

Grand Jurors' Association of Orange County

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2018

Note: At the quarterly luncheon preceding this meeting the new Board members (effective Jan. 1, 2019) were sworn-in to office by U.S. District Judge, David Carter. Judge Carter remained for the luncheon and shared some of his views on current topics of concern in Orange County. A Q&A period followed.

Call to Order – President pro tem, Stan Ness, called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm. **Roll Call:** A quorum was established by the presence of the following members: Alf Lyle, April Lancaster, Barton Harlan, Diana Merryman, Ian Guajardo, John Gallie, Lynn Bonas, Marie Whittington, Michael Morris, Sandy Dunkin and Stan Ness. Members absent: Dave Chapel. Also, in attendance: Bill Underwood, John Moohr, Joe Moreland and General member, Kathryn Cozza.

Approval of Board Minutes – It was moved, seconded and approved without further discussion that the Board Minutes for November 1, 2018 be approved as amended and published.

Discussion of board member status – With the swearing-in of new Board member, Joe Moreland, effective January 1, 2019, the GJAOB Board of Directors will be at its full contingent of twelve (12) members.

Treasurer's Report – (1) Association Treasurer, John Gallie, reported that the association's checking account had an ending balance of \$11,130.43 as of 11/30/18. Our CD earned \$8.29 of interest for November and has a current value of \$9,228.77. (Note: The Secretary was provided a copy of the OCCU Nov. statement – See [Attachment #1](#)). John also reported that the account signature cards are all up to date. He will write a check to the Phoenix Club for today's luncheon at the conclusion of this meeting. Diana Merryman moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Seconded and passed. Diana also moved that the Treasurer be authorized to renew the CD for 12 months, seconded. This motion was amended to renew the CD for 6 months. Passed without further discussion.

(2) Discussion re: possible expenditures, i.e. internships – Stan pointed out that our relationship with the courts is improving by leaps and bounds which is also true of the current Grand Jury. There are established points for discussion for the upcoming meeting with Kostas (Kostas Kalaitzidis "Kostas" – Superior Court PIO) and the court. Members of the Board will be provided with a list of those points. Kostas has indicated that he would like our assistance and participation with the Grand Jury's areas of Recruitment & Orientation and TIC. He asked Stan if we have the money to pay for an intern to help with this work. (Note: Stan did not commit to anything, at the time.) A student intern might be obtained from one of the local colleges or universities whereby they would be able to earn class credits. There are resources out there that could be of help that should be investigated. The current Grand Jury should be asked for a list of duties, etc., for an intern. This would be consistent with Kostas' position of getting our association more involved. Remember, TIC is a good hook for getting new association members from future retiring grand jurors to join us. Therefore, the Association might want to consider paying for, or helping to pay for, a stipend for a student intern.

Membership Report – Alf reported that based on the E-mail Blast response and the door today for the luncheon, we have 55 paid members.

Programs – Lynn Bonas

- (1) **Status of luncheon speaker for March meeting** – Lynn reported that we currently have County Chief Probation Officer, Steven Sentman, lined up to be our March luncheon speaker.
- (2) **Suggestions for future speakers...or future programs that do not involve a speaker** – (Due to the lack of time this agenda item was not covered.)

Newsletter – Mike Morris

It was reported that the Newsletter will be published and available on the Association website. Mike asked that if anyone took pictures today during the luncheon to please send copies of them to him.

Committee Reports:

- (1) **Measure M** – Bill Underwood

It was reported that progress was being made on this subject. Sandy Dunkin will be paid \$1,000 to process the 2019 applications. We (GJAOC) have agreed (as in the past) not to recommend any GJAOC member for TOC (should they apply).

John Moohr and Bill received an e-mail dated 12/03/18 from Jared Hill, OCTA Community Relations Specialist, Re: GJAOC Agreement Update. Mr. Hill wrote that the OCTA Executive Committee unanimously passed the staff recommendation for the GJAOC TOC recruitment process. On December 10, 2018 the OCTA Board of Directors will meet at 9am and this will be included in the agenda for final approval of the Board.

