

Minutes from GJAOC Meeting November 6, 2025
Meeting held via Zoom

Call to Order @ 1:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Members Present – Karen, Lynette, Lynn, Chris, Greg, Terri, Doug
(Recording Secretary)

Guests Present – Alf Lyle

Approval of Minutes for October 1, 2025

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

Membership Report – Greg Tettermer

Only one minor change with one person dropping from the website.

Treasurer's Report –

There was no report, but Ken's information will be attached to the minutes of November.

Programs Report – Chris Evans

Judge Carter will be speaking at the December luncheon and he is finalizing the menu.

Committee Reports

A. **Measure M/OC Go** – No Report

B. **Recruitment** - Doug Gillen – OLLI @ CSUF, OC Bar Assn. Event
Doug reported on the two OLLI presentations and that UCI and CSUF will be adding Grand Jury presentations to their next year class listings. The OCBA event was well attended, and Grand Jury fliers were passed out. Petit Jury presentations for the past four weeks has been made to 463 panels with 405 fliers passed out.

C. **Recognition Committee** – Terri Elders

The committee met on November 5th, and Terri, Lynn, Lynette and Karen discussed what organizations to consider for recognition. There was discussion about recognizing fire preparation which was considered in the past. Also, under consideration were agencies working with mental health including young adults and those in fire and emergency services. Previous reports were considered.

Karen brought up an issue for the Board. She made an appeal for the Board to consider funding an emergency food drive held by Orangewood Foundation.

They are preparing bags for young adults who have aged out of the foster care system. She inquired if this was an appropriate use of some of our funds and there was discussion. Positive comments were made. Greg stated that there is nothing in our by-laws to prevent this action. Terri made a motion that we make a one-time purchase food for this emergency request not to exceed \$500. The motion was seconded by Karen and passed unanimously. Lynn will purchase the food as she has a list of items already from Orangewood.

D. Public Relations Newsletter – Greg Tettermer

Greg stated that the latest newsletter was posted a couple of weeks ago, and to let him know if you have any items to be added along with any photos.

E. Report from CA GJA Conference - Greg Tettermer

Greg provided details of his meeting with CGJA in San Luis Obispo. He noted that there were two others from past OC Grand Juries also in attendance, who are not members of the Association. Two are currently trainers for CGJA. Meetings were held discussing AI use, along with some cautions. The President's report noted that CGJA provided training in 54 countries in California this past year. Breakout meetings discussed using social media such as Face Book and Next Door. Greg noted that there are major differences in how Grand Jury alumni groups interact with their county and the seated Grand Jury. Some use podcasts and there was discussion about adding key words into word searches that would draw people to Grand Jury sites. A key question was, "What is your mission?" How is your association connecting to the community. Greg noted that there is now a set of metrics whereby past reports can be evaluated on how effective they were in making changes. CGJA also has information on their website about public relations, talking points, and brochures. He noted that February is Grand Jury Awareness Month. Not sure if there are any special plans. CGJA will also be conducting a Zoom meeting on November 19th. For more information, please check their website at cgja.org.

Greg noted that he has been approached by the LA County Civil Grand Jury association asking if we could coordinate. He was not sure specifically what this question was all about but will contact them for more information. He asked if our Association would consider becoming a member group of CGJA. This has been discussed in the past, and there are pros and cons which will be discussed at the first meeting in January. He noted that the next statewide meeting of CGJA will be held in Sacramento.

There was minor discussion about bills for Zoom, the website, and other accounts, and one small piece of old business regarding one year terms, which will be sorted out later.

The meeting concluded at 1:53 P.M.

Category	Number
Historical master member list	236
Current master member list (includes staff)	187
Dues paid for 2025-26 (includes free dues 24-25 GJ) Also 1 person paid for 26-27	58
In Newsletter email list (Includes 3 staff) Hailey, Debbie, Kostas	184
In Luncheon email list (Includes 6 staff) Hailey, Debbie, Kostas, Joyce, Judges Hanson & Hernandez	187
Attended September 2025 luncheon list (includes 2 speakers, 3 guests, 12 GJ)	47
Members who have attended at least 1 luncheon in last 8	93
Members who have attended no luncheons in last 8	113

