



Grand Jurors' Association of Orange County

To the Membership of the Grand Jurors' Association of Orange County

President Pro Tem Message

All members are invited to attend Board meetings. We were very pleased to welcome Joe Boyd, 2019-2020 GJ to our meeting.

I'd like to thank the Board members who have been working to uphold the Grand Jury System with a great deal of expertise and dedication.

Alf Lyle, Second VP and Membership Chair has put his Master's in mathematics to good use in providing us with membership spreadsheets that are regularly updated and accurate. His former career in aerospace and defense ranged from ballistic missile defense, satellites, spacecraft, and that ubiquitous voice giving us all directions with GPS. Most of you know him as the person who takes care of the luncheons and dues. Alf served on the 2013-2014 GJ as Pro Tem and the 2014-2016 GJ.

Joe Moreland, Treasurer, served on the GJ 2003-2004, and served on the Board from 2005 - 2011 in various positions, including President. Joe has also served on the Measure M selection committee. His attention to detail has been very evident in the reports he prepares each month, and we are very fortunate to have his expertise.

Bart Harlan, Secretary and Parliamentarian extraordinaire, has been the go-to guy for us. Bart's background as an Army officer, Staff Chair and Athletic coach is an asset for the Board. Easy to work with, detailed and efficient in all he does besides being a lovable, kind person who keeps us in order. Bart served on the 2011-2012 GJ.

DIRECTORS

April Lancaster has worked tirelessly for the Board, as she did as a Supervisor for Customer Service in her career. April served on the 2013-2014 GJ and since that time has given dedication to volunteer activities in her community. One of the most outstanding is her mentoring of incarcerated teen boys through Probation from 2015 until recently. April was the first to volunteer for Roy Baker's Continuity Committee that stands today.

Diana Merryman has chaired Continuity Committee with energy and passion. Diana has an exceptionally interesting business career that started with polling, then going to finance, manufacturing, strategic planning, internal consulting, supply chain management, and global quality and regulatory affairs. Diana served on the 2016-2017 GJ, and will be missed as she embarks on other endeavors. Diana's enthusiasm and dedication has been appreciated along with her intelligence and skill sets!

Ian Guajardo served on the 1998-1999 Grand Jury. After serving for 12 years in the Marine Corps, Ian received his Bachelor's at Cal State Fullerton in business management. Ian has worked for different school districts and continues his career in the education field as Director of Facilities, Maintenance, Development & Transportation services for a unified school district.

Marie Whittington served on the 2015-2016 Grand Jury. She has 35 years of experience with the Orange County Probation Department, starting out as a Deputy Probation Officer and left as Division Director over Personnel, Training, and Special Projects. After leaving OC, Marie was Chief Deputy Probation Officer in San Mateo County and went on to be Chief Probation Officer for Riverside County. Most recently, Marie has been a consultant for external auditing, trainer and expert witness. Marie is serving on the Continuity Committee and has taken on our newsletter. Thanks, Marie.

Tim Ogata served on the 2018-2019 GJ. Tim's professional life has been in healthcare industry business development. Tim has served on numerous healthcare and Community Service Boards of Directors and is a lifetime member of the National Eagle Scout Association. Tim is serving on the Measure M OC Go Selection Committee and is a welcome addition to the board.

Wanda Shaffer served on the 2007-2008 and 2012-2013 GJ panels. Wanda brings a wealth of experience to this Board. After a 34 years of teaching middle school science, Wanda has devoted her great energy and time as a volunteer with the League of Women Voters as Co-President, Observer/Reporter, and currently represents the League on the Registrar of Voters CEW (Citizens Election Working group). I'm not sure that Wanda has missed many meetings of the Board of Supervisors for the League.

Grateful thanks to the following members:

Michael Morris served on the 2015-2016 GJ and is our webmaster after serving as a director on the Board. Michael's background and experience in software, computers and I.T. globally are truly appreciated. Thank you for doing the great job you do Michael!

John Moohr, 2009-2010, past President has been our Ex Officio Member consistently guiding the newbies as well as serving as Chair and Member of the Measure M OC Go selection committee, Legislative, Audit. Another valued voice that can always be counted on to step up and assist.

Dave Chapel, in our newly created Archivist position has worked very hard on not only updating our bylaws, but keeping the records of our organization relevant. Dave served on the 2013-2014 GJ. and continues to serve as a great resource.

Bill Underwood served on the 2011-2012 GJ, has served on the Board as Treasurer, Audit, Nominating, and Measure M OC Go Chair. Bill is one of the most actively involved community service volunteers on this planet. He brings a great deal of expertise and knowledge to any organization he is involved with after being a business consultant in his career. We appreciate the time and commitment Bill has for the Grand Jury System.

Sandy Dunkin has left our board, but continues to attend our meetings through Zoom. We are so grateful for Sandy's power point presentation that she has delivered to so many groups as Chair of the Speakers Bureau. Sandy worked tirelessly with the court and so many community organizations to educate the public and recruiting. Sandy's background in Marketing brought great strength and professionalism to her presentations, in addition to her down to earth style and kindness. She served on the 2013-2014 GJ.

Our leader, Stan, the attorney who has been so dedicated to preserving the Grand Jury System and served 2011-2012 is always a resource for information, advice, and great counsel (and he doesn't charge by the word, contrary to some).

The Board values your membership and input. With Covid wreaking havoc on all our lives, dues are suspended for this year. As many other organizations, we are in a holding pattern and looking forward to whenever we are allowed to get out and go inside to gather as a group. Until then, we invite you all to attend meetings via zoom. For those who need to phone in, there are instructions on our invitations with phone numbers to attend by phone only. Just contact us and we will work to include you.

Email: gjaocinfo@yahoo.com

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

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/639071563520263>

Thanks again for being a part of the Association and working to preserve this valuable commitment to transparency in government.

Stay healthy and hopeful

Best Regards,

Lynn Bonas
President Pro Tem