Bill handed out a copy of the e-mail (referenced above) and a copy of the TOC Member Recruitment Timeline flyer. (See [Attachment #2](#))

- (2) **Speakers' Bureau** – Sandy Dunkin

Sandy provided each member a handout regarding the Speakers' Bureau. This committee is continuing to locate speaking opportunities with educational institutions and civic and professional groups. In coordination with Kostas, Sandy will be meeting with the communications staff of each member of the Board of Supervisors to obtain publicity in their newsletters as well as discuss any other training possibilities.

The recent meeting that Sandy had with Kostas, Birgit Sale (current GJ Foreperson) and Fran Williams (chair of the Promotions & Orientation Committee) was fruitful. Kostas wants to expand the Docent Tour program to 50-60 volunteers covering all four courthouses. He needs volunteers and feels that our association would be a good source of volunteers for this program. Other points of discussion are included in Sandy's handout. (See [Attachment #3](#)).

- (3) **Legislative** – John Moohr

John reported that with respect to legislation concerning the California Grand Jury system there is no legislation currently working its way through the state legislature.

As an aside, John highly recommends that each Board member read Senate Bill #10 (SB-10 / Bail) – available on the State Senate website.

(4) **Bylaws Committee** – Dave Chapel

Dave notified the Board by e-mail that he would not be able to attend today's luncheon and Board meeting due to a home repair that must be taken care of due to the continuing rain. However, he did write to Stan that, "We have made good progress on the Bylaws and should be able to present something to the Board (by email) before the end of the month."

(5) **Tracking and Implementation** – Diana Merryman

Diana

was prepared to make a brief remark but due to the time, rainy weather and some members needing to leave, this report will be tabled until the January meeting.

Unfinished Business – Stan Ness

(1) **Continue discussion of the status of TIC** (Tracking and Implementation Committee). How do we involve the association membership in this project? How do we involve the current GJ panel? (This agenda item was not covered.)

(2) **Report** from Bill Underwood, Marie Whittington, and Stan Ness **regarding additional training** re: "the interview process and how to go about conducting an effective interview" **given to the current GJ panel.**

Stan reported that the presentation by Bill and Marie to the sitting Grand Jury was very well received. He appreciated all that Bill and Marie did. In terms of other resources that are available it was mentioned that the California Grand Jury Association has two trainers that are local. Their names are Betty Flicke and Lew Avera.

Incoming Board member, Joe Moreland, commented that from a historical perspective this association has gone through a major change, from his point of view, as exemplified by the fact that the current Grand Jury has asked us for help with training.

Adjournment: The President pro tem adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled at the OCCU (856 N. Ross St., Santa Ana), January 3, 2019 at 10:00 am.

By:

Barton Harlan

Secretary

(Attachment #2)

Taxpayer Oversight Committee – **Member Recruitment**

Recruitment Timeline

Each year, as terms of various members expire, a recruitment process is conducted to fill vacant positions on the Taxpayer Oversight Committee. This recruitment process typically takes place during spring with final selection in June. **The next recruitment will take place between March and May 2019 for openings in the First, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial Districts.**

Who Can Apply for the Taxpayer Oversight Committee (TOC)?

Any Orange County citizen 18 years or older may apply to serve on the Taxpayer Oversight Committee. This is a volunteer position and no monetary compensation will be paid to committee members. Potential candidates will be reviewed on the basis of the following criteria:

- Commitment and ability to participate in Taxpayer Oversight Committee meetings for a **three-year term from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022**. The committee will maintain time and meeting requirements. The committee currently meets bi-monthly.
- Demonstrated interest and history of participation in community activities, with special emphasis on transportation-related activities.
- Lack of conflict of interest with respect to the expenditure of the sales tax revenue generated by Measure M. All Taxpayer Oversight Committee members are required to sign a conflict of interest form when accepting appointment.

- Currently elected or appointed city, district, county, state or federal officials are not eligible to serve.

How Are Taxpayer Oversight Committee (TOC) Members Chosen?

