

Minutes from GJAOC Meeting August 6, 2026 - Meeting held via Zoom

Call to Order at 1:03 PM

Roll Call

Members present in person: Lynn Bonas, Chris Evans, Ken Blake, Lisa Winter, Greg Tettemer

Members present via Zoom: Karen Kindschi, Lynette Fujitani, Lynn Fenton, Terri Elders, Doug Gillen (Recording Secretary)

Ex-Officio present via Zoom: John Moohr

Guests present via Zoom: Joe Barrett, Alf Lyle, Bill Underwood

Approval of Minutes of May 7th Board Meeting

Ken made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Greg. The motion passed by consensus.

Membership Report – Greg Tettemer

Greg provided information ahead of the meeting but noted that the number of members with dues paid through 2025-26 was 79 and already there are 51 with dues paid through 2026-27. He also commented that 196 are on the Luncheon email list, 191 are on the Newsletter email list, and that attendance at the last luncheon was 45, but those attending commented that it was a good presentation. Greg and Lynn provided lunch for the seated Grand Jury on Tuesday, and seven of them have already signed up to be members of GJAOC. See the summary table at the end of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report – Ken Blake

Ken reported that there was nothing new but did want to thank Bill Underwood and the TOC committee for their work and the recent check from OCTA. He stated that he has opened a new CD with a 14 month maturation period and 3.6% interest. He noted that the Association now has two CD's which are adding about \$60 per month to our funds. See the tables at the end of the minutes.

Programs Report - Chris Evans

Chris stated that there is no speaker yet for the September luncheon, and the menu will be coming shortly. Also, issues with Cobb salads has been resolved.

Committee Reports

A. Measure M OC Go – Bill Underwood

Bill commented later in the meeting after he logged in. He stated that there is a solid team for next year's TOC application review process, but they will need a couple more people to fill the panel.

Of importance was the fact that Alice Rogan has retired from OCTA, and she was very helpful in the TOC selection process. Bill noted that being a member of TOC requires a commitment to attend quarterly meetings and be diligent in following the financial working of OCTA.

He was concerned with the poor turnout of applicants from the two Districts this past year, particularly District #2. The solution was to go back to those who had applied from this District previously and had not been selected and asked if they wanted to reapply. The results were worth the ask.

Bill noted that the sources for applicants, such as newspapers and magazines have dried up, so there is a need to look for other sources, such as social media to obtain more applicants for TOC. He commented that there is a lack of willingness to volunteer for civic service.

B. Recognition Committee - Terri Elders

Terri said that there is nothing new, but that she wants to send an email to the members of this committee to review potential candidates. She is looking at non-profit agencies who are addressing hate crime issues and noted a past Grand Jury report on hate crimes in Orange County. She also recommended members who are interested in how this is a problem, even in Orange County to read a new book titled "American Reich." She noted that while there are lapses in how local government agencies are addressing this, there are others who are stepping up.

OLD BUSINESS

By-laws

Lynn Fenton noted that there were no minutes to document the approval of the By-law changes in August of 2024, and without this, the current By-laws are illegal. It was noted that this topic was on the agenda for that meeting, but no record exists of what transpired.

There was discussion about how to move forward. Can we revisit this, rework the existing By-laws? The point was made that any changes need to be presented to the membership 30 days in advance before they can vote on these changes and there is not enough time now to do this, so if any changes are made, they would have to be voted on by the membership at the December luncheon.

There was discussion about what would happen to all of our bank accounts if the Association disbanded. Would it go to the CGJA or some other organization. Who would benefit from these funds?

Greg asked why the Association doesn't want to join CGJA, and there was more discussion on this topic. He suggested we send them a draft copy of our By-laws and see what recommendations they might offer for changes so ours would be in compliance with those of CGJA. He suggested that there should be no major conflict anticipated.

Lynn Bonas pointed out that CGJA was formed several years after the Association was formed, and we have autonomy as an NPO. We could help smaller counties, but they would need to ask for our help.

Later, Greg suggested that Lynn Fenton submit a draft of our new By-laws to CGJA and ask, "What do you think?" Are there changes they would suggest? If those changes are not workable for the Association, then we can say no thank you. Lynn Fenton said that she would work with CGJA and Marsha, our contact there to see what they thought.

