

MCCGJA MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 7, 2018 10:00 a.m.

- Present: Directors Steve Barlow, Tom Borden, Kevin Hagerty, Penny Moreci, Nadine Muller, Jack Nixon, Wanda Sarti and Rich Treadgold. Also In attendance: Sharon Berman, Phyllis Berger, Janeko Bower, Carole Cassidy, Louetta Erlin, Nancy Frease, David Gabriel, Joan Lisetor, Pat Randolph, Rene Rondeau and Liz Stone.
- Tom called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
- The Minutes of July 30, 2018 were approved.
- Treasurer's Report—Kevin Hagerty
 - a. July 31, 2018—ending balance: \$12,650.07

- COMMITTEE REPORTS: Tom reminded committee chairs to begin assembling full committees.

Social—Steve Barlow

- a. The June and July receptions were successful and included 40 and 48 attendees respectively. Steve suggested having speakers for upcoming events. Tom suggested more frequent, perhaps quarterly, events going forward.

Membership & Communication—Nadine Muller

- a. Association member Mike Wolfson has offered to help with our Website.
- b. Alex Kahl has submitted a list of improvements for the Website and will be moving forward.

Training—Wanda Sarti

- a. They are a committee of 3 to date. Volunteers welcome!
- b. The committee will continue training throughout the year.

Selection—Tom Borden

- a. Tom summarized the committee's goals.
- b. Meetings will commence in January, 2019.
- a. Tom asked that anyone interested in serving on the committee please contact him.

Outreach—Penny Moreci

- a. Penny reviewed last year's success.
- b. Patti provided limited data as to how the current jurors learned about applying for Grand Jury service: 7 were a result of Next Door notifications, 6 from IJ ads and 2 from the Senior Fair. This data was from the 25 applications retained, all others had already been destroyed.
- c. The committee will re-think how notifications are to go out given the fact that funds may not be available as they have the past 2 years.
- d. Their meetings will also begin in January. Please think about joining!

OLD BUSINESS:

Kevin wondered about the status of re-assembling the IRC. Tom offered that Larry is not interested at this time as his plate is full with HPO. Tom requested anyone interested to contact him.

In regard to increasing membership participation, Wanda suggested making the meetings more interesting or fun. There are 110 members, yet only 20 are here today (which is unusual as normally the attendance is 7-10). Jack stated that having a guest speaker may bring more members to meetings. Pat thought quarterly lunch meetings (with or without a speaker) might be beneficial.

Jack offered to distribute information on an August 26 "Fire in Marin" presentation given by a dynamic speaker at Guzman Hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

Phyllis presented a suggestion, revised from a proposal, that sitting Board members refrain from expressing their personal political views on national political issues and elections, regardless of content, in a public form (i.e. letters to the editor, newspaper articles...). She stated that such actions tarnish the Board's reputation and also deter applicants.

A lengthy discussion followed with most in attendance commenting. Freedom of Speech surfaced as a concern for some. Phyllis again amended to suggest that the Board adopt a such a guideline, though it would bear no consequence should a Board member ignore it.

Jack moved that *THE BOARD APPROVE INCLUDING A GUIDELINE THAT SITTING BOARD MEMBERS REFRAIN FROM EXPRESSING THEIR PERSONAL VIEWS ON POLITICAL ISSUES AND ELECTIONS, REGARDLESS OF CONTENT, IN A PUBLIC FORM*. The motion was seconded. After further discussion and a vote of all in attendance resulting in 6 Yeas and 11 Nays, the motion did not carry.

- The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.
- Next meeting: October 2, 2018
10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Moreci