

Grand Jurors' Association of Orange County

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2019

Call to Order – President pro tem, Stan Ness, called the meeting to order at 10:08 am. **Roll Call:** A quorum was established by the presence of the following members: Alf Lyle, April Lancaster, Barton Harlan, Diana Merryman, Joe Moreland, John Gallie, Lynn Bonas, Marie Whittington, Sandy Dunkin and Stan Ness. Members absent: Ian Guajardo. Also, in attendance: Bill Underwood and John Moohr.

(Note: In anticipation of the arrival of Superior Court PIO, Mr. Koatas Kalaitzidis at 11:00 am., Stan Ness referred to his E-mail of Jan 02, 2019 to the Board – see [Attachment #1.](#))

Regarding the Court's and Kostas' desire to set up a state-wide conference to discuss, among other things, the problems with recruitment for the state Grand Jury system, John Moohr volunteered to begin to coordinate between the So Cal Grand Jury Associations of Orange, Los Angeles, San Diego, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties and will report back.

Approval of Board Minutes – It was moved by April, seconded and approved without further discussion that the Board Minutes for the December 6, 2018 meeting be approved as published.

Board of Directors Officer Elections – The Chair of the Nominating Committee, Lynn Bonas, provided two (2) slates of candidates for consideration. The first slate presented was for the election of Board members to fill the one-year terms of the seven (7) Officer positions. The slate of nominees included the following: 1. For President – Stan Ness. 2. For First Vice-President – Lynn Bonas. 3. For Second Vice-President – Alf Lyle. 4. For Secretary – Barton Harlan. 5. For Treasurer – John Gallie. 6. For Parliamentarian – Barton Harlan. 7. For Sergeant-At-Arms – April Lancaster. The President pro tem asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Stan asked for a motion to accept the slate as presented. April so moved, seconded and passed without objection. The second slate presented was for the approval of the Committee Chairpersons not automatically covered by the duties of a Board Officer. **(Note:** Per the Bylaws these Chair positions are normally appointed by the Board President with tacit approval of the Board.) The, now new President, Stan Ness, asked for approval of the second slate including: 1. OCTA Taxpayer's Oversight Committee – Bill Underwood. 2. Editorial / Public Relations Committee – Mike Morris. 3. Tracking & Implementation Committee (TIC) – Diana Merryman. 4. Legislative Committee – John Moohr. 5. Speakers Bureau – Sandy Dunkin. 6. Bylaws Review Committee – Dave Chapel. Approval was granted by an affirmative voice vote. **(Note:** Under the current bylaws the Audit Committee and the Nominating Committee will be appointed at the February 2019 Board Meeting. The Public Service Committee is not currently active, and its' status needs to be determined.)

Treasurer's Report.... John Gallie – John provided the Secretary with printouts from the Orange County Credit Union. (see [Attachments 2a and 2b](#))

John reported that as of 12/31/18 the Association checking account had a balance of \$11,356.23. The CD earned \$8.58 for December (Y-T-D Dividends paid of \$100.42) with an ending value of \$9,237.35. John renewed the CD for a six (6) month period @ a dividend rate of 1.538%. The current address of the

CD Owner is that of the former Treasurer, Tom Cagley. John will make arrangements with the CU to change this to his home address. He also added that he will have a report ready for the Audit Committee in February. Lynn Bonas moved to approve the Treasurer's report as published, seconded and passed without further discussion.

Membership Report.... Alf Lyle – It was reported that the Association currently has 48 paid members so far for 2019. Alf recommends that an E-mail Blast from Mike Morris be sent to all individuals who's names are on our mailing list, telling the General Membership what has been going on and why they should pay their dues and be active members of the Association. Alf reminded everyone that we should always target the outgoing Grand Jurors to join the Association.

Programs.... Lynn Bonas –

- (A) **Status of luncheon speaker for the March meeting** – We currently are on track to have County Chief Probation Officer, Steven Sentman, as our March speaker. It is suggested that in preparation for Mr. Sentman's presentation that everyone read SB-10 (Bail) – available online.
- (B) **Suggestions for future speakers or future programs that do not involve a speaker.**
(There is nothing new to be added at this time.)