Grand Jury Association of Orange County

Combined Income Statement and Budget vs. Actual

For the Month Ended August 31, 2025

Description	Month		Year to Date		Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
Income					
Luncheon Income	\$	\$	\$ 1,905.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 5,400.00
Measure M Income			0.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
Membership Dues		80.00	580.00	900.00	900.00
Interest Income		67.51	565.03	566.66	850.00
Total Income	\$	\$ 147.51	\$ 3,050.03	\$ 10,666.66	\$ 13,650.00
Expenses					
Luncheon Expense	\$	\$	\$ 3,480.67	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 9,000.00
Measure M Expense			0.00	666.67	1,000.00
Membership Expense			422.96	333.33	500.00
Badges			90.45	800.00	1,200.00
Newsletter/Web Expense			168.00	133.33	200.00
Recruiting Expenses			0.00	333.33	500.00
Donations			0.00		
Office Supplies			0.00	333.33	500.00
Other Expenses (Merchant Fee)		19.39	219.17	266.67	400.00
Total Expenses	\$	\$ 19.39	\$ 4,381.25	\$ 7,366.66	\$ 13,300.00
Net Income (Loss)	\$	\$ 128.12	\$ -1,331.22	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 350.00
Cash at Beginning of Month					
Change for Luncheons	\$	25.00			
Checking Account	\$	5,615.05			
14 Month CD Account (09/26/26)	\$	9,480.59			
8 Month CD Account (10/06/25)	\$	11,010.54			
Total Beginning Cash Available	\$	26,131.18			
Net Income (Loss)	\$	128.12			
Cash at End of Month					
Change for Luncheons	\$	25.00			
Checking Account	\$	5,675.66			
14 Month CD Account (09/26/26)	\$	9,509.11			
8 Month CD Account (10/06/25)	\$	11,049.53			
Total Ending Cash Available	\$	26,259.30			
			Total Cash 1/1/25	\$	27,590.52
			2024 YTD Net Income (Loss)	\$	-1,331.22
			Total Cash 8/31/25	\$	26,259.30

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Description	Month		Year to Date		Annual
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
Income					
Luncheon Income	\$ 1,115.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 3,020.00	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 5,400.00
Measure M Income	6,500.00		6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
Membership Dues	240.00	225.00	820.00	900.00	900.00
Interest Income	65.54	70.83	630.57	637.50	850.00
Total Income	\$ 7,920.54	\$ 1,645.83	\$ 10,970.57	\$ 12,087.50	\$ 13,650.00
Expenses					
Luncheon Expense	\$ 2,491.93	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 5,972.60	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 9,000.00
Measure M Expense					1,000.00
Membership Expense			422.96	375.00	500.00
Badges	594.60		685.05	900.00	1,200.00
Newsletter/Web Expense			168.00	150.00	200.00
Recruiting Expenses					500.00
Donations	500.00		500.00		
Office Supplies				375.00	500.00
Other Expenses (Merchant Fee)	18.90		238.07	300.00	400.00
Total Expenses	\$ 3,605.43	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 7,986.68	\$ 8,850.00	\$ 13,300.00
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 4,315.11	\$ -604.17	\$ 2,983.89	\$ 3,237.50	\$ 350.00
Cash at Beginning of Month					
Change for Luncheons	\$ 25.00				
Checking Account	\$ 5,675.66				
14 Month CD Account (09/26/26)	\$ 9,509.11				
8 Month CD Account (10/06/25)	\$ 11,049.53				
Total Beginning Cash Available	\$ 26,259.30				
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 4,315.11				
Cash at End of Month					
Change for Luncheons	\$ 25.00				
Checking Account	\$ 9,925.23				
14 Month CD Account (09/26/26)	\$ 9,536.79				
8 Month CD Account (10/06/25)	\$ 11,087.39				
Total Ending Cash Available	\$ 30,574.41				
			Total Cash 1/1/25	\$ 27,590.52	
			2024 YTD Net Income (Loss)	\$ 2,983.89	
			Total Cash 9/30/25	\$ 30,574.41	

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	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
Income					
Luncheon Income	\$	\$	\$ 3,020.00	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 5,400.00
Measure M Income			6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
Membership Dues			820.00	900.00	900.00
Interest Income		62.08	692.65	708.33	850.00
Total Income	\$	62.08	\$ 11,032.65	\$ 12,158.33	\$ 13,650.00
Expenses					
Luncheon Expense	\$	\$	\$ 5,950.62	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 9,000.00
Measure M Expense				833.33	1,000.00
Membership Expense			422.96	416.67	500.00
Badges			685.05	1,000.00	1,200.00
Newsletter/Web Expense			168.00	166.67	200.00
Recruiting Expenses				416.67	500.00
Donations			500.00		
Office Supplies				416.67	500.00
Other Expenses (Merchant Fee)		28.93	288.98	333.33	400.00
Total Expenses	\$	28.93	\$ 8,015.61	\$ 11,083.33	\$ 13,300.00
Net Income (Loss)	\$	33.15	3,017.04	1,075.00	350.00

