

General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2013
Marin Board of Supervisors' Chambers (room 329)

President Mike Chernock called the Meeting to Order at 9:00AM.

A quorum was met with Board Members Mike Chernock, Linda Glasscock, James Murad, Judy Chapman, and John Carapiet and Members Albert Lozano, Ann Marie Melanephy, Sharon Hunter, Sterling Harwell, Owen Haxton, Brant Miller, Steve Gach, Don Carney, Dennis Brown, Mark Hoffman, Bette Mattea and Mary Jean Boydon.

Review and approval of previous Meeting Minutes after Albert Lazano requested that in future meetings copies of the agenda be provided on the front desk and Bette Mattea requested that future minutes list all attendee's. Motion Passed.

President Chernock introduced special guest Mary Jean Boydon Secretary to Plenary 2012-2013 Grand Jury.

Financial Report by Linda Glasscock indicating Checking Account balance \$1,507.11 and CD \$3,270.92, motion passed.

Introduction and confirmation of Steve Gach as new Director at Large replacing Ralph Johnson, motion passed.

President Chernock announced MCGJA Meeting's for the remainder of this year will be held at this location (Marin Board of supervisors' Chambers (room 329)) on the first Thursday of each month.

Mike made mention that Elissa Giambastiani, a member of the League of Women Voters and someone who was instrumental in presenting the Grand Jury with a plaque of Appreciation passed away. We are grateful for her services and wish her family and the League well.

Ann Marie Melanephy announced the next CGJA REGIONAL meeting will be at McInnis Park on February 2 and all MC-CGJA members are welcome. Moreover, Ann Marie will be the new Chair for CGJA Regional Quarterly Meetings and Chair of the MC-CGJA Social Committee.

Membership Committee Report by Owen Haxton, MCGJA has 72 members, 20 paid members in both CGJA and MCGJA and 15 in MCGJA only. Also presented revised application form for review and requested all suggestions be forwarded to Mr. Haxton so as to vote on final form next month. President Chernock suggested offering MCGJA memberships to seated Jury members for two years for a discounted rate of \$10 a year right after the end of their term. In addition to the normal \$20 per year dues, he also offered the idea of creating a discounted \$15/year if the member signs up for a 2 year stint.

Sterling Harwell volunteered to be head of the Communications Technology Committee.

President Chernock reported that Catherine McKown will stay on for another year as head of Orientation & Training, however O&T should sit down with current Jury before next years schedule is completed.

Discussion by Bylaws and Policies and Procedures Chair James Murad on format of MCGJA and should we continue as a Membership or Board Organization Mike is to inquire with other Members of the CGJA and how they are formed. Issue will be reviewed again in future Meetings.

President Chernock discussed changes regarding format for the Continuity Committee. He was reporting for Rich Treadgold who had a family emergency that day. Rich believes Continuity should be a function of the Chapter Committee with mandatory representation by selected member(s) of the seated jury. Mike will broach the idea with the courts.

Discussion of possible class for High School Civic Students to explain Civil Grand Jurors, Albert Lozano suggest contacting Ted Freeman teacher and ex Mayor of San Anselmo.

Report and discussion by Bette Mattea as to who will be part of Nominations & Election Committee and next year's slate.

A Discussion of the fact that 5 of California Counties Grand Jurors are overseen by the County Supervisors versus the remaining 53 that are run by the Local Courts.

No New Business.

Meeting Adjourned, 10:50

SPEAKERS:

Following the formal meeting, we had Mike Daly, Chief of Probation and Marissa Wertheimer, RJ practitioner; present the concepts of Restorative Justice. This is a relatively new concept in Marin that supplements and sometimes replaces the old punitive system of justice with a methodology for bringing society back as close as they can to the status that existed before the crime was committed. They offered some exciting examples of successes.

Members of the League of Women Voters and several spouses of members joined us at that session.

Respectfully Submitted, John Carapiet Secretary MCGJA