Newsletter.... Mike Morris – (Due to Mike's absence, no report was given.)

Committee Reports:

- (A) **Measure M....** Bill Underwood – It was reported that the OCTA Board of Directors approved the new contract with the GJAOC for 2019. There will be a "kick off" (administrative/organizational) meeting on January 27, 2019.
- (B) **Speaker's Bureau....** Sandy Dunkin – A status report handout was provided to each member present. Sandy's report included the following points:
 - 1. An informational Paragraph on the current Grand Jury's recruitment was posted in the **UCI-OLLI** newsletter. Also, she is in contact with the Cal State Fullerton-OLLI program and hopes to get in their program line-up some time in 2019.
 - 2. Our Committee is continuing to speak at every opportunity and venue that comes along. In December Sandy spoke to the **Irvine Kiwanis Club**. It was a very informal and small group. No two presentations have been the same and this was the first time she just sat down and chatted her way through the PowerPoint slides. About ten gentlemen were there and they all participated in a lively back-and-forth conversation. They admitted they were "surprisingly pleased with such an interesting talk." Two of them took home applications. Another one is setting Sandy up with the Costa Mesa Kiwanis Club and promised to "get her lots of work."
 - 3. Recently she mailed 25 application packages out to people that signed up at last year's **Senior Summit** held at Laguna Woods. April Lancaster, Terry Franklin, Bart Harlan, Lynn Bonas and Sandy manned a table and collected signatures at the event with over 1,200 attendees.
 - 4. This year, the **Senior Summit** will be held at Soka University in Aliso Viejo on May 17, 2019. It is a perfect opportunity to achieve age diversity in our recruitment efforts with an audience of

both students and seniors. We will be meeting with the County Agency on Aging, as well as staff members from Lisa Bartlett's office, to become more involved this year. The Board will be kept posted.

(C) **Legislative**.... John Moohr – Due to the holiday recess and the newly elected state Legislature not having been sworn-in yet, there has been no legislative activity to report.

(D) **Bylaws Committee**.... Dave Chapel – The committee has continued to make progress. We are currently working on the last section of the Bylaws. We will be meeting soon to go back over everything that we have. A draft of the committee report should be ready to present to the Board at the February 7th meeting.

(E) **Tracking and Implementation**.... Diana Merryman – Diana plans on having the first meeting of TIC this month. Mike Morris put out a call for members. However, as of this time, Diana has not yet heard from anyone.

Unfinished Business.... Stan Ness – (Due to a lack of time this item was tabled.)

New Business: (Note: At 11:00 am we will be visited by the Court PIO Kostas Kalaitzidis. Stan suggests that we dedicate the hour of 11:00 to 12:00 to this discussion.) – Open discussion with Superior Court Public Information Officer regarding program development, court relationships, public outreach, and the Association's role.

Mr. Kalaitzidis ("Kostas") joined the Board meeting and was welcomed by all members. After introductions, an informative and productive discussion followed. The Board was informed by Kostas that there are two big problems which concern the courts and for which our Association may be of some help. The first is the current difficulty in being able to recruit qualified citizens for the Grand Jury and, the second is the lack of civics knowledge and participation on the part of the general population, but particularly the youth. Some California counties are experiencing such difficulties in recruiting and maintaining GJ jurors that they are considering dropping the year-long jury and only having a criminal Grand Jury (to convene as needed).

* The OC courts want to reach out to the youth and sell them on the idea of ownership of the system. Central court currently offers tours for students. But they want to do more than that. For example, they want to set up a program where for four hours a day, once a week, Central, South, West and North Courts would be open with trained docents available for schools to bring groups of students to. Also, the courts want community members to be aware of the different services provided by the court system. They want to provide education and accessibility to the community at-large and our Association may be able to provide valuable assistance in helping them achieve their goals. There will be training for those Association members that want to be part of this program. Kostas feels that too many people think that the courts are simply "another government agency" instead of the fact that the courts make up the third branch of government, i.e., the "Judicial Branch."