Cash at Beginning of Month

Change for Luncheons	\$	25.00
Checking Account	\$	9,925.23
14 Month CD Account (09/26/26)	\$	9,536.79
8 Month CD Account (10/06/25)	\$	11,087.39

Total Beginning Cash Available 30,574.41

Net Income (Loss) \$ 33.15

Cash at End of Month

Change for Luncheons	\$	25.00
Checking Account	\$	9,896.30
14 Month CD Account (09/26/26)	\$	9,565.48
9 Month CD Account (07/08/26)	\$	11,120.78

Total Ending Cash Available \$ 30,607.56

Total Cash 1/1/25 \$ 27,590.52

2025 YTD Net Income (Loss) \$ 3,017.04

Total Cash 10/31/25 \$ 30,607.56

GRAND JUROR'S ASSOCIATION OF ORANGE COUNTY

2025 Check-Deposit Register

NUMBER	DATE	TO/FROM	AMOUNT	YTD	FOR
	1/1/2024	Beginning Balance		7,571.91	
ACH	1/3/2025	US Alliance	-23.19	7,548.72	Merchant Fee
ACH	2/4/2025	US Alliance	-18.90	7,529.82	Merchant Fee
ACH	3/4/2025	US Alliance	-18.90	7,510.92	Merchant Fee
487	3/5/2025	Fed Ex	-90.45	7,420.47	Board business cards
	3/6/2025	Members	995.00	8,415.47	Cash & Checks for Luncheon
489	3/7/2025	Santa Ana Elks	-1,787.75	6,627.72	Luncheon Food Expense
ACH	3/10/2025	Members	100.00	6,727.72	Credit Cards for Luncheon
488	3/10/2025	Ralph's	-34.94	6,692.78	Candy for Luncheon
ACH	4/2/2025	US Alliance	-22.52	6,670.26	Merchant Fee
ACH	5/2/2025	US Alliance	-18.90	6,651.36	Merchant Fee
ACH	6/3/2025	US Alliance	-18.90	6,632.46	Merchant Fee
490	6/3/2025	Ken Blake	-20.00	6,612.46	Reimburse Sec of State Filing Fee
491	6/3/2025	Attorney General	-25.00	6,587.46	Annual Filing Fee
	6/5/2025	Members	770.00	7,357.46	Cash & Checks for Luncheon
493	6/6/2025	Santa Ana Elks	-1,606.23	5,751.23	Luncheon Food Expense
ACH	6/9/2025	Members	540.00	6,291.23	Credit Cards for Luncheon
492	6/12/2025	Lynn Bonas	-51.75	6,239.48	Gift Boxes and Luncheon Candy
494	6/17/2025	Greg Tettermer	-168.00	6,071.48	Reimburse for Constant Contact
495	6/27/2025	Lynn Bonas	-358.32	5,713.16	Reimburse for Seated GJ Luncheon
ACH	7/2/2025	US Alliance	-33.47	5,679.69	Merchant Fee
496	7/11/2025	Lynn Bonas	-64.64	5,615.05	John Moohr flowers
ACH	8/4/2025	US Alliance	-19.39	5,595.66	Merchant Fee
	8/9/2025	Members	80.00	5,675.66	Dues
	9/4/2025	US Alliance	-18.90	5,656.76	Merchant Fee
	9/11/2025	Members	1,010.00	6,666.76	Cash & Checks for Luncheon
499	9/12/2025	Santa Ana Elks	-2,469.95	4,196.81	Luncheon Food Expense
	9/15/2025	Members	345.00	4,541.81	Credit Cards for Luncheon
497	9/15/2025	Quality Lapel Pins	-594.60	3,947.21	GJ Pins
498	9/16/2025	Orange Cty Aging Coalition	-500.00	3,447.21	Donation
	9/24/2025	Orange Cty Trans Authority	6,500.00	9,947.21	Oversight Billing
500	9/24/2025	Lynn Bonas	-21.98	9,925.23	Candy for Luncheon
ACH	10/2/2025	US Alliance	-28.93	9,896.30	Merchant Fee

14 Month CD Certificate (2/4/25)

14 Month CD Certificate (7/20/25)

DATE	AMOUNT	YTD	DATE	AMOUNT	YTD
1/1/2025		10,744.94	1/1/2025		9,248.67
1/31/2025	40.24	10,785.18	1/31/2025	34.64	9,283.31
02/06/025	4.14	10,789.32	2/28/2025	31.40	9,314.71
Transferred to 8 Mo.		-10,789.32			