Taxpayer Oversight Committee candidates are chosen by the Grand Jurors Association of Orange County (GJAOC), which has formed a five-member Taxpayer Oversight Committee Selection Panel to conduct an extensive recruitment program. The panel screens all applications, conducts interviews and recommends potential candidates for membership on the Taxpayer Oversight Committee once a year as terms expire.

The GJAOC is made up of former grand jurors who have a continuing concern for good government and whose purpose is to promote public understanding of the functions and purpose of the grand jury. The GJAOC is a neutral body serving the interests of the taxpayers of Orange County. New TOC members are chosen by lottery from among the finalists at a meeting of the OCTA Board of Directors.

Taxpayer Oversight Committee members represent each of the five Orange County Supervisorial Districts and have been meeting regularly since 1991. The chairperson position is the elected/appointed Auditor-Controller of Orange County. Committee members are appointed to staggered three-year terms. The Auditor-Controller's term coincides with his/her elected or appointed term.

(Attachment #3)

December 6, 2018

To: Board of Directors, Grand Jury Association of Orange County

From: Sandra Dunkin, Chair, Speakers Bureau

Re: Status of Speakers Bureau Ad Hoc Committee

CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

We are continuing to locate speaking opportunities with educational institutions and civic and professional groups.

- I anticipate speaking at the Lake Forest and Irvine Kiwanis Clubs and the Newport/Balboa Rotary Club in the near future.
- I am sending flyers and applications to all the sign-ups we received last year at the Senior Summit in Laguna Woods.
- In coordination with Kostas K (PIO of Superior Court), I will be meeting with the communications staff of each of the Board of Supervisors to obtain publicity in their newsletters as well as discuss any other training possibilities.

MEETING WITH KOSTAS K (PIO)

Recent meeting with Kostas, Birgit Sale (current Grand Jury foreperson) and Fran Williams (chair of Promotions & Orientation committee) was fruitful. I delivered copies of the newsletter to Kostas, as well as Birgit Sale and asked her to distribute to the current grand jurors. Kostas provided me with a stack of flyers and Grand Jury applications for the Speakers Bureau to distribute. Here are items that were discussed:

- Kostas needs to be aware of any involvement with County departments and personnel prior to anyone contacting them.
- 9 applications for the 2019-2020 grand jury had been received.
- Judge Nakamura moves to Presiding Judge and Erick Larsh will be the new Supervising Judge.
- Kostas will be doing an OpEd and requested Stan Ness participate in the interview. He wants a current and past juror, along with a judge, to participate with him.
- The Docent Tour program at the courthouse is being expanded to 50-60 volunteers and covering all 4 courthouses. Kostas is re-designing the program and will be looking for volunteers with greater responsibility and training than in the past. (The Grand Jury Assn members would make excellent volunteers!!) The program planning is still fluid and there is an excellent opportunity for members to get in on the ground floor.
- Interesting Fact: The courts are looking into re-branding their logo in order to differentiate the judicial system from the County of Orange. Kostas is also looking to re-design the website if he can obtain funding.

- Lastly, Birgit Sale was very interested in the TIC data and said the current jury is already “on it”.

(Addendum to GJAOC Treasurer’s Report – December 6, 2018)

Via E-mail – RE: Court Administrative Conference and Trader Joe's Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: John Gallie jzgallie@sbcglobal.net

Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 11:41 AM

To: MarieWhittington <chiefmkw@hotmail.com>; BillUnderwood <uwood42@dslextreme.com>; MichaelMorris <m_e_morris@hotmail.com>; Joe GJAOCMoreland <joemorelandjm@gmail.com>; John GJAOCMoohr <jjmoohr1@verizon.net>; DiianaMerryman <dgmerryman@gmail.com>; Alfred (Alf)Lyle <alflyle@earthlink.net>; AprilLancaster <pril@verizon.net>; BartHarlan <bnbharlan@socal.rr.com>; IanGuarjardo <guajardo510@netscape.net>; 'JohnGallie' <jzgallie@sbcglobal.net>; SandyDunkin <bdunksdunk@yahoo.com>; 'Dave Chapel' <DaveChapel@hotmail.com>; LynnBonas <lynn.bonas@gmail.com>; stan ness <sness2@cox.net>

Subject: Re: Court Administrative Conference and Trader Joe's Bill

Hello Board Members,

I received a Trader Joe's bill for **\$64.54** for Poinsettias at the Board meeting and the name of the requestor was not on the bill. Please let me know so I can write a check.

