive an application in October for the 2019-2020 Grand Jury recruitment period. And, 2). A Changing of the Guard. Gwen Vieau resigned as the Public Information Officer for the Superior Courts. Her replacement is Kostas Kalaitzidis. April, Lynn and Sandy met with Kostas last month and were impressed with his warm welcome. They had a positive discussion on the topics of: a). Recent GJAOC recruitment efforts for the 2018-2019 grand jury; b). Use of social media for recruitment; and c). Possible upgrading of the Grand Jury website.

C. Implementation/Review.... Roy – Stan indicated that we are working to change the dynamics between the Court, the Grand Jury and the Grand Jury Association.

D. Legislative.... John Moohr –

A. Current or proposed legislation affecting Grand Jury rules and procedures. There is nothing new to report on this agenda item.

5. Treasurer's Report.... John Gallie – The following members have been approved as signatories of the association accounts held by the Orange County Credit Union: **Tom Cagley, John Gallie, April Lancaster and Alf Lyle**. A copy of the GJAOC Financial Statement for March 2018 (as of Feb. 2018) was provided to each member and briefly discussed. Dave moved, and Lynn seconded a motion to accept the report as published. Motion passed. John G handed out a copy of the GJAOC Audit dated April 5, 2018. This audit was conducted by John Moohr and John Gallie on April 5, 2018. The GJAOC checkbook from the OC Credit Union was reviewed and compared with the 2017 bank statements. One missing data item was found. They were unable to find Receipt Number 1354, dated July 25, 2017 for \$70.28. All other records were correct. Mike Morris and April Lancaster moved and seconded that the audit report, as of Dec. 31, 2017, be accepted as published. Motion passed without objection.

6. Membership Report.... Alf Lyle –

A. Consolidation of Listings: Current listings are correct as of today.

B. Status of Collection of Dues: There are 84 paid members as of this date. Lynn has made some phone calls to unpaid members and will continue to do so, as will Alf. Mike said that the last e-mail blast indicated that if people are more comfortable they can pay their dues at the June luncheon.

8. Programs.... Stan Ness –

A. Potential speaker for June 14th Meeting: No speaker has yet been locked-in. Stan and Lynn both will make some contacts/calls today and coordinate between themselves.

9. Newsletter...Mike M. – Nothing to report.

***10. CGJA Excellence in Reporting Awards... 2012-2017:** Our association may submit nominations for these awards to the state association covering the period of 2012 through 2017.

A. Grand Jury Reporting – Stan asked that each member look at reports issued during this period of time and make appropriate suggestions for consideration. Dave Chapel will e-mail to each member of the board a copy of the state submittal form, so that we will know what they are looking for.

B. Grand Jury Media Coverage – (Same as above.)

C. Due June 30, 2018 – (authors need to provide their inputs to the Board for review and approval well prior to the June 30 deadline)

***11. CGJA Director position 2018-2020:** This item was tabled by the President Pro tem.

***12. Meeting March 13, 2018 with David Yamasaki (Clerk of the Court) and Jeff Wertheimer (Senior Attorney for the Court)... Roy Baker, Stan Ness, and Sandy Dunkin –** Stan reported that when they first met seven months ago they were not open nor receptive to our presentation. With this last meeting our board members approached the subject in terms of GJ membership, the application process and what we could do to help with recruitment. Gwen Vieau is gone and has been replaced by “Kostas.” He was very receptive to our offer of help (and of our past efforts). We will invite him to our next luncheon.

***(Note: Items 10, 11, and 12 have been left on the agenda pending further discussion on May 3rd.)**

13. New Business/Old Business: Unless notified otherwise, there will be a brief meeting of the Board following the luncheon in June.

14. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned without objection by the President Pro tem at 12:20 pm.

Next meeting at the Phoenix Club, 1340 S. Sanderson Ave., Anaheim, CA – June 14, 2018, following the conclusion of the luncheon, which starts at 11:45 am.