

Marin Chapter California Civil Grand Jurors Assn. 2015-2016 Membership Meeting Minutes March 1, 2016

- 1.0 Nadine called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
 - 1.1 In attendance: Nadine Muller, Paul Premo, Peter Kiers, Rich Treadgold, Tom Borden, Scott Drotman, Jack Nixon, Helene Marsh, Nancy Frease, Owen Haxton, Gene Dyer, Mike Chernock, Penny Moreci, Jay Hamilton-Roth, John Mann, John Dower, Dennis Brown, John Erdmann, Jean Gunn and guest Rich Knowles, CGJA.
 - 1.2 It was **moved, seconded and approved** to accept the Minutes of February 2, 2016 as presented.

- 2.0 Guest Speaker
 - 2.1 Nadine introduced Rich Knowles, new CGJA Membership Relations Chair and Contra Costa Chapter Board Member. He gave an overview of CGJA/Chapter relations and spoke of pending changes, which may, or may not, be approved. Topics included changing 2-day previews to 10 days, training, communication between chapters and the CGJA, etc.
 - 2.2 Mr. Knowles invited questions and/or comments which included (1) why is it necessary to join the Chapter AND the CGJA and (2) why doesn't membership in the Chapter automatically include membership in the CGJA. Rich suggested it could possibly be due to differing expenses and benefits. He promised to research this topic.

- 3.0 Committee Reports:
 - 3.1 Social events: Nancy reminded everyone of the March 22 Luncheon at Marin Joe's in Corte Madera (11:30-1:30). Upcoming is the annual June luncheon meeting to include a guest speaker. The originally scheduled date has been canceled due to a conflict. Please send suggested dates to Nancy (cannot be a Tuesday). Nancy exited the meeting at 10:40.
 - 3.2 Implementation Review: Grand Jury Continuity collaboration continues. Tom and Helene reported that Dick Spotswood, who was unable to attend the February meeting, will be the guest for the meeting on March 3. All are welcome.
 - 3.3 Communication: MCCGJA web site updates continue. The photo session scheduled for today was canceled. Nadine suggested that since we are nearing the end of our fiscal year it might be prudent to photograph the next year's board members in August, 2016.
 - 3.4 Treasurer: Peter distributed and reviewed his report of the Budget vs. Projection resulting in a year-end surplus of \$1,430. The cash balance as of 2/29/16 is \$11,765.

- 3.5 Selection Advisory: Tom **motioned** that the committee name be changed from Selection Assistance to Selection Advisory. It was **seconded and approved** to do so. He also reminded everyone of the training dates of April 5 and 21 (3:30 and 2:00 respectively), and interview dates of April 26, 28 and May 3, 5 (all from Noon to 4:00) on the Court floor. Rich explained that the group activity will aim to find applicants with experience, leadership and potential team membership attributes.

Current year Grand Jury members John Mann and Jay Hamilton-Roth exited the meeting at 11:05.

- 3.6 Training: Rich announced that training for the incoming Grand Jury will be held on July 7, 8, 11, 12, 13 and 14. Work on the GJ Manual revisions is ongoing and “near completion.” Changes to Training will be complete in May. This year’s presenters/speakers will include Damon Connolly representing the BOS.
- 3.7 Outreach: Jean reported that Claudia Belshaw has written an article for the IJ’s Marin Voice... watch for it. The next meeting is Thursday (3/3/16) 10:00 a.m. at the Central Marin Police Authority location in Larkspur. The committee will consult with Patti in regards to the letters to small service organizations. Jack offered that he has utilized ‘Next Door.’ To date, per Patti, there are 20 applications for the 2016-2017 GJ. Jean reported that Claudia attended the Marin City Community Service Board meeting on February 4th to explain the need for new jurors from the area. There will be one additional Open House at the Dance Palace in Point Reyes Station on March 8th at 4:00PM
- 3.8 Membership: Owen distributed and reviewed the current membership report. Rich suggested offering a one-year chapter-paid membership, in the year after completing service on a Regular Grand Jury, to those who choose to serve on one or more Marin Chapter committees or as a chapter officer. A brief discussion ensued and several agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting **adjourned at 12:05 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Moreci

Next meeting: April 5, 2016
10:00 a.m.