* Kostas also made the point that the court is moving in the direction of more diversity in the make-up of a typical OC Grand Jury, including youth, race, sex, background, etc. (but, of course, they all must be qualified).

After Kostas left the meeting, President Ness made the following statement, “We have to convince the court that we are not trying to interfere with the process, but, are attempting to assist the court in its’ improvement efforts. We should not and cannot overreach into the courts’ responsibility in that process. We are offering our experience and our resources to assist the courts in preserving the Grand Jury system.”

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned by President, Stan Ness, at 12:36 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled at the OCCU (856 N. Ross St., Santa Ana), February 7, 2019 at 10:00 am.

By:

Barton Harlan

Secretary

(**Note:** Reminder – Per Stan, Agenda item for February, “Better communication between the Board and the General Membership.”)

Attachments

January 3, 2019 Minutes – (Attachment #1.)

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

From: [stan ness](#)

To: [Whittington, Marie](#) ; [Underwood, Bill](#) ; [Morris, Michael](#) ; [Moreland, Joe](#) GJAOC ; [Moohr, John](#) GJAOC ; [Merryman, Diiانا](#) ; [Lyle, Alfred \(Alf\)](#) ; [Lancaster, April](#) ; [Harlan, Bart](#) ; [Guarjardo, Ian](#) ; [Gallie', John](#) ; [Dunkin, Sandy](#) ; ['Dave Chapel'](#) ; [Bonas, Lynn](#)

Sent: Wednesday, January 02, 2019 4:19 PM

Subject: Agenda Jan. 3, 2019

Hello everyone.

Attached is tomorrow's agenda and in preparation, I suggest a review of the following.

A few days ago, I met for a couple of hours with the courts Public Information Officer. We had the opportunity to discuss a number of very interesting topics. He indicates that the courts are quite concerned about a number of things, most notably the lack of the public basic understanding of civics. This deficiency is something those of us in the grand jury understand more than most, in that this directly impacts recruitment for new panels and may impact the actual survival of the grand jury system.

Some random thoughts. The court wants to enhance the recruitment process by lengthening the application efforts, by creating greater diversity as to race, gender, age, and experience. Most importantly they want to extend their reach into communities, universities, colleges, and secondary schools. The courts are prepared to provide some assets in this pursuit including physical locations in courthouses for visiting students. They want to pursue possible internships in the courts, and the grand jury, and are open to discussions re: credit approvals for college level participants.

They want to re-energize the education of civics, educate the public about the role of the courts, and solidify the role of the grand jury. Most importantly, they are looking to our organization for the people to do this. They trust us and they are impressed with the human resources we have.

Kostas and the courts are having "state wide" discussions regarding these subjects and our association will be asked to play a large part in establishing programs that will serve as a model.

I invited Kostas to our January board meeting and he will attend and will discuss these ideas. We may have to modify our agenda to accommodate this important discussion, but this is important to our association. I would suggest inviting others of our association as well.

I would also hope that we show as much enthusiasm and cooperation as we can muster. This is an opportunity for us to make some real progress in those areas where we had concern.

Give this some serious thought and be ready to participate in going forward with this chance to effect real and positive change.

See you all tomorrow, Stan



P.O. Box 11777, Santa Ana, CA 92711-1777
 (888) 354-6228
 OrangeCountySCU.org

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

Account No.	Statement Period	Page
[REDACTED]	12/01/18 Thru 12/31/18	1 of 2

ACCOUNT SUMMARY		
0008 BUSINESS EDGE CHECKING	\$	11,356.23
1011 12 MONTH CERTIFICATE	\$	9,237.35

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

New Digital Banking Arriving Early 2019

We're pleased to announce that our new Digital Banking is arriving early 2019! We're adding even more convenience and ease to your banking experience including a dashboard view, personal login for all account holders, and secure messaging. For more information, visit orangecountyscu.org.