Karen asked us to circle back and asked what is it that we want/need to know is the Association should dissolve and what happens to the monies in our accounts.

John Moohr pointed out again that the funds could be used to benefit smaller FJ groups and Greg added that the CGJA website notes how some of their funds are used to provide resources to smaller Grand Juries.

There was discussion about the Association's tax status. Are we a 501-C (3) or C (4)? Ken noted that we are C (4) and the distinction is that a C (4) can lobby. There was confusion as to when this change took place, and members from the past noted that it happened during a time when the former treasurer did not submit IRS documents on time and an outside accounting firm was needed to rectify the situation.

E&O Insurance

Lynn Bonas has done more research on this topic and looked at our liability exposures, which are minimal.

She inquired of an insurance agent about what the costs were for an E&O policy and was quoted at \$300. But after providing Board membership data, the figure jumped to \$3,600. Again, what are our exposures?

Ken wondered if we could ask if E&O coverage provided for CGJA member groups when we submit our By-laws for review.

NEW BUSINESS

Slate of Board members for the September Election

Lynette suggested that we add Shelly Tischler to the Board. It was noted that there is a requirement to have five members elected one year and six the next. Greg said that he would contact Shelly to see if she was agreeable.

Greg will create a ballot for the September meeting. See the summary of the current Board and sample ballot at the end of the minutes.

John wanted to know if there were any termed out members and the answer was no.

Lynn brought up the request from Chris Pounds to have a \$300 expense account set aside so if members who were speaking at an engagement needed to pay for lunch, they could present receipts and be reimbursed. Doug explained that some speaking engagements have lunch provided and noted that there was a request to have some reimbursement for those parking at the OC Fair this coming weekend. The fund would not exceed \$300 and documentation for reimbursement would be required. Lisa made a motion to approve this fund, which was seconded by Greg and approved by consensus.

Lynn also commented on the recent lunch with the seated Grand Juru and how they are currently down to 15 with no alternates and how the Court is working to fill the shortage through bringing in past members and those who did not get into the pool of 30. This is an emergency addition.

Greg pointed out that the next Civil Grand Jury Association (CGJA) of California Conference is scheduled for November 1st and 2nd and will be held in Sacramento. He plans to attend and pointed out that the meeting starts in the afternoon of the first and wraps up on the morning of the 2nd. If someone else is interested, let him know.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10

Membership Summary

Category	Number
Historical master member list	236
Current master member list Includes 6 staff Includes 7 current Grand Jurors	197
Dues paid for 2025-26 (includes free dues 24-25 GJ)	79
Dues paid for 2026-27	51
In Newsletter email list (Includes 1 staff) Kostas	191
In Luncheon email list (Includes 6 staff) Hailey, Marcie, Kostas, Joyce, Judges Hanson & Flynn-Peister	196
Attended June 2026 luncheon (includes 1 speaker, 3 guests, 1 staff, 7 current 25-26 GJ)	45
Members who have attended at least 1 luncheon in last 3 years	100
Members who have attended no luncheons in last 3 years	134

2026 GJAOC Board

Director	Name	Term, Year	Position	Other Responsibilities	Notes
1	Lynn Bonas	2,1	President		
2	Chris Evans	2,1	1 st VP Programs		
3	Greg Tettermer	2,1	2 nd VP Membership	Webmaster PR Chair (Newsletter)	
4	Doug Gillen	2,2	Secretary		
5	Ken Blake	2,2	Treasurer		
6	Lynn Fenton	1,2	Director	Parliamentarian	Replaced Klem Klementowski
7	Terri Elders	2,1	Director	Recognition Chair	
8	Karen Kindschi	2,2	Director		Resigning
9	Lynette Fujitani	2,1	Director		Replaced Sandy Dunkin
10	Chris Poundst	1,1	Director		
11	Lisa Winter	1,2	Director		Replaced Vacancy

Sample Ballot

2027 GJAOC Board Ballot

Vote for 5

☐ Doug Gillen- Incumbent
 ☐ Ken Blake- Incumbent
 ☐ Lynn Fenton- Incumbent
 ☐ Lisa Winter- Incumbent
 ☐ Write in
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Grand Jury Association of Orange County

Combined Income Statement and Budget vs. Actual

For the Month Ended May 31, 2026

Description	Month		Year to Date		Annual
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
Income					
Luncheon Income	\$	\$	\$ 1,180.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 4,400.00
Measure M Income					6,500.00
Membership Dues			100.00	333.33	900.00
Interest Income	64.76	70.83	313.56	354.17	750.00
Total Income	\$ 64.76	\$ 70.83	\$ 1,593.56	\$ 2,037.50	\$ 12,550.00
Expenses					
Luncheon Expense	\$	\$	\$ 2,031.44	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 9,000.00
Measure M Expense					1,000.00
Membership Expense					500.00
Badges			0.00	500.00	1,000.00
Newsletter/Web Expense					360.00
Recognition Awards			500.00		1,000.00
Recruiting Expenses					
Office Supplies			15.10		500.00
Other Expenses (Merchant Fee)		33.33	18.90	166.67	400.00
Total Expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 33.33	\$ 2,565.44	\$ 2,916.67	\$ 13,760.00
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 64.76	37.50	-971.88	-879.17	-1,210.00

Cash at Beginning of Month

Change for Luncheons	\$ 25.00
Checking Account	\$ 5,897.22
14 Month CD Account (09/26/26)	\$ 9,734.73
9 Month CD Account (07/08/26)	\$ 11,325.67

Total Beginning Cash Available \$ 26,982.62

Net Income (Loss) \$ 64.76

Cash at End of Month

Change for Luncheons	\$ 25.00
Checking Account	\$ 5,897.22
14 Month CD Account (09/26/26)	\$ 9,764.02
9 Month CD Account (07/08/26)	\$ 11,361.14

Total Ending Cash Available \$ 27,047.38

Total Cash 1/1/26 \$ 28,019.26

2026 Net YTD Income (Loss) \$ -971.88

Total Cash 5/31/26 \$ 27,047.38

Grand Jury Association of Orange County

Combined Income Statement and Budget vs. Actual

For the Month Ended June 30, 2026

Description	Month		Year to Date		Annual
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
Income					
Luncheon Income	\$ 1,160.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 2,340.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 4,400.00
Measure M Income					6,500.00
Membership Dues	520.00	125.00	620.00	750.00	900.00
Interest Income	62.86	70.83	376.42	425.00	750.00
Total Income	\$ 1,742.86	\$ 1,545.83	\$ 3,336.42	\$ 3,875.00	\$ 12,550.00
Expenses					
Luncheon Expense	\$ 2,180.82	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 4,212.26	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 9,000.00
Measure M Expense					1,000.00
Membership Expense	443.92	75.00	443.92	250.00	500.00
Badges			0.00	600.00	1,000.00
Newsletter/Web Expense		100.00	0.00	100.00	360.00
Recognition Awards			500.00		1,000.00
Recruiting Expenses					
Office Supplies			15.10		500.00
Other Expenses (Merchant Fee)	25.00	33.33	43.90	200.00	400.00
Total Expenses	\$ 2,649.74	\$ 2,458.33	\$ 5,215.18	\$ 5,650.00	\$ 13,760.00
Net Income (Loss)	\$ -906.88	-912.50	-1,878.76	-1,775.00	-1,210.00

Cash at Beginning of Month

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Checking Account	\$ 5,897.22
14 Month CD Account (09/26/26)	\$ 9,764.02
9 Month CD Account (07/08/26)	\$ 11,361.14

Total Beginning Cash Available \$ 27,047.38

Net Income (Loss) \$ -906.88

Cash at End of Month

Change for Luncheons	\$ 25.00
Checking Account	\$ 4,927.48
14 Month CD Account (09/26/26)	\$ 9,792.45
9 Month CD Account (07/08/26)	\$ 11,395.57