8 Month CD Certificate (10/06/25)

2/6/2025	10789.32	10,789.32			
2/28/2025	30.80	10,820.12			
3/31/2025	38.31	10,858.43	3/31/2025	34.89	9,349.60
4/30/2025	37.21	10,895.64	4/30/2025	33.89	9,383.49
5/31/2025	38.58	10,934.22	5/31/2025	35.15	9,418.64

14 Month CD Certificate (09/26/26)

6/30/2025	37.47	10,971.69	6/30/2025	34.14	9,452.78
			7/20/2025	22.30	9,475.08
			7/20/2025		-9,475.08
					0.00

14 Month CD Certificate (09/26/26)

07/31/025	38.85	11,010.54	7/20/2025		9,475.08
8/31/2025	38.99	11,049.53	7/31/2025	5.51	9,480.59
			8/31/2025	28.52	9,509.11
9/30/2025	37.86	11,087.39	9/30/2025	27.68	9,536.79
10/6/2025	6.50	11,093.89			
Transferred to 9 Mo.		-11,093.89			

9 Month CD Certificate (07/08/2026)

10/8/2025	11,093.89	11,093.89	10/31/2025	28.69	9,565.48
10/31/2025	26.89	11,120.78			

Civil Grand Jurors' Association of California 2025 Annual Conference Final Report

Held at Embassy Suites, San Luis Obispo

Conference Summary

Introduction

GJAOC members who attended- Greg Tetterer (GJAOC 2nd VP), Joyce Keller (CGJA Trainer), John Woodward

Also note here that GJAOC member Chris Pounds is also a CGJA Trainer but was unable to attend

My second time attending; I also attended last year. Very worthwhile.

Sunday 10/26/25

1:00 Opening Remarks- Lloyd Bell, Conference Chair

1:15 Keynote Address- *Understanding Artificial Intelligence*

Dr. Foaad Khosmood, Professor, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

digitaldemocracy.org, foradd.net, foaad@calpoly.edu

Presented nice summary of AI suitable for laypeople

Recommended that the Grand Jury system should be careful since information can be easily hacked/stolen. GJ confidentiality could be at risk.

2:15 President's Report

Training is a key focus of the organization and has been performed in 54 of the 58 counties

All sections are growing

2:55 Best Report Award

San Joaquin County- "Stockton School Board" 2021-22

3:10 Breakout Sessions #1

1- *Ask the Trainer*

2- *Strategies for Recruiting Grand Jury Members*

3- *Harnessing Social Media*

Note that counties are very different

Facebook most effective

What is visible to non-members?

Nextdoor

Podcasts on community websites- one or 2 minutes per report

Report abstracts on websites

Perform keyword searches to find places to advertise

Ex. citizen engagement in Orange County, citizen watchdog

4:10 Breakout Sessions #2

1- *Ask the Trainer*

2- *Writing Effective Press Releases and Op-Eds*

3- *What's Your Chapter's Purpose?*

CGJA Mission- "To promote, preserve, and support the grand jury system through training, education, and outreach"

Facebook most effective & Nextdoor also mentioned

Discussed on-going work obtaining performance metrics

- Referred to last year's presentation on Grand Jury Lab by Cuyama College Professor Josue France
- Several CGJA members are working to obtain metrics so we can show citizens how our work improves the community
- Developed Excel templates to document reports
- I've agreed to provide info on OC reports. Will start with 2024-25 reports
- AI techniques also being investigated
- Eventually will pass on task to current GJs

4:55 Report Out from Session Leaders

Public Relations Committee has produced "Talking Points" available on the CGJA website. Similar to our brochures

Monday 10/27/25

9:00 Day 2 Opening Remarks- Lloyd Bell, Conference Chair
\$5k donations this year helps reduce the cost for next year

9:10 Panel Discussion- Chapter Relations

Keep members active

Good relationship with GJ foreperson (more later)

More than 1 activity

Hold regular meetings & make them convenient

Provide a “human connection”

Challenges and triumphs

Relationships with Court, staff, trainers, current GJ (more later)

GJ awareness month is February

What should we plan?

Some orgs have good relationship with Supervisors

Communication and Support

November 19 Zoom meeting to share best practices

Chapter Resources documents page on website

10:25 CGJA Questions

Public Relations needs volunteers

Final Thoughts

Relationship with current GJ

Many current GJ members attended

Many orgs have closer relationship with GJ

Our interaction with current GJ is generally via Foreperson & Joyce. This keeps us independent and in good standing with the Court. Primarily this way because our GJ also has criminal function

LA County wants to coordinate with us

Review becoming CGJA members again

Marsha can attend Board meeting

Next year's Convention November 1 & 2 in Sacramento