BUSINESS EDGE CHECKING # 0008				
Beginning Balance	Deposits/Credits	Withdrawals/Debits	Ending Balance	Y-T-D Dividends
\$ 11,130.43	\$ 1,900.98	\$ 1,675.18	\$ 11,356.23	\$ 6.86

Transaction Date	Posting Date	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance	Transaction Description
12/07/18	12/07/18		1,900.00	13,030.43	Deposit
12/10/18	12/10/18	-40.00		12,990.43	Check 1382
12/10/18	12/10/18	-125.24		12,865.19	Check 7136847
12/10/18	12/10/18	-163.89		12,701.30	Check 1369
12/10/18	12/10/18	-1,305.05		11,396.25	Check 1370
12/21/18	12/21/18	-41.00		11,355.25	Check 1372
12/31/18	12/31/18		0.98	11,356.23	Deposit Dividend Dividend Post Annual Percentage Yield Earned 0.10% for period 12/01/18 to 12/31/18

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

Cleared Share Draft Recap:

* Indicates check or share draft out of sequence

DRAFT#	DATE	AMOUNT	DRAFT#	DATE	AMOUNT	DRAFT#	DATE	AMOUNT	DRAFT#	DATE	AMOUNT
1369	12/10	163.89	1372*	12/21	41.00	1382*	12/10	40.00	7136847*	12/10	125.24
1370	12/10	1,305.05									

12 MONTH CERTIFICATE # 1011					
Beginning Balance	Deposits/Credits	Withdrawals/Debits	Ending Balance	Y-T-D Dividends	Maturity Date
\$ 9,228.77	\$ 8.58	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,237.35	\$ 100.42	01/02/19

Transaction Date	Posting Date	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance	Transaction Description
12/31/18	12/31/18		8.58	9,237.35	Deposit Dividend Dividend Post Annual Percentage Yield Earned 1.10% for period 12/01/18 to 12/31/18

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

Account No.	Statement Period	Page
[REDACTED]	12/01/18 Thru 12/31/18	2 of 2

Total Dividends Paid Year to Date: **\$107.28**



(888) 354-6228
P.O. Box 11777
Santa Ana, CA 92711-1777
www.orangecountyscu.org

CERTIFICATE ACCOUNT AGREEMENT AND DISCLOSURE

Account Number

[REDACTED]

Certificate Account Number

1011 - 6 MONTH CERTIFICATE

Owner(s) Name

GRAND JURORS ASSOC OF OC

Current Date

01/03/2019

Owner(s) Address

21951 Cayuga Ln
Lake Forest, CA 92630-2304

Certificate Opened Date

01/02/2019

Maturity Date

07/02/2019

Principal Amount	Dividend Rate	Annual Percentage Yield	Term in Months or Days
\$ 9,237.63	1.538 %	1.550 %	6 Months

This account is non-negotiable and non-transferable. This is to certify that the above-named person(s) is/are the owner(s) of the above-referenced Certificate ("Account") at Orange County's Credit Union.

CERTIFICATE ACCOUNT TERMS AND CONDITIONS (SEE REVERSE SIDE)



Compounding and Crediting

Dividends will be compounded and credited as set forth in my original Certificate Account Agreement and Disclosure. Dividends are calculated by the daily balance method which applies a daily periodic rate to the balance in the account each day. Dividends will begin to accrue on the business day I deposit noncash items (e.g., checks) to my account. The daily periodic rate is 1/365 of the annual dividend rate. If the Account is closed before dividends are posted, accrued dividends will not be paid. Dividends are compounded daily and paid to your account monthly. For certificate accounts, dividend are also paid on the final maturity/ transfer date. If the balance drops below the minimum balance requirement as set forth in the Dividend Rate Sheet, accrued dividends will not be paid.

Transaction Limitations

After the Account is opened, additional deposits to the Account are not permitted until the maturity date.

