



**Meeting Date:** 1/8/2015

**Attendees:** Borden, Boyden, Brown, Carlson, Chernock, Dyer, Erdman, Frease, Gunn, Haxton, Kiers, Loughran, Marsh, Muller, Saper, Smith, Treadgold.

- 1) **Welcome and Agenda review**
- 2) **Minutes:** Discussion - Approval
- 3) **Treasurer** gave us a "good news" Financial Activity Report of our 2014 July through December activity. Peter has established an accrual accounting system - so we have a clear picture of our income and outgo... as well as our needs and expectations for the rest of our fiscal year. We have a positive cash balance - some of which is earmarked in the 2015 budget. Our activities - social as well as business need to support themselves - i.e.: pay as we go. Peter has made this a clear and clean system! Now if Owen will just stop selling only one-time Lifetime memberships that require actuarial calculations to be spread out over appropriate life expectancy calculations... BTW - Thank You, Peter!

**Guest Speaker:** Mike Chernock

Topic: Discussion of MCCGJA working relationship with CGJA as well as more information about the area's Regional group that Mike heads up. It grew out of the Membership Relationship Committee and the work of a Marin Chapter member. Its primary goal is to offer an opportunity for members of Chapters in a broad geographic area of Northern California to meet and discuss ideas, needs, current working projects. Last meeting had 35 people from 18 chapters. How topics are chosen for Regional Meeting focus was also discussed.

Mike also gave us some history on the working and not-so-working relationships over time between the State organization and various Chapters. Each has its own (and different) point of view as to what the purpose is for Chapters and duties of the State organization. It would seem that at this time, there is a beginning effort to communicate more effectively to and from both sides. This seems to have a ways to go.

We thanked Mike for his time and knowledge.

Rich suggested we all focus on several of the issues brought to light in this discussion, and be ready to move the dialog forward at our February meeting.

**Additional ideas and questions:**

Further discussion on a different function for the Regional meetings - facilitating Chapter activities and needs. Since future meeting's topics are selected by those who are attending a current meeting, there was discussion of who could attend the next Regional meeting since it is held here in Marin. All Chapter Chairs are requested to send Rich an outline of what your Committees are doing.

**4) Officer Check-Ins** (2 minutes [or less!] each)

**President:** - asked "Chairs" to give mid-year assessment, discuss accomplishments so far, and share goals for the remaining 6 months.

**Secretary:** - made membership aware of Senior Services and the monthly newsletter from the Marin County Commission on Ageing. through H&HS

**Vice President:** - sailing or camel riding around Dubai - check for sand :)

**Treasurer** - see Report above.

**5) Committee Chairs Check-In** (5 minute target each)

a. **Social:** Nancy - apparently there is a very happy group of Social Committee members who have so enjoyed the informal meetings at Ms. Frease's house, that  
(see next Committee report...):

b. **Outreach:** Nadine, Jean - (...this committee now meets at Nancy's house too!) Outreach has moved into high gear - preparing many community meetings to present information on GJ to encourage people to apply. They are working through Media and physical locations like the Buck Center, Nextdoor (neighborhood social media) Meeting is set for January 16, Community Centers, HO Associations. Using The Patch for announcements. They are writing a column for the Bar Association newsletter, - and much, much more!!

I'm sure any members who would like to participate would be most welcome!

c. **IRC:** John, Tom - John Carlson will resign from active Chairmanship of the committee due to personal and family obligations. His clear focus and steady leadership from the outset in 2013, working from a blank slate, helped create what is surely a major function of the Association - not only for this Chapter, but other Chapters who wish to institute this function as part of their services. We owe him a debt of gratitude and are glad he intends to continue to attend meetings and support IRC's work as much as is possible.

Tom Borden has agreed to be the Chair going forward. He announced that Helene Marsh has agreed to step in as Co-Chair. Thanks to both of them!

d. **Communications:** Gene - Newsletter now published.

e. **Membership:** Owen - report included suggestion for recognition program for member service. As of this meeting, we have 3 honorary, 25 Life, 20 Multi-year, and 40 one-year members. He would also like updates of current membership applications and interest forms.

f. **Orientation:** Betty - not present

g. **Training:** Catherine - not present

h. **Board Delegates** - no reports.

**5) Open Mic**

Nadine has been asked to serve on the Association's Nominating Committee for this year. She will be representing our Regional. Many ideas are needed for solving some of the "structural" problems.

Adjourned by majority vote... no abstentions.

Our next meeting: February 12.

Submitted:

M.J.Boyden, Ageing (by the minute) Secretary