

MCCGJA Board Meeting Agenda
Approved February 9, 2026

1:30 p.m. Monday, January 12, 2026
Marin Civic Center, Room 410B

S. Sias	x	D. Haase	ex	E. Schuller	x
P. Shepherd	ex	J. Bower	x	B. Mayer	x
T. Gannon	x	B. Sharp	x	M. Burglin	x
S. Smith	ex	D. Bonfilio		M. Bambara	x
K. Hagerty	x	T. Barrett			

EX = Excused due to technological issues

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:47 p.m. after county staff took Room 410B and forced the board to move to the County Counsel's office where technological difficulties made it impossible for remote participation.
2. Minutes MCCGJA Membership Meeting on Dec. 8, 2025 were approved on Ed's motion and Kevin's second.
3. President's Report - Spencer Sias
4. Treasurer's Report - Scott Smith/ Kevin Hagerty
 - a. As of 1.2.26, the Chapter had \$17,615.90 in its account, an increase from \$16,524.03 at the start of December. Kevin feels the chapter is in good financial standing. Zoom has been paid for another year.
 - b. Donations of \$655.06 received in late December will show banked income in Jan. 2026.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Information Technology - Brad Sharp, Bob Meyer, Janeko Bower
 - i. Proposed Chapter Website Design - The committee went through the proposed new website. The members liked the two column format and felt that the proposed website is a huge step in the right direction. Unresolved issues to be addressed later:

1. Who will do the website maintenance? Can a volunteer update the needed information every month?
2. Do we need a calendar or a list of upcoming events?
3. The board discussed the feasibility of having a Spotlight section of current jurors. The general consensus was that this kind of section would be problematic since the names of jurors are not published until the end of the term.

b. Training - Dave Bonfilio/Trish Barrett

- i. CGJA has tentatively set training dates for Monday, July 6, 2026 and Tuesday, July 7. Dave Bonfilio is looking for a larger venue capable of holding at least 40 people. Possible locations include the county office building on Las Gamos Drive in Marinwood or the new student success center at the College of Marin in Kentfield. Spencer shared the following information in the absence of training committee members:
 - a. A new county organization chart has been collected and will be incorporated in the local training slides and the ESCOM course slides. The committee is continuing to work on the draft of their training for new jurors.
 - b. Board members should review the updated Education Committee Action Plan.

c. Recruitment - Ed Schuller

- i. PR - Ed drafted and submitted a Press Release for information sessions and a Marin Voice on the importance of the Grand Jury. .
- ii. Chapter Presentation Schedule - Pat agreed to do a couple sessions and Deborah and Spencer will do some, but Ed needs to have additional presenters.
- iii. Advertising (IJ, Movie theaters) - Ed is working on ads for the screens at the Sequoia and Rafael theaters. The combined cost is \$1,600 for a month which has been previously approved. He is also waiting for a response from Lori Pierce, advertising mgr at the IJ. Spencer will follow up with the Publisher to encourage Ms. Pierce to respond on a more timely basis.
- iv. Beth is working on getting two dates for presentations through ESCOM in the first quarter of 2026
- v. Personal Recruiting Program - Spencer is talking to the current jurors on January 28 about this topic.

d. Selection - Pat Shepherd/Tom Gannon- No report

- e. Social - Mona Burglin
 - i. February/March event with Marin Coalition. Spencer suggested having the Executive Director of the Little Hoover Commission as a speaker.
 - ii. Upcoming events:
 - 1. Annual meeting in June
 - 2. Reception for retiring and new jurors in July.
 - f. Membership - Janeko Bower - no report
6. New Business
- a. We don't get many emails to the website. Currently the emails through Contact Us go to the president. Is there a better way?
7. Next Meeting - February 9, 2026 at 1:30 pm at Marin Civic Center Room 410B.
8. Adjournment at 3:33 pm with apologies for the technological difficulty for those who were accessing the meeting through Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Gannon

Secretary