

Grand Jurors Association of Orange County

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes June 14, 2018

Call to Order: President pro tem Stan Ness called the meeting to order at 1:49 pm. It was moved by Lynn Bonas and seconded by April Lancaster that Marie Whittington be appointed to the Board of Directors. Motion passed unanimously. GJAOC member, Marie Whittington was sworn in as the newest member of the Board of Directors filling a pre-existing vacancy caused by the resignation of Tom Cagley. **Roll Call –** Ten (10) Board members being present, thereby constituting the required quorum. **Board Members present:** Alf Lyle, April Lancaster, Barton Harlan, Dave Chapel, Ian Guajardo (arrived after roll was taken), John Gallie, Lynn Bonas, Michael Morris, Sandy Dunkin, Stan Ness and Marie Whittington.

- 1. Approval of Board Minutes for May 3, 2018:** It was moved by Mike Morris and seconded by Sandy Dunkin to approve the minutes as published. Motion passed without discussion or changes.
- 2. Discussion regarding number of current board members and possible new board members.**
With the addition of Marie Whittington, the Board currently consists of eleven (11) members, one short of the twelve (12) provided for in the Association Bylaws.
- 3. General discussion re: Luncheon organization.**

Specifics as to how luncheon is to be announced, how attendance can be improved, how greater specificity can be obtained re: numbers, and any necessary changes to restaurant arrangements.
Regarding today's luncheon, the organization of the luncheon ran smoothly. There were many positive comments about the food and people thought that the description of the menu choices was very good. (Thank you, Lynn!) There were 49 reservations with one no-show and two "drop-ins." One person said that they had made a reservation, but they were not on the list and therefore there was no badge for them. The group was reminded that if our reservations fall short we still must pay for 50 meals. Stan indicated that the dynamics in the room seemed to be very good and on the positive side.

4. Committees

A. **Measure M.... Bill Underwood** – (Bill was not present to give a report.) Stan referenced Measure M in his opening remarks and thanked those from our organization for their participation.

re: new OCTA contract. (No new information.)

Update re: the interview process. Stan - 18 names were recommended by the screening committee for districts 1, 2, 4 and 5. OCTA picked the four finalists encountering no problems in the process. They were pleased with our work. Stan suggested that we should look into providing the same type of service for other groups.

B. **Speakers Bureau.... Sandy Dunkin – Follow-up conversation with Superior Court Admin. Kostas**

Sandy provided a handout to the members. The newsletter and most speaking engagements will be on hiatus until the next GJ recruitment period starts up in the fall. Sandy will continue to try to arrange speaking engagements during this time. If anyone sets up a presentation date please let Sandy know about it.

C. **Implementation/Review.... Stan Ness –**

Discussion re: continuation of this committee and if so, how it is to be staffed. This had been one of Roy's areas of concern. Stan will continue discussion of this item at the next meeting.

D. **Legislative.... John Moohr – (No report was given.)**

Current or proposed legislation affecting Grand Jury rules and procedures.

5. Treasurer's Report.... John Gallie – The OC Credit Union 5-31-18 statement shows: A Checking Account Balance of \$7,194.76. The 12-Month CD value is currently at \$9,178.29 for a total of \$16,373.05. On June 1, 2018 a check for \$6,000.00 was received from OCTA and deposited in the checking account. Cash and other checks received through 6-2-18 totaled \$205.00. This amount was also deposited in the association checking account resulting in a total ending balance of \$13,399.76 as of June 14, 2018.

Note: The Phoenix Club was just paid as of this date. The association will pay Sandy Dunkin and Bill Underwood for their OCTA applicant screening work as previously approved. Additionally, Stan Ness will be reimbursed for the cost of flowers provided by the association for Roy Baker's memorial services.

6. Membership Report.... Alf Lyle –

A. Consolidation of Listings: (No new information was provided.)

B. Status of Collection of Dues: Currently we have 93 paid membership dues on the books. We need to obtain personal information from the incoming OC Grand Jury for their six months complimentary membership. Also, we should invite them to the September luncheon meeting.

(Added note: April said that several luncheon attendees indicated that both the lunch and the speakers were very good and should help to increase membership. She, also, raised the question if we shouldn't look into using FaceBook.)

C. Status re: business cards: It was reported that business cards can be obtained through Vista Print (online) for about \$7.00 per 100 cards. Alf will send to each member a sample of what the card would look like. He also said that he can show members a sample of a commemorative-type mug.

7. Programs.... Stan Ness –

A. Potential speaker for Sept. meeting: Some of the names mentioned included Sheriff Sandra Hutchins, Judge Carter, Susan Price (the Homeless Czar) and Prof. Bostean on the subject of vaping and store locations targeting kids. Stan indicated that he and Lynn would work on this.

B. Review/recap of the June 14 speakers and format: (See above.)

8. Newsletter.... Mike Morris – Mike will put together a newsletter if provided with content. Lynn asked if we could get an e-mail address to include in the newsletter where people can contact us individually or en masse? Mike indicated that this was possible.

9. CGJA Excellence in Reporting Awards...2012-2017

A. Grand Jury Reporting – We are running out of time. Please submit suggestions by the end of next week.

B. Grand Jury Media Coverage –

C. Due June 30, 2018 –

10. CGJA Director position 2018-2020 – This item was not covered and postponed until the next meeting.

11. New Business/Old Business:

A. Input from Stan and Sandy re: their attendance at the 2018-2019 grand jury selection. Stan indicated that this basically turned out to be a “non-event.” They did get to meet some of the new jurors as well as talking briefly with Kostas.

B. Comments from directors re: most recent reports from current Grand Jury. (This item was not covered.)

C. Need to approach/invite new panel foreman to next Directors meeting. Stan will cover this.

12. Adjournment: By acclamation it was decided to not have a Board meeting in July (due to the close proximity to the July 4th holiday. Without objection the President pro tem adjourned the meeting at 3:20 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled at the OCCU (856 N. Ross Street, Santa Ana), Aug 2, 2018 at 10 am. And a reminder that there will be a Board meeting on Sept 13th following the quarterly luncheon.