

Minutes from GJAOC Meeting April 2, 2026 - Meeting held via Zoom

**Call to Order @ 1:13 PM**

**Roll Call: Members Present in Person** – Lynn Bonas., Lisa Winter, Greg Tetteimer, Chris Evans.

**Members Present via Zoom** – Lynn Fenton, Terri Elders, Lynette Fujitani, Chris Pounds, Doug Gillen (Recording Secretary)

**Ex-Officio Present via Zoom:** John Moohr

**Guests Present via Zoom–** Alf Lyle, Joe Barrett, Bill Underwood

**Approval of Minutes for February 5, 2026**

Chris E. made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Lisa. Minutes were approved by consensus.

**Membership Report – Greg Tetteimer**

Greg’s numbers have been added to notes at the end of the these minutes.

**Treasurer’s Report – Ken Blake**

Ken was not present at the meeting, and his information would be added later.

**Programs Report - Chris Evans**

Chris noted that there had been an error at the last luncheon. Soup and salad were not served to over 40 meals. The error was identified by Elk’s staff, and they want to apply \$3.00 credit for each missed item for our next luncheon. Trying to figure out which guest would receive credit is not worth the effort, so there was discussion about applying the total credit to our next luncheon bill in June

The next scheduled speaker for the June luncheon will be Gaddi Vasquez, and Terri will conduct the introduction.

**Committee Reports:**

**A. Measure M OC Go – Bill Underwood**

Bill reported that the old name OC Go has been dropped and that there are openings for the TOC Board for Districts #2 and #3. Advertising for these openings has evolved into seven types:

1. Paid & Organic Serial Media Posts
2. Online OC Register Ads
3. Press Releases

4. Emails to past Finalists not selected
5. Ads in Chinese, Vietnamese & Spanish publications
6. OCTA Newsletter
7. Shared solicitations with elected officials

To date they have received 10 applications, six for District #3 and one for District #2. There were three applications, but from people living in the wrong district.

Bill was glad that they have the same interview team as last year and noted that there is one more month to receive applications before the interview process begins in early May.

### **B. Recognition Committee - Terri Elders**

Terri stated that there was nothing new to report. However, she would like to move forward with Karen's suggestion to consider recognizing two groups in 2027. It was noted that Orangewood Foundation was a worthy agency to recognize this year.

There was discussion related to Orangewood's ongoing need for supplies, such as toiletries, and Lynn B. said that she has found a source for such items. Terri wondered if others could bring their collected items to the next luncheon so someone could take them. There was discussion as to where to drop off more supplies, with directions provided.

### **OLD BUSINESS - CGJA membership**

There was discussion regarding financial issues as well as differences in By-Laws between CGJA and the Association. Greg noted that he was aware of three or four people who worked on By-laws in the past, but nothing seemed to be finalized. There was discussion about how the By-laws from 2019 had been updated, the Board had approved changes in August, and the updated version was presented to members at the September luncheon and approved.

There still seems to be confusion as to how our finances would work should we join CGJA. There were issues with this dating back to a time between 2012 and 2019. The general consensus was that if the Association were to cease to exist any remaining funds should be used in Orange County.

Lynn B. noted that Lynn F. is the new Parliamentarian. Future updates to the By-laws will be needed, but we need to notify Association members in advance.'

There was more discussion related to the thousands of dollars currently in Association accounts. If the Association were to cease, John suggested that any remaining funds be kept in Orange County and possibly given to the Court for Grand Jury outreach. But, given our current viable status, he recommended that we maintain substantial funds,

since the Association doesn't have insurance, and those funds may be needed if we were ever sued.

It was noted that in our Articles of Incorporation, Directors are not responsible but could still be held liable if we were sued.

Greg raised the point of keeping so much money, when we could be using some for things besides recognition or supplementing the cost of lunches.

Bill commented that there were a couple of options should the Association "go out of business." The Board could find a similar organization to give the money to, or we could give the money to CGJA to hold in trust.

Doug suggested that we take some of the funds, use them to print up the new tri-fold fliers for Grand Jury service and put them in the hands of Association members to pass out to their contacts in civic groups and even have some in Petit Jury rooms at all the courts. Given the problems of recruiting, personnel contacts, speaking in small groups, and other methods are needed to reach more applicants.

Chris P. noted that more outreach is needed, and using some of our funds to advertise through County association magazines might be another use. He also suggested giving a donation to the seated Grand Jury to help fund a Christmas party.

It was noted that CGJA is mostly comprised of members from smaller counties, and that CGJA wants larger counties, such as ours to join. A question was raised, "Will they ask for our help?" There was discussion about sharing information at the annual conference and the need to get our Grand Jury reports into CGJA for review and feedback.

Bill commented that in the past there was a reluctance to join CGJA due to fear of losing independence and flexibility of our own activities and actions. Loss of control for how we want to proceed was a non-starter.

Greg made the point that having larger counties in CGJA would have more impact on the State Legislature should it be needed.

Lynn noted that with the By-law issues, Lynn F. should print out ours and CGJA's and run side by side reviews to see where, if any, the sticking points are. For now, she would like to table joining CGJA .

Greg commented that in our previous meeting with Marcia from CGJA there were points we differed, but they were negotiable.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Doug stated that the Court will be sponsoring a booth at the Orange County Fair from August 7<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup>, with hours from 11 AM to 7 PM. Chris P. has been working

with the Court contact, and we need to build a list of volunteers to work shifts for these three days, working alongside volunteers from the Court. Parking and gate passes will be provided.

Lynn B. said that the UCI OLLI presentation will be on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM.

**(Additional notes)**

**Membership Data**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Number</b>
Historical master member list	236
Current master member list (includes 6 staff & current GJ)	201
Dues paid for 2025-26 (includes free dues 24-25 GJ)	79
Dues paid for 2026-27	6
In Newsletter email list (Includes 3 staff) Hailey, Debbie, Kostas	198
In Luncheon email list (Includes 6 staff) Hailey, Debbie, Kostas, Joyce, Judges Hanson & Flynn-Peister	201
Attended March 2026 luncheon (includes 2 speakers, 2 guests, 1 staff, 8 current GJ)	44
Members who have attended at least 1 luncheon in last 3 years	100
Members who have attended no luncheons in last 3 years	126