Early Withdrawal Penalties

The Account will mature on the date set forth on the reverse side of this Notice. The Credit Union will impose a penalty if a withdrawal of principal is made prior to the maturity date. The early withdrawal penalty will be as follows:

- 1) For Certificate Accounts with a term of 30 days or less, the penalty will be an amount equal to 30 days of dividends on the principal amount withdrawn.
- 2) For Certificate Accounts with a term of less than 12 months, the penalty will be an amount equal to 90 days of dividends on the principal amount withdrawn.
- 3) For Certificate Accounts with a term of 12 months or greater, the penalty will be an amount equal to 180 days of dividends on the principal amount withdrawn.

In accordance with Federal Reserve Board Regulations, the Credit Union may charge an early withdrawal penalty of seven (7) days dividends on amounts withdrawn within the first six (6) days after deposit.

Upon the death of the named Member owner, all funds in this Account, including accrued dividends, may be withdrawn without incurring a penalty.

The Annual Percentage Yield is based on an assumption that dividends will remain in the Account until maturity. An early withdrawal may reduce the principal balance and reduce earnings.

Renewal Policies

This Account will automatically renew upon the maturity date and on the maturity date of any renewal term. There is a grace period of seven (7) days after the maturity date to withdraw funds in the Account without being charged an early withdrawal penalty. If automatically renewed, the Account will be renewed for a term equal or closest to that in effect of the initial term and at the dividend rate and Annual Percentage Yield in effect at that time for such a term.

Special Certificate Terms	Rollover Term at Maturity
3-11 months	6 months
13-17 months	12 months
19-23 months	18 months
25-35 months	24 months
37-47 months	36 months
49-59 months	48 months

If the balance drops below the minimum balance requirement as set forth in the Dividend Rate Sheet, accrued dividends will not be paid.

Other Terms and Conditions

This Account is subject to all applicable terms and conditions set forth in the Credit Union's Deposit Account and Truth in Savings Disclosure which is incorporated by this reference and receipt of which is acknowledged.

This Account is not transferable, except as defined in 12 CFR 204. No transfer of voting rights or other Membership privileges is permitted by virtue of a transfer of funds.

Funds in this account are owned in the manner indicated on the signature card bearing the share savings account number one on the members number listed on the reverse side of this disclosure, unless a new signature card was signed specifically for this certificate.

The type of ownership selected in this Account may make this Account subject to the Multiple Party Account Laws. If this Account is issued in two or more names, the joint owners agree with each other and with the Credit Union that all sums now paid in or heretofore or hereafter paid in by any or all of them, including all dividends, are and shall be owned by said owners jointly and equally regardless of their net contributions with right of survivorship and shall be subject to withdrawal or receipt by any of them or their survivor or survivors. It is agreed that any such payment shall be valid and shall discharge the Credit Union from any liability. The Credit Union is not obligated to inquire as to the source of funds received for deposit from a joint account or to inquire as to the proposed use of any sums withdrawn from the Account.

The owner(s) agree that the Credit Union may:

1. Pay out funds or transact any business pertaining to this Account with the signature of any one of the account owners or the signature of any designated agent(s).
2. Mail all statements and notices to the address shown on the front unless advised otherwise in writing by joint owner(s).

The Credit Union's right and authority under this Account shall not be terminated by the owner(s), except by written notice, which shall not affect transactions performed prior to receipt of said written notice. In addition, if the Credit Union receives written notice from any owner that withdrawals in accordance with the terms of the account should not be permitted the Credit Union may refuse without liability to pay any sums on deposit pending determination of the rights of the owners. Further, if there is more than one owner and there is a conflict among them, the Credit Union may require all owners' signatures.

The owner(s) may pledge any or all of the principal on deposit in this Account as security for any loan(s) subject to the then current loan policies. Further, a pledge of funds in this Account by any owner shall be binding on all owners.

California law states that inactive accounts must be turned over to the State after a period of three (3) years if the owner(s) have not:

- a) Increased or decreased the amount of the Account or presented an appropriate record for crediting of interest or dividends, or
- b) Corresponded in writing with the Credit Union concerning the Account, or
- c) Otherwise indicated an interest in the Account as evidenced by a memorandum on file with the Credit Union.