Total Ending Cash Available \$ 26,140.50

Total Cash 1/1/26 \$ 28,019.26

2026 Net YTD Income (Loss) \$ -1,878.76

Total Cash 6/30/26 \$ 26,140.50

Grand Jury Association of Orange County

Combined Income Statement and Budget vs. Actual

For the Month Ended July 31, 2026

Description	Month		Year to Date		Annual	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	
Income						
Luncheon Income	\$	\$	\$ 2,340.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 4,400.00	
Measure M Income		6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	
Membership Dues			620.00	875.00	900.00	
Interest Income		63.04	439.46	495.83	750.00	
Total Income	\$	6,563.04	\$ 70.83	\$ 9,899.46	\$ 10,570.83	\$ 12,550.00
Expenses						
Luncheon Expense	\$	\$	\$ 4,212.26	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 9,000.00	
Measure M Expense				583.33	1,000.00	
Membership Expense			443.92	291.67	500.00	
Badges				700.00	1,000.00	
Newsletter/Web Expense		168.00	168.00	116.66	360.00	
Recruiting Expenses			500.00	291.67	1,000.00	
Donations						
Office Supplies			15.10	291.67	500.00	
Other Expenses (Merchant Fee)			33.33	43.90	233.33	400.00
Total Expenses	\$	168.00	\$ 33.33	\$ 5,383.18	\$ 7,008.33	\$ 13,760.00
Net Income (Loss)	\$	6,395.04	37.50	4,516.28	3,562.50	-1,210.00

Cash at Beginning of Month

Change for Luncheons	\$ 25.00
Checking Account	\$ 4,927.48
14 Month CD Account (09/26/26)	\$ 9,792.45
9 Month CD Account (07/08/26)	\$ 11,395.57

Total Beginning Cash Available \$ 26,140.50

Net Income (Loss) \$ 6,395.04

Cash at End of Month

Change for Luncheons	\$ 25.00
Checking Account	\$ 11,259.48
14 Month CD Account (09/26/26)	\$ 9,821.91
6 Month CD Account (01/08/27)	\$ 11,429.15

Total Ending Cash Available \$ 32,535.54

Total Cash 1/1/26 \$ 28,019.26

2026 Net YTD Income (Loss) \$ 4,516.28

Total Cash 6/30/26 \$ 32,535.54

GRAND JUROR'S ASSOCIATION OF ORANGE COUNTY

2026 Check-Deposit Register

NUMBER	DATE	TO/FROM	AMOUNT	YTD	FOR
	1/1/2026	Beginning Balance		7,182.66	
ACH	1/5/2026	Merchant Fee	-18.90	7,163.76	Credit Card Processing
	2/28/2026	Interest Earned		7,163.76	CD Interest
	3/5/2026	Luncheon Income	1,280.00	8,443.76	Cash & checks from Members
508	3/6/2026	Orangewood Foundation	-500.00	7,943.76	Donation
510	3/12/2026	Santa Ana Elks	-1,994.24	5,949.52	Luncheon Food Expense
509	4/7/2026	Lynn Bonas	-37.20	5,912.32	Luncheon Candy
511	4/27/2026	Lynn Bonas	-15.10	5,897.22	Board Meeting
	5/31/2026	Interest Earned		5,897.22	CD Interest
	6/4/2026	Luncheon Income	1,680.00	7,577.22	Cash & checks from Members
514	6/8/2026	Santa Ana Elks	-2,098.88	5,478.34	Luncheon Food Expense
512	6/15/2026	Attorney General Annual Fee	-25.00	5,453.34	Annual Registration Fee
513	6/16/2026	Lynn Bonas	-81.94	5,371.40	Luncheon Candy
515	6/16/2026	Lynn Bonas	-443.92	4,927.48	Grand Jury Luncheon
516	7/1/2026	Greg Tettmer	-168.00	4,759.48	Constant Contact Renewal
	7/21/2026	Measure M	6,500.00	11,259.48	Measure M Oversight Income
					Transferred to 14 Month

9 Month CD Certificate (07/08/2026)

14 Month CD Certificate (09/26/26)

DATE	AMOUNT	YTD	DATE	AMOUNT	YTD
1/1/2026		11,189.41	1/1/2026		9,622.19
01/31/026	35.04	11,224.45	01/31/026	28.95	9,651.14
2/28/2026	31.75	11,256.20	2/28/2026	26.22	9,677.36
3/31/2026	35.25	11,291.45	3/31/2026	29.11	9,706.47
4/30/2026	34.22	11,325.67	4/30/2026	28.26	9,734.73
5/31/2026	35.47	11,361.14	5/31/2026	29.29	9,764.02
6/30/2026	34.43	11,395.57	6/30/2026	28.43	9,792.45
7/31/2026	8.14	11,403.71	7/31/2026	29.46	9,821.91
		-11,403.71			
14 Month CD Certificate (09/09/27)					
7/9/2026	11,403.71	11,403.71			
7/31/2026	25.44	11,429.15			