



January 11, 2024  
Minutes of the Board Meeting

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order 1:11 PM

Agenda Item 2. Roll Call:

Present: Doug Gillen, Karen Kindschi, Ken Blake, Lynn Bonas, Rick Barker, Chris Evans, Greg Tettermer, Larry Klementowski, Virginia Zlaket

Zoom: Bill Underwood, John Moohr, Alf Lyle, April Lancaster, Marie Whittington, Sandy Dunkin, Terri Elders, Ian Guardo, April Landcaster

Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minutes from the November 2023 Meetings:  
November Minutes as amended were approved without objection

Agenda Item 4. Membership Report: Karen Kindschi reported 84 dues paying members

Agenda Item 5. Treasurer's Report: Ken Blake presented Financial Statements for the month ended December 31, 2024. The board discussed the reduction in our reserves. The increased costs for the quarterly luncheon costs over the budgeted amount budgeted amount was discussed at length.

Ken Blake proposed a Motion: Keep the Luncheon fee at \$25 for members and raise the fee to \$30 for non-members. Motion seconded by Greg Tettermer. Motion was carried by a majority voting in the affirmative.

Agenda Item 6. Programs Report: Lynn Bonas reported- All luncheon speakers for the next full year have been secured. See the Newsletter.

## Agenda Item 7. Committee Reports

Agenda Item 7A. Measure M/OC Go: Bill Underwood's report is appended to the minutes.

Agenda Item 7B. Speakers Bureau – Sandy Dunkin: Sandy Dunkin reported that she wants to continue to be involved with Speakers' Bureau, but she requests a subcommittee and proposed Lynn Bonas, Virginia Zlaket, April Lancaster and herself would be on the subcommittee. Sandy also proposed that the Board would act as advisors to this subcommittee.

Sandy reported that Kostas' recruitment team has joined a year round recruitment effort for the Grand Jury selection. Kostas' is very happy with association efforts in recruitment.

Sandy reported that the OLLI meetings are very successful and will continue as opportunities present themselves.

Agenda Item 7C. Ad Hoc Recognition Committee – Terri Elders: Terri Elders reported that although the recognition program has been successful we should limit next year to 1 organization to be recognized.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Agenda Item 8. Updated Bylaws: Klem mentioned that there is an urgent need to update the Bylaws on some specific areas. Lynn reported that she will work with Marie on the most critical updates.

Agenda Item 9. Court Ambassador program: April Lancaster reported that the court are very appreciative of our effort, but the program is slow to get schools to participate.

Agenda Item 10. Updated Logo: Lynn Bonas reported that a new source for a logo update is being evaluated.

Agenda Item 11. Outside Event Promotions: Lynn and Karen described their participation in the Tamale Festival and were able to distribute several Grand Jury

recruitment flyers. The event was a success and the association should identify additional events where we could participate.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Agenda Item 12. Electing Officers: The following slate of Officers were elected by the board:

President: Doug Gillen  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Karen Kindschi  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Greg Tettermer  
Secretary: Rick Barker  
Treasurer: Ken Blake  
Parliamentarian: Larry Klementowski.

Agenda Item 13. Insurance coverage for association activities (Liability, E & O, Automobile): Elks' Lodge is requesting an insurance certificate for the luncheon. Without this certificate they impose an insurance charge.

Insurance was discussed and the board requested Doug to get an initial quote to cover the association and include Errors & Omissions, Liability and Automotive riders.

Agenda Item 14. Recruitment Recap: Doug reported that after 15 weeks of presentation by both the association and the current Grand Jury, 945 flyers have been distributed and over 100 applications for the Grand Jury have been received by the court. Doug mentioned that in this week alone over 100 flyers were distributed.

An information meeting will be held by the court in Courtroom C5 at 2:00PM.

Doug mentioned that some Districts need additional applicants:

District 4 has just 6 applications thus far and is urgently in need of additional applicants. The Board reviewed the county district map and District 4 includes the Northern part of the county bordering Los Angeles.

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District 3 is well represented.

District 1 & 2 started off with several applications but are “fading”

Agenda Item 15. No new business

Agenda Item 16. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 3:10PM

Submitted,

Rick Barker, Secretary

## GJAOC Board Status Update as of **1/11/2024**

### Applicant Screening Panel for Measure M/OC Go Taxpayer Oversight Committee

Topics to cover by Bill Underwood, Panel Chair

#### Summary Status:

##### 1. Contract with OCTA

- i. **New Contract Finalized & Signed** – In Effect for Next 5 years, 2024-2028
- ii. **New features** –
  - a. Increased **Annual** Payment to GJAOC (\$6,000 to \$6,500)
  - b. Added concept of **PAID ‘Standbys’** to temporarily backfill GJAOC panel members who have a schedule conflict,
  - c. Officially reduced requirement to mirror recruiting realities to propose 3 to 5 Taxpayer Oversight Committee applicant candidates per district for the Board lottery instead of 5 candidates per district.  
This was done with the revised contract wording as follows:  
**“recommend to the AUTHORITY at least three to five qualified candidates for filling each vacancy on the Taxpayer Oversight Committee, based upon best, good faith efforts.”**
  - d. Officially changed address of the GJAOC officer signing the contract from their home address to **GJAOC PO Box in Orange.**

##### 2. Replenish Future GJAOC Panelists Pool

- i. In Process – Have Contacted some select GJAOC Prospects & others still being contacted for mixture of experienced and new panel members, male & female and ethnic diversity to extent possible and hopefully mixture of Board members and General Members.  
GJAOC Board involvement is key for communications and awareness due to visibility by Boards of OCTA & OC Supervisors as well as Mayors of Major Cities annually to this activity.

