



Marin County Chapter, Nadine Muller, President

Regarding our interview process, mentioned in our prior update, our Selection Advisory Committee, (SAC) chaired by Tom Borden and assisted by Jean Gunn, just completed our interviews for 2016-2017 Grand Jury applicants. Unfortunately, we did not have the number of applicants we hoped for, but enough to cover the full jury and 10 alternates. Upon the recommendations of the Superior Court Judge, we held the two-part interview process on the court floor. The process was as follows: 1) 5-7 applicants met with a facilitator as a group for a problem solving activity of about 15 minutes. Two observers noted their responses. 2) Each applicant was then interviewed by two Marin Chapter members for approximately 30 minutes. There were 2-3 sessions per day starting at 12:00 noon and finishing at 4:00PM. At the end of each day, the interviewers and the observers will compare notes and write their recommendations. We noted that the applicants enjoyed the group activity. We changed our interview questions this year and found some were redundant, so the SAC committee will meet to work on some revisions, per committee suggestions.

We just completed a revision of our training manual, thanks to the hard work of Rich Treadgold and Paul Premo. Through the efforts of Owen Haxton, our membership chair, we now have 99 members in our Chapter, 55 of whom are life members, quite an accomplishment!

We are coming to the end of our term. New officers will be in place after our Annual meeting scheduled for June 14th. I give my sincere thanks to all the hard working board members and committees that made all this happen.