

Marin Chapter of
California Grand Jury Association
Minutes from the Membership meeting of August 1, 2013

President Mike Chernock opened the meeting at 9:03 a.m. An attendance list was circulated. President Chernock had everyone present introduce themselves.

Vice President Murad asked for confirmation of the newly elected Marin Chapter Board of Directors and the entire members present voted to accept the new Board, officers and directