

President Pro Tem Message

Stan Ness, our dedicated and fearless leader, has gone through some health issues this year which have resulted in his resignation as President of the Association. He is doing well at the present time and has been in contact. I want to thank Stan on behalf of all of us on the Board and the Membership for being the person who has led us with a great deal of commitment and passion for the Grand Jury system and perpetuation of it. Stan has been dedicated to the goals and objectives of our association long before making the decision to serve on the Board. Years before accepting Roy Baker's strong arm invitation to become a board member, Stan was making presentations to various service and educational organizations in Orange County. He also trained many of us who served on the Speakers Bureau.

The Board has had two unofficial zoom meetings this year, and have been working on business as much as possible given the circumstances. We are scheduled for a zoom meeting on January 7th, 2:30 PM. We have been flexible in terms of time commitments of our board members. Minutes/notes will be posted on our website. For anyone who would like to be included to "attend" the zoom, please email us for an identification number and password. Attendance by telephone is also available through Zoom. Please email for information.



We now have an email address: gjaocinfo@yahoo.com

Our official address: P.O. Box 354 Orange, CA 92856-9998

Our Facebook page is: Grand Jurors' Association of Orange County

We are very grateful to Karen Kindschi for her skills at social media. Karen is a member of the current Grand Jury and has been given permission by the court to work as an administrator of the Facebook page in addition to promoting the Grand Jury through social media on the P&O committee.

The Superior Court has been conducting both criminal and civil trials. The court has remodeled/revamped the Jury Assembly room, and taken extraordinary measures to ensure the health and safety of anyone and everyone entering the building. The current Grand Jury is spaced throughout the areas that include the coffee area and conference rooms for spacing, and use empty courtrooms for larger



groups, as they did when we met with the P&O Committee. We were planning an outdoor/indoor meet and greet when the current lockdown was put in place. Our new goal is to get together in the Spring. The Grand Jury panel has 18 members at this point in time. Recruitment is certainly an issue, but they're definitely committed to their work and have been very busy according to their P & O chair, Doug Gillen. That committee has released a video promoting the Grand Jury on social media, and it's available on our Facebook page.

One of the few silver linings to the pandemic/lockdown is that we can meet on Zoom, and the association has an account that allows for unlimited meetings with up to 100 participants. We may be able to have a general meeting in the near future with a speaker, which is currently being researched. Our scheduled speaker for June sent a newsletter item for us, which will be published on our website. If we have requests for a written newsletter, the board will address it. Committee meetings are also available, as are positions to serve on committees.

Bill Underwood has been chair for the Measure M, OC Go committee and has agreed to continue for 2021. The OC Go committee did a great job fulfilling the responsibilities under pandemic restrictions. Bill took on the additional clerical duties pro bono that we've had to pay for in the past. Thanks again, Bill!
Attached is the information for OC Go, 2021

Needless to say 2020 has been a year where we have been tested as individuals, a nation and a world. We continue to prevail and with all the greatest hope in our hearts, we will continue to do so. I urge everyone to stay positive and strong and know that this too shall pass. We will grow and learn from this experience.

Looking forward to seeing all in 2021,

Lynn Bonas
President Pro Tem