

MCCGJA DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 24, 2021

1:00 p.m. (via Zoom)

- The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.
- Participants: Tom Borden, Kevin Hagerty, Penny Moreci, Larry Bauer, Dave Bonfilio, Janeko Bower, Ron Brown, Lucy Dilworth, Laura Eiffel, Louetta Erlin, David Gabriel, Mark Gainer, Linda Glasscock, Alicia Levin, Nadine Muller, Jack Nixon, Paul Premo and Alan Schaevitz.
- Tom commented on the State of the Chapter. The CGJA annual meeting originally scheduled to take place in Marin was instead conducted via Zoom. He outlined the current road to interviewing and placement. This year, a fantastic jury is seated according to Foreperson Debra Haas.
- Kudos to Janeko and Alan, with help from Nadine, for the Chapter's Website. Check it out!
- Kevin delivered the Treasurer's report. The Chapter's current balance is \$11,423.32. The County will continue to reimburse association costs up to \$5,000 annually.
- It was moved, seconded and approved that the Slate of Officers and Chairpersons stands as follows:

Officers:

President:	Larry Bauer
Vice-President:	Open
Treasurer:	Kevin Hagerty
Secretary:	Penny Moreci

Committee Chairs:

Implementation Review:	Larry Bauer
Outreach:	Penny Moreci
Training:	Ron Brown
Social:	Sally Pennypacker
Membership:	Nadine Muller
Website:	Janeko Bower
Selection Advisory:	Tom Borden

Ex-Officio Directors:

Rich Treadgold
Tom Borden
Jack Nixon

- Lucy Dilworth reported on the previous jury, the longest at 18 months, to serve in Marin County. The nine resulting reports were listed and it was noted that many recommendations have already been implemented, some immediately. Lucy reported that it was “time well spent.”
- Penny reported on the objectives and practices of the Outreach Committee. Two members of the current Grand Jury will join the committee. Operations will begin in the Fall. A focus this year continues to be diversity among applicants.
- Ron reported this year’s training was primarily a virtual hybrid offered by the State. It was effective and he recommended continuing the procedure.
- Larry commended and thanked Tom on a job well done. He reported on the Marin Compass ongoing program and requested volunteers to serve on the committee.
- Nadine reported the association has 127 members: 71 lifetime, 22 current and 22 on the seated panel. Unfortunately, 12 ‘members’ remain delinquent and unresponsive.
- Social Committee: Sally Pennypacker was not in attendance.
- Janeko thanked Alan for his work with the Website. She urged social media enthusiasts to work with and maintain our postings. They are open for suggestions. Join the committee! Alan offered that Janeko is “doing a fantastic job.” He reported that we are now on Google Drive and YouTube as a non-profit (mccgja.org). Our Facebook, “Marin County Civil Grand Jury” is currently inactive.
- Tom reviewed procedures/questions for interviews which are modified annually. All applicants are interviewed in the exact same manner. This past challenging year resulted in 41 applicants. The group activity was conducted by Rich and viewed by the judge. There were 3 holdovers therefore 27 names were drawn. Again, our efforts resulted in a great group being seated. The committee will need more involvement this approaching season.
- Remember, the planned in-person(!) reception is July 21, 2021.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Moreci

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