

GRAND JURORS' ASSOCIATION OF ORANGE COUNTY
Board of Directors' Zoom Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2021

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by President *pro tem*, Lynn Bonas, at 2:09 pm.
2. **Roll Call and determination of a Quorum** Bart Harlan – The Secretary (who was available by telephone only) took the roll with the following Board members being present on the Zoom call: Alf Lyle, April Lancaster, Barton Harlan, Ian Guajardo, Joe Moreland, Lynn Bonas, and Marie Whittington. Members absent were: Diana Merryman, Stan Ness, Tim Ogata, and Wanda Shaffer. With seven (7) members present, a quorum was established. Also in attendance were Bill Underwood – chair of the Measure M/OC Go Committee, and John Moohr (*Ex – Officio* Member). From the General Membership Sandy Dunkin, Lynn Cudd and Pat Place were also present on the Zoom call.

Notes/minutes from the April 1, 2021 2:00 PM Zoom Bart Harlan – No changes were submitted. One correction was made which indicated that Virginia Zlaket was present.

3. **Membership** Alf Lyle – There was little to report that is new regarding Membership. Mike Morris fixed a couple of E-mail list problems.
4. **Treasurer** Joe Moreland – The Treasurer referenced the two documents that he had e-mailed to the Board members prior to today's meeting. (See **Attachments #1. & #2.**) Joe also reminded the members that the Association C.D. will mature in July. He suggested that we consider adding money to the C.D. from the checking account. John Moohr suggested that we consider setting up a second C.D. for a short period of time, e.g., six months. Lynn Bonas offered that we should make the decision at the June meeting. In the meantime, Joe will research possible different options and report back to the Board. If anyone has suggestions or observations to offer on this they should e-mail them to Joe Moreland.
5. **Measure M / OC Go** Bill Underwood – Committee Members Update – The panel is in the midst of screening applicants for the Taxpayer Oversight Committee (TOC). Bill had provided the Board members with an outline of his report before the meeting. He discussed the following items: **1).** The GJAOC 2021 applicant screening Panel members consists of Robin Bowen, Sandy Dunkin, John Moohr, Bill Underwood, Virginia Zlaket and Bette Flick. Bette and Virginia split interview dates. Bill reported that this was an outstanding group of people who worked extremely well together and overcame some challenges with “Drop Box” from Microsoft Forms software that was being used. **2).** Twenty-nine applications were received for four, three-year, term openings for Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, 4 & 5 volunteer representatives on the Measure M / OC Go independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee

(TOC). The TOC is chaired by the position of the county-wide elected OC Auditor/Controller. **3).** The Panel prep work started virtually by Zoom on Friday, April 30th through the weekend of May 1st and 2nd, with all day Panel Zoom meetings and concurrent interview scheduling on Monday, May 3rd with a simulated interview walk-through on the morning of Tuesday, May 4th. **4).** The Panel completed one full day and two half days of interviews. We have a full day of interviews tomorrow, May 7th, scheduled, plus wrap up interviews on Monday morning May 10th, plus the wrap up of evaluation meetings. **5).** The Next Steps during the week of May 11th thru May 14th includes the following; Prepare the Final Summary Documents and deliver them to the OCTA for legal review of potential conflicts and for the June OCTA Board meeting to conduct the blind lottery draw from the selection of finalists presented. Conduct the final meeting with OCTA and present an invoice for \$6,000 payable to the Grand Jury Association of Orange County as per the contract.

=There were additional comments from two of the panel members. Sandy Dunkin said that she had not realized previously just how much work the committee (Measure M / OC Go) actually did, especially that of Bill Underwood. John Moohr added that this was one of the best committees that he has worked with over all the years that he has been doing this.

6. Old Business Lynn Bonas –

A. Technology Volunteer Action Item/Discussion Constant Contact / Newsletter / Facebook (currently private/ make public?) Assisting with zoom, website update, assist Michael Morris. The Board was reminded that we need to reimburse Bill Underwood for paying for the “Constant Contact” subscription. Bill indicated that he does not need to be reimbursed. April Lancaster moved that the Association take over the subscription from Bill Underwood and that we pay for it to cover the use by three people (the Pro level). Sandy Dunkin requested that action on the Tech Volunteer position should take a back seat to setting up an Externship. Alf said that he would set up a Zoom meeting with himself, Lynn, Sandy, Bill and Mike Morris to further discuss this.

Lynn Bonas asked if the Association should make our Facebook page open to the public or keep it, as is currently, available only for our General Membership. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

B. Externship. Judge Larsh’s response. He is supportive but concerned about confidentiality. Ad hoc committee members are April Lancaster, Tim Ogata, Birgit Sale and Lynn Bonas. Tim called and talked to Judge Larsh. His Honor said that he will be having County Legal look into this, after which, Tim will meet with the Judge and report back to the Board. It was indicated that Judge Nakamura is also interested in this proposal.

C. May 21st Luncheon update Alf – Currently, there are 36 reservations plus the Grand Jury members. Lynn will check with the Phoenix Club and see if we can get a private Room and check on the menu options. Check-in will begin at 11:30 am. and the serving Of the luncheon will start at 12 noon. The cost will be \$20,00 per person, however, the

Grand Jury members will be our guests. General Members may bring their spouses.

7. New Business (Action/Discussion) Lynn Bonas –

A. Donations to non-profits based on identification in Grand Jury Reports: Mind OC/Be Well OC is a worthy non-profit that has addressed the Mental Illness/ Substance Abuse issues documented in several reports over years. We have been accumulating a substantial amount of money in our coffers and we need to spend those dollars to promote the Grand Jury System and support our members who have dedicated their service on the Grand Jury to address deficiencies with recommendations on “the fix”. An *ad hoc* committee to check out nonprofits’ expenditures to make sure the money donated goes to services is being formed. The committee would also make recommendations to the board on donations. The General Membership will be asked to submit recommendations for consideration. Terri Elders, Fred Gebhardt and John Moohr have agreed to serve on this *ad hoc* committee.

A Certificate of Appreciation to the non profits along with a donation would be a nice way to honor the organization and the Grand Jury Report as well as the GJ panel that wrote the report. It could also be a way to get publicity from media/social media through a press release.

B. CGJA zoom meeting report. Most of the counties represented were small counties. San Bernardino & Orange were the largest by population. Their issues and concerns are different than ours, but it was interesting to hear what they do and how they do it. A couple of counties screen applicants for the Grand Jury for the court. Their training materials are very comprehensive and copyrighted, so it is a good investment for the court to have their professional trainers involved in the training. They’re doing it by zoom currently. Because of Covid, a number of counties are having 18-month terms.

C. Handbook for board members Dave Chapel – With the absence of Dave Chapel, no report was given. Item is tabled to the next Board meeting.

D. April Lancaster will check with Orange County’s Credit Union to see if the Association may use their meeting room on August 5th at 10:00 am for an in-person Board of Directors’ meeting and, if so, will there be any restrictions.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by the President *pro tem* at 2:35 pm.

The next Zoom meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 3, 2021 at 2:00 pm.

By:

Barton Harlan
Board Secretary

(2 attachments follow)

Attachment #1.

GJAOC Director's Budget 2021

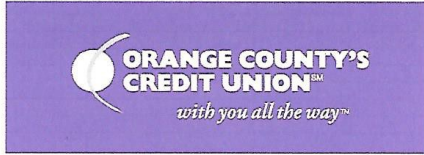
Through April 2021

INCOME	Budget	Actual
Luncheon Income	\$2,200.00	-0-
Measure M Income	\$6,000.00	-0-
Membership Dues	\$1,800.00	-0-
Interest Income	\$175.00	\$27.80
Misc. Income	-0-	-0-
Total Income	\$10,175.00	\$27.80
EXPENSE		
Luncheon Expense	\$4,250.00	-0-
Measure M Expense	\$500.00	-0-
Membership Expense	\$900.00	-0-
Badges	-0-	-0-
Newsletters/Web Expense	\$400.00	-0-
Recruiting Expenses	\$500.00	-0-
Association Expenses	\$900.00	-0-
Total Expense	\$7,450.00	\$0.00
INCOME VS EXPENSE	\$2,725.00	\$27.80

ASSETS

Checking Account	\$17,932.50
CD	\$9,559.56
Net Cash Assets	\$27,492.06

[Attachment #2.](#)



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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

Account No.	Statement Period	Page
91960540	04/01/21 Thru 04/30/21	1 of 1

ACCOUNT SUMMARY		
0008 BUSINESS EDGE CHECKING	\$	17,932.50
1011 12 MONTH CERTIFICATE	\$	9,559.56

Credit Counseling for Your Financial Journey

Did you know that Orange County's Credit Union has financial wellness resources available to Members, including free and confidential credit counseling over the phone? Credit counseling can help you to manage finances and debt, create a budget, and build your credit score. Visit our website to schedule a call and to learn about resources available including articles, video webinars, and much more!



orangecountyscu.org/resources/financial-wellness

BUSINESS EDGE CHECKING # 0008				
Beginning Balance	Deposits/Credits	Withdrawals/Debits	Ending Balance	Y-T-D Dividends
\$ 17,931.03	\$ 1.47	\$ 0.00	\$ 17,932.50	\$ 5.89

Transaction Date	Posting Date	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance	Transaction Description
04/30/21	04/30/21		1.47	17,932.50	Deposit Dividend Dividend Post Annual Percentage Yield Earned 0.10% for period 04/01/21 to 04/30/21

Authorized Signer(s): ALFRED E LYLE, STANLEY NESS, BARTON D HARLAN, JOE A MORELAND, LYNN M BONAS

12 MONTH CERTIFICATE # 1011					
Beginning Balance	Deposits/Credits	Withdrawals/Debits	Ending Balance	Y-T-D Dividends	Maturity Date
\$ 9,554.08	\$ 5.48	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,559.56	\$ 21.91	07/02/21

Transaction Date	Posting Date	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance	Transaction Description
04/30/21	04/30/21		5.48	9,559.56	Deposit Dividend Dividend Post Annual Percentage Yield Earned 0.70% for period 04/01/21 to 04/30/21

Authorized Signer(s): ALFRED E LYLE, STANLEY NESS, BARTON D HARLAN, JOE A MORELAND, LYNN M BONAS

YTD ACCOUNT SUMMARIES:		
Total Dividends Paid Year to Date:	\$	27.80

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