# Grand Jury Association of Orange County

## Combined Income Statement and Budget vs. Actual

For the Month Ended December 31, 2023

Description	Month		Year to Date		Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
<b>Income</b>					
Luncheon Income	\$ 1,710.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,230.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Measure M Income			6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Membership Dues	180.00		1,460.00	900.00	900.00
Interest Income	75.96	2.50	460.46	30.00	40.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,965.96</b>	<b>\$ 1,002.50</b>	<b>\$ 13,150.46</b>	<b>\$ 10,930.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,940.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Luncheon Expense	\$ 3,476.94	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 9,888.45	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 7,000.00
Measure M Expense				0.00	750.00
Membership Expense	176.53		894.81	500.00	1,200.00
Conf/Badges/Business Cards	118.53		1,172.92	0.00	0.00
Newsletter/Web Expense	265.00		334.60	200.00	360.00
Donations	1,000.00		1,000.00		
Recruiting Expenses			458.98	200.00	500.00
Office Supplies			232.24	500.00	500.00
Other Expenses (P.O. Box); ACH	196.24		774.95		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 5,233.24</b>	<b>\$ 1,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,756.95</b>	<b>\$ 6,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,310.00</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ -3,267.28</b>	<b>\$ -297.50</b>	<b>\$ -1,606.49</b>	<b>\$ 4,330.00</b>	<b>\$ 630.00</b>
<b>Cash at Beginning of Month</b>					
Change for Luncheons	\$ 25.00				
Checking Account	\$ 9,873.19				
9 Month CD Account (5/18/24)	\$ 10,127.43				
9 Month CD Account (12/02/23)	\$ 10,242.97				
<b>Total Beginning Cash Available</b>	<b>\$ 30,268.59</b>				
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ -3,267.28</b>				
<b>Cash at End of Month</b>					
Change for Luncheons	\$ 25.00				
Checking Account	\$ 6,529.95				
9 Month CD Account (5/18/24)	\$ 10,165.36				
14 Month CD Account (12/02/23)	\$ 10,281.00				
<b>Total Ending Cash Available</b>	<b>\$ 27,001.31</b>				
			<b>Total Cash 1/1/23</b>	\$ 28,607.80	
			<b>2023 Net Income (Loss)</b>	\$ -1,606.49	
			<b>Total Cash 12/31/23</b>	<b>\$ 27,001.31</b>	







## Grand Jurors' Association of Orange County Financial Statements For 2019-2023 & 2024 Budget

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Budget 2024</b>
<b>INCOME</b>						
Luncheon Income	\$ 4,110.00	\$ 985.00	\$ 2,445.00	\$ 4,000.00	5,230.00	5,400.00
Measure M Income	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Membership Dues	1,800.00	480.00	140.00	900.00	1,460.00	1,500.00
Interest Income	174.76	147.53	60.06	30.00	460.46	850.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 12,084.76</b>	<b>\$ 7,612.53</b>	<b>\$ 8,645.06</b>	<b>\$ 10,930.00</b>	<b>13,150.46</b>	<b>13,750.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>						
Luncheon Expense	\$ 7,075.67	\$ 2,012.02	\$ 6,667.88	\$ 5,200.00	9,888.45	10,000.00
Measure M Expense	1,074.49	0	0	0	0	0
Membership Expense	776.70	233.75	445.94	500.00	894.81	900.00
Badges/Bus Cards/Conf.	0	297.98	0	0	1,172.92	1,200.00
Newsletter/Web Expense	208.49	283.59	125.39	200.00	334.60	350.00
Donations					1,000.00	1,250.00
Recruiting Expenses	186.00	0	0	200.00	458.98	600.00
Association Expenses	431.25	126.00	553.90	500.00	1,007.19	1,000.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 9,752.60</b>	<b>\$ 2,953.34</b>	<b>\$ 7,793.11</b>	<b>\$ 6,600.00</b>	<b>14,756.95</b>	<b>15,300.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,332.16</b>	<b>\$ 4,659.19</b>	<b>\$ 851.95</b>	<b>\$ 4,330.00</b>	<b>-1,606.49</b>	<b>-1,550.00</b>
<b>Assets</b>						
Luncheon Change					25.00	25.00
Checking Account:	\$ 13,519.92	\$ 17,926.61	\$ 18,738.11	\$ 23,068.11	6,529.95	4,130.00
CD:	\$ 9,405.83	\$ 9,537.65	\$ 9,578.10	\$ 9,600.00	20,446.36	21,296.00
<b>Net Cash Assets:</b>	<b>\$ 22,925.75</b>	<b>\$ 27,464.26</b>	<b>\$ 28,316.21</b>	<b>\$ 32,668.11</b>	<b>27,001.31</b>	<b>25,451.00</b>

Luncheon Expense—total cost for 4 luncheons each year.

Measure M Expense—costs for copies and processing applications each year.

Membership Expense—invoices submitted by members for Board expenses.

Badges/Bus. Cards/Conf—Pins for Grand Jury members; Bus Cards for Board; Calif GJA Mtg

Newsletter/Web Expense—printing and mailing newsletter and expenses to maintain our Web site.

Recruiting Expenses—producing and distributing recruitment materials.

Association Expenses—expenses for office supplies, ACH fees and government filing fees.