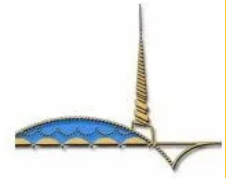




Marin Chapter California Grand Jurors' Association



May Newsletter

President's Corner

Well, the active year is racing to a close with a busy June ahead. As I mentioned last month, we had over 50 applications and have now completed 50 interviews. The resulting evaluations are in Judge Chou's hands in preparation for the selection of the jurors and alternates on June 3 on the Civic Center patio near the cafeteria at 3PM. Next on the calendar is the Annual Association meeting on June 21st, planned with a luncheon at McGinnis' restaurant to celebrate the good work done by all during the year. In addition, we will be voting on a slate of candidates to fill the officer and director vacancies for the next year. There will be an opportunity for nominations from the floor for candidates to fill elected positions. The slate, which is still in process, addresses the sustainability issue that faced the association last year. You may remember that some officers and directors had served for a number of years and did not desire another term. The slate projected for the vote contains new faces with proven track records and their commitments to serve in progressively more responsible positions moving forward. It is my hope that the chapter will maintain the practice of developing new leaders in the organization by building on the experiences of the latest sitting juries.

I believe that this will be my last President's Corner since we will have a new president before the end of June so I would like to share some thoughts. Without mentioning names, I want to thank all the veteran members, who in spite of a stated desire to retire, stayed at their jobs to see us through the year. We couldn't have made it without you. Secondly a loud cheer for those that stepped forward, tackled tasks in new ways, and produced great results. I believe that these folks will be the leaders of Chapter moving forward. Lastly, I'd like to recognize the individual members who answered our constant call to

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recruit friends, family, etc. A cursory look at the recruitment results seems to indicate that those efforts were a major contributor to the recruiting success.

So what looked in last July like a bleak year turned out to be quite successful. Give yourselves and your hard-working colleagues a pat on the back.

One arena in which little to no progress was achieved I like to think of as the strategic level; what our chapter's role is in the big picture. You may remember that I tried to create a Brain Trust of interested thinkers to tackle this, without success. I seem to have reached ex-military folk who obeyed the mantra "never volunteer". But there is another one that is appropriate "never say never". Going forward I would like to see the Chapter consider its role in the large picture of improving government. News articles are constantly touting the role of local entities moving forward on major issues. Who, I ask you, is better positioned to effect change than the jury with the able support of the Grand Jury Association?

So, I will pass the gavel to the new president in June, and I know you will support him/her in the important work to be done.

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Membership invited

**New Civil Grand Jury and Alternates
Drawing**

June 3rd 3PM

Marin Civic Center - Patio

MCCGJA Annual Meeting + Luncheon

June 21st 11:30AM

McInnis Park - Club Restaurant

Please make lunch selection