

**Minutes of MCGJA Board Meeting APPROVED**

1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, 2026

Marin Civic Center, Room 410B

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

1. The meeting was called to order and a roll call was taken at 1:32 PM.
2. Motion to approve minutes for MCGJA Board Meeting on Jan. 12, 2026 was made and approved.
3. President’s Report - Spencer Sias - Spencer wanted to formalize the proposal to increase in the recruitment budget by \$600 for the design and printing on the information brochure pursuant to his email on February 2nd. Tom motioned to approve the expenditure with Trish seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Brochures should be ready by the end of this week.
4. Treasurer’s Report - Scott Smith
  - a. Scott reported that In January we received \$755 in contributions. Scott’s report includes additional expenses in February mainly related to the recruitment efforts.
  - b. Scott has completed the 2025 tax filings for the chapter.
5. Committee Reports
  - a. Recruitment - Ed Schuller/Spencer Sias/Tom Gannon- See attached report for details.
    - i. We have received 28 applications for next term as of 02/06/2026
    - ii. IJ and Movie Screen ads have been finalized.
    - iii. Published 2 Marin Voice articles, press release.
    - iv. Tom will draft a calendar of recruitment events this year.
    - v. Printed posters & banners (Brad S. and Brad Wright to distribute.)

- vi. Spencer met with the current jurors to ask for assistance with personal recruiting in late January.
- vii. Beth Rowlett is identifying two additional dates for presentations at ESCOM.
- viii. Spencer and Selection - Pat Shepherd/Tom Gannon - Spencer, Tom and Pat will meet with the PJ Stephen Frecceo on Feb 20 to discuss selection details.
- b. Training - Trish Barrett
  - i. A new training venue at County's Los Gamos facility has been selected for training for July 6 through 8. The new location offers more space and is a better facility with lots of parking.
  - ii. Trish reported the local training materials have been updated based on the feedback from the current jurors.
- c. Information Technology - Janeko Bower
  - i. Janeko demonstrated the updated Chapter website design including changing to a 2-column per page. Everyone commented that this is a significant improvement over the existing website.
  - ii. Deborah will develop a policy for the website.
  - iii. It was agreed that the Committees will be responsible for the drafting of website content, not the webmaster.
- d. Social - Mona Burglin
  - i. Spencer is planning to organize a series of public forums with Marin Coalition or League of Women Voters which will be coordinated through Mona.
- e. Membership - Janeko Bower - No new members.

## 6. Old Business

- a. Trish brought up the idea of excusing current alternate jurors from the requirement to be interviewed. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to recommend to the PJ that the Chapter recommends the following:
  - i. As a pilot program for the 2026-27 term, alternate jurors from the 2025-2026 who express an interest in being a juror for the upcoming term AND who submit a completed application for the upcoming term without going through interviews.
  - ii. Motion made and seconded. Motion passed 9-1.

7. New Business

- a. The number of holdover jurors was also discussed. Massey feels that 3 would be optimal. It was agreed that this is a decision between the Foreperson and the Presiding Judge.

8. The next meeting will be held on March 9, 2026 at 1:30 pm.

9. Adjournment at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Gannon

Secretary