

Minutes from GJAOC meeting of April 3, 2025

Meeting held via Zoom

Call to Order @ 1:00 P.M.

CGJA Presentation Prior to the Meeting

Greg had asked representatives from CGJA to make a brief presentation prior to the meeting to provide our Board members with a better understanding of the pros and cons of being a Chapter as opposed to our current status as an Association. Larry and Sharon spoke of shared goals of education and recruitment. There are currently 25 Chapters in CGJA, most located in Northern California, and much smaller in membership. CGJA does provide government filings for some of these non-profits. San Diego and Orange County remain Associations, while LA County has recently decided to become a Chapter again. Our Association can remain connected to CGJA with three or more of our members are also members of CGJA, and it appears that we have more than that already. Comments were made by Board members that many of the CGJA programs are similar to what the Association is already doing, and we share the same goals and objectives. Issues with working under CGJA by laws were discussed, with the consensus that our Board would like to retain our independence while still benefitting from a working relation with CGJA. Members will attend the next CGJA conference on San Luis Obispo, as this is an opportunity to make connections and find new ways to grow our outreach programs.

Greg will prepare an email to Larry and Sharon thanking them for this presentation while explaining our desire to retain our current status.

Roll Call: Members Present: Ken Blake, Chris Evans, Greg Tettemer, John Moohr, Lynette Fujitani Terri Elders, Lynn Bonas, Karen Kindschi, Lynn Fenton, Doug Gillen, (Recording Secretary)

Guests Present: Bill Underwood, Alf Lyle, (Larry Herbst, Sharron Debenedetti from CGJA for their presentation only)

Approval of Minutes of February 2025, Board Meeting

Greg made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Terri. Minutes were approved by consensus

Membership Report – Greg Tettemer

Greg reported that there were no changes to the numbers reported at the February meeting with the exception of the passing of one person. Forty two attended the March lunch, with eight from the current Grand Jury.

Treasurer's Report – Ken Blake

Ken stated that there was nothing new to report.

Programs Report - Chris Evans

Chris stated that the speaker and menu for the next lunch has not been determined.

Committee Reports

A, Measure M OC Go – Bill Underwood

Bill reported that recruitment for the TOC is underway, and numbers are positive for districts three and five, but behind in districts one and four. Backup members are in place should someone on the interview panel be unavailable. He wondered if there could be some information added to our website or newsletter about this process. Our new compensation from OCTA for conducting these interviews is now \$6,500.

B. Speakers Bureau- Patti Whitman

Patti was not present to make a report.

C. Recognition Committee - Terri Elders

Terri stated she had nothing to report, but the committee is planning to meet.

D. Public Relations (Newsletter) – Greg Tettemer

Greg stated that the newsletter will be coming out in the next couple of weeks, and he is looking for contributions and any updates on subjects such as court tours.

OLD BUSINESS

Planning is underway to provide lunch for the seated Grand Jury sometime in May. Greg will reach out to Joyce for timing. It was noted that this panel does not take a lunch break, but Doug observed that they have lunch brought in from Crave, a nearby catering service.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55