

Grand Jurors' Association of Orange County
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2019
OCCU 856 N. Ross St., Santa Ana, CA

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by President Stan Ness at 10:05 am. **Roll Call:** The minimum quorum of seven members was established by the presence of the following: Alf Lyle, April Lancaster, Barton Harlan, Diana Merryman, Joe Moreland, John Gallie, Marie Whittington, Sandy Dunkin and Stan Ness. Members absent: Dave Chapel, Ian Guajardo and Lynn Bonas. Also, in attendance: General Members, Bill Underwood and John Moohr.

2. Approval of Board Minutes of Mar. 7, 2019.... Stan Ness – April Lancaster moved that the minutes of March 7, 2019 be approved as published, seconded and approved without further discussion.

3. Acknowledgement of Guests.... Stan Ness – (Note: No guests were in attendance.)

4. Treasurer's Report.... John Gallie – John provided a copy of the Statement of Account for March 2019 from the OC Credit Union. (see [Attachment #1](#)) The Ending Balance for the Checking account was \$9,792.80. The Ending Balance for the CD was \$9,272.33. It was reported that the current CD rate is 1.9%.

5. Membership Report.... Alf Lyle – Mike Morris recently sent out an e-mail blast reminder to those on the membership list that have not yet paid their annual dues. Alf reported that from this latest reminder, three more people have paid bring our current paid membership to 60.

6. Programs.... Lynn Bonas – (Note: Lynn could not make the meeting for personal reasons. She did, however, communicate with Stan.)

(A) Status of luncheon speaker for June meeting – Congressman Lou Correa is still scheduled for the June 6th luncheon meeting. It was moved by Sandy Dunkin, seconded and passed, that Lynn Bonas be authorized to contact Congressman Correa and arrange for/or determine the subject of his presentation. The Board, of course, may offer some suggestions as to what subjects the Association would be interested in hearing about. It was noted that the Congressman is a member of the House Judiciary Committee and the House Committee on Homeland Security.

(B) Suggestions for future speakers – There was a brief discussion concerning inviting D.A. Todd Spitzer to speak about the relationship between his office and the current Grand Jury. Stan is meeting today with the Grand Jury Foreperson and will make an inquiry.

7. Newsletter.... Mike Morris – No report was given.

(A). Completion of Biographical sketches for newsletter – All required biographical sketches have been received and are available for publication.

8. Committee Reports:

(A) Measure M.... Bill Underwood – The deadline for applications for the Taxpayer Oversight Committee is May 1, 2019. Currently, they are running about 40% behind in applications received. District 1 has produced no applications thus far, and District 4 has only two applications. About 8 – 12 are needed to get five good applicants.

The Secretary asked for a clarification as to how the subject of Measure M should be identified. Bill suggested that, to avoid confusion or misunderstanding with the general public, that the Association should use, “Measure M (now referred to as **OC GO**)”.

For the record, the Secretary had previously asked Chairman Underwood for the updated procedure to be used for notifying OCTA when there is a change in the office of President of the Association’s Board of Directors. Bill had provided an e-mail with that explanation. (see [Attachment #2](#))

(B) Speaker’s Bureau.... Sandy Dunkin – It was reported that Sandy had a successful speaking engagement at the Laguna Woods’ Men of Leisure Club. Future speaking engagements have been scheduled for the Orange Rotary Club, Huntington Beach Rotary Club and the Costa Mesa Kiwanis Club. The Speaker’s Bureau is pursuing opportunities with the League of Women’s Voters and OLLI – CSUF.

A reminder was made that the Association’s Speaker’s Bureau will be participating with a vendor’s table at the Senior Summit in May, to be held at Soko University in Aliso Viejo. Four to five volunteers will be needed to man the table and speak with Summit participants.

- **DVD from San Francisco’s Civil Grand Jury Recruitment Presentation:** Sandy showed the DVD that was produced several years ago by the City and County of San Francisco hosted by Gavin Newsom, the then Mayor. It was both educational and a recruitment effort in nature. Sandy suggested that we consider producing something similar for the Orange County Grand Jury, in a 3-4 minute version, for our website. It would need to be produced professionally. We should check with Chapman University, or other schools, for assistance.

The names of some suggested people to be the video’s primary host were; Todd Spitzer – District Attorney, Kostas Kalaitzidis – PIO of Superior Courts, Vince Ferragamo – Former Football star & current TV sports announcer, and Judge Prickett – OC Superior Court. It is possible that the Court might pay for it (or, at least, cover part of the cost). Kostas should be talked to first.

Sandy will form an *ad hoc* committee to begin the process. The recommendation for committee membership was; Sandy Dunkin, Marie Whittington, Diana Merryman, April Lancaster and Stan Ness.

(C) Legislative.... John Moohr – The only thing currently going through the legislature concerns Petit Juries and not the Grand Jury system. As for the Southern Calif GJ Associations Conference – John has put a temporary hold on this item until he sees what Kostas, the Court and the County do.

(D) Bylaws Committee..... Dave Chapel – (Note: Due to Dave’s absence, no report was given at this time.)

1. Update re: Bylaws Editing. (The editing team is composed of Dave Chapel, Joe Moreland and Yvette Hill.)

(E) Tracking and Implementation (a.k.a. the Continuity Committee) Diana Merryman –
Note: Stan feels that until the proposed new Bylaws have been approved and go into effect the committee should continue to be referred to as “Tracking and Implementation.”

- Diana reported that eight people attended the last meeting of the committee, which was a productive meeting. Dave Chapel agreed to be a member so that there would be no disconnects between this Committee and Dave’s media activities. Four criteria were suggested by Dave for selecting reports for this Committee to focus on: 1. Broad, county-wide scope, 2. Significant/non-trivial recommendation that apparently has not been acted on, 3. It can be verified that the recommendation has not been acted on, and 4. It deals with a topic of public interest/engagement.
- It was further reported that a list of Action Items was developed.
- Additionally, Diana sent a memo to the Foreperson of the current Grand Jury, Birgit Sale, offering assistance from the committee. No decision has been made, yet.

9. Unfinished Business.... Stan Ness –

(A) See the Bart Harlan memo (dated 03-06-19) for issues to be addressed and closed.
A brief discussion followed. It was noted that a few of the listed items had been dealt with. The Secretary will update the list and send it out to the Board.

(B) Decision re: association liability insurance. (SEE SECOND PAGE BELOW) – **(Attachment #3)**
Stan went over the points covered by the attached memo. This was followed by a general discussion. Previously, Lynn Bonas had said that she would make a contact to get some additional information and some quotes. Stan stated his position that, out of an abundance of caution, if the cost is reasonable the Association should get the coverage.

10. New Business:

(A) GJAOC “Established Practices” Dave Chapel – (Note: Dave was not in attendance but had communicated with Stan and Bart by e-mail prior to the meeting.) Refer to the Secretary’s e-mail of 04-03-19 regarding the suggestions for change that had been made up to that date.

(B) Change in agenda format.... Dave Chapel – Due to Dave’s absence and the lack of time this item was tabled until the next meeting.

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned, without objection, by President Ness at 12:11 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled at the OCCU (856 N. Ross St., Santa Ana), May 2, 2019 at 10:00 am.

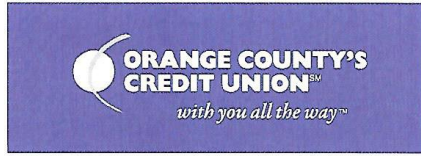
By:

Barton Harlan

Secretary

[Attachments](#)

[Attachment #1](#)



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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT 0

Account No.	Statement Period	Page
91960540	03/01/19 Thru 03/31/19	1 of 1

ACCOUNT SUMMARY			
0008	BUSINESS EDGE CHECKING	\$	9,792.80
1011	6 MONTH CERTIFICATE	\$	9,272.33

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

Annual Meeting & Elections

Orange County's Credit Union's Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at 2:00 pm at the Credit Union's Headquarters Building, 1701 E. St. Andrew Place, Santa Ana. Elections for two open Board of Directors seat and one Supervisory Committee seat will take place at the meeting.