Yesterday, I went to the OC Credit Union and requested a renewal of our CD for six months. It renews on 01-02-2019. The current rate is 1.50%, however, the rate for January 2019 is not yet known. Our next Board meeting is on 01-03-2019.

John Gallie
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714-972-1367

alflyle@earthlink.net

12/11/2018 12:27 PM


To: 'John Gallie'; 'MarieWhittington'; 'BillUnderwood'; 'MichaelMorris'; 'Joe GJAOCMoreland'; 'John GJAOCMoohr'; 'DiianaMerryman'; 'AprilLancaster'; 'BartHarlan'; 'IanGuarjardo'; 'SandyDunkin'; 'Dave Chapel'; 'LynnBonas'; 'stan ness'

(Re: The above e-mail from John Gallie – dated 12-11-18)

Lynn Bonas bought the poinsettias. Check with Lynn, though, just in case I am mistaken.

Alf

(Attachment #1)




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GRAND JURORS ASSOC OF OC
1109 CABRILLO PARK DR
SANTA ANA CA 92701-4420

ACCOUNT SUMMARY	
0008 BUSINESS EDGE CHECKING	\$ 11,130.43
1011 12 MONTH CERTIFICATE	\$ 9,228.77

Account No. 91960540

Statement Period 11/01/18 Thru 11/30/18

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0 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

BUSINESS EDGE CHECKING # 0008					
Beginning Balance	\$ 11,192.73				
Deposits/Credits	\$ 0.92				
Withdrawals/Debits	\$ 63.22				
Ending Balance	\$ 11,130.43				
Y-T-D Dividends	\$ 5.88				

Transaction Posting Date

11/09/18	11/09/18	Withdrawal	-63.22		
11/30/18	11/30/18	Deposit	0.92		
11/09/18	11/09/18	Check 1367	11,129.51		
11/30/18	11/30/18	Deposit Dividend Post	11,130.43		

Transaction Posting Date

Beginning Balance	\$ 9,220.48				
Deposits/Credits	\$ 8.29				
Withdrawals/Debits	\$ 0.00				
Ending Balance	\$ 9,228.77				
Y-T-D Dividends	\$ 91.84				
Maturity Date	01/02/19				

Transaction Posting Date

11/30/18	11/30/18	Withdrawal	8.29		
11/30/18	11/30/18	Deposit Dividend Post	9,228.77		

Transaction Posting Date

Authorized Signer(s): JOHN Z GALLIE, ALFRED E LYLE, APRIL J LANCASTER J, STANLEY NESS, BARTON D HARLAN

Annual Percentage Yield Earned 1.10% for period 11/01/18 to 11/30/18

Deposit Dividend Post

Cleared Share Draft Recap:

DRAFT#	DATE	AMOUNT
1367	11/09	63.22

* Indicates check or share draft out of sequence

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Annual Percentage Yield Earned 1.10% for period 11/01/18 to 11/30/18

Deposit Dividend Post

12 MONTH CERTIFICATE # 1011

Beginning Balance	\$ 9,220.48				
Deposits/Credits	\$ 8.29				
Withdrawals/Debits	\$ 0.00				
Ending Balance	\$ 9,228.77				
Y-T-D Dividends	\$ 91.84				
Maturity Date	01/02/19				

Transaction Posting Date

11/30/18	11/30/18	Withdrawal	8.29		
11/30/18	11/30/18	Deposit Dividend Post	9,228.77		

Transaction Posting Date

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Annual Percentage Yield Earned 1.10% for period 11/01/18 to 11/30/18

Deposit Dividend Post

YTD ACCOUNT SUMMARIES:

Total Dividends Paid Year to Date: \$ 97.72