Nominations can be made by petition. No nominations can be made at the annual meeting. Two Board candidates and one Supervisory Committee candidate receiving the most votes will be elected.

Petitions are available at any branch and must be signed by at least 1,100 primary Members (1% of the Credit Union Membership). The Secretary of the Board, in care of the Credit Union, must receive the petitions no later than 4:00 pm, Friday, May 17, 2019.

BUSINESS EDGE CHECKING # 0008				
Beginning Balance	Deposits/Credits	Withdrawals/Debits	Ending Balance	Y-T-D Dividends
\$ 10,378.80	\$ 965.00	\$ 1,551.00	\$ 9,792.80	\$ 1.78

Transaction Date	Posting Date	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance	Transaction Description
03/08/19	03/08/19		185.00	10,563.80	Deposit by Check
03/08/19	03/08/19		740.00	11,303.80	Deposit
03/11/19	03/11/19	-1,301.00		10,002.80	Check 1387
03/12/19	03/12/19	-250.00		9,752.80	Check 1385
03/18/19	03/18/19		40.00	9,792.80	Deposit by Check

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
1385	03/12	250.00	1387*	03/11	1,301.00

6 MONTH CERTIFICATE # 1011					
Beginning Balance	Deposits/Credits	Withdrawals/Debits	Ending Balance	Y-T-D Dividends	Maturity Date
\$ 9,260.23	\$ 12.10	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,272.33	\$ 34.98	07/02/19

Transaction Date	Posting Date	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance	Transaction Description
03/31/19	03/31/19		12.10	9,272.33	Deposit Dividend Dividend Post Annual Percentage Yield Earned 1.55% for period 03/01/19 to 03/31/19

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

YTD ACCOUNT SUMMARIES:

Total Dividends Paid Year to Date: \$ 36.76

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Re: OCTA - Requirements for change of GJAOC President

Bill Underwood <wfunderwood@earthlink.net>

4/3/2019 4:40 PM

Notification of any Change of GJAOC President should be (according to Contract C-8-2079 covering 2/11/19 - 6/30/23) be made to:

Orange County Transportation Authority
550 South Main Street
P.O. Box 14184
Orange, CA 92863-1584
ATTENTION: Iris Deneau
OCTA Senior Contract Administrator

by written notice delivered in person or by US mail,
registered or certified mail, returned receipt requested.

Not in the contract above, **but** a written informational copy should be sent to:
Alice Rogan, OCTA Director of Marketing & Public Outreach
at same address in any manner as she is our primary operational contact.

and Email FYI notification copies to appropriate GJAOC officers and the GJAOC Measure M Committee chair.

FYI - Iris Deneau's other contact info. is (714) 560-5786 and ideneau@octa.net
and Alice Rogan number is (714) 560-5577 and email is arogan@octa.net

Hope that this can be passed on and put into appropriate GJAOC ongoing processes & files as an ongoing process,
as OCTA is in the process of tightening up their ongoing contract processes.

Bill Underwood
GJAOC 2019 Chair of OC GO (formerly Measure M) Screening Panel for the Taxpayer Oversight Committee (TOC) applicants,
known in GJAOC ongoing parlance as the "Measure M Committee."

(Note: This information will be in effect for the next five (5) years and should be added to the "Standing Rules" of the Association. / bh, Secretary)

[Attachment #3](#)

LEGAL LIABILITY FOR NONPROFIT BOARD MEMBERS

“In real world practice, becoming a board member for a nonprofit organization usually comes with little personal risk, and the probability of a member being legally accountable for actions taken by the nonprofit is relatively low.”

1. Incorporating is the first line of defense.
2. As a corporation, the nonprofit must have Bylaws in place. These are legal documents that dictate how this organization is to be governed. Bylaws should contain an indemnity clause to protect those involved with the organization from expenses and liabilities. The indemnity clause is normally carried out through the purchase of officers/directors' insurance. This insurance may be prudent but is not legally required.
3. There are circumstances where a claimant can “pierce the corporate veil” of protection but this is not the norm. Adhering to the bylaws goes a long way in providing protection.

Recommendation:

Make sure our bylaws are intact.

Discuss the feasibility of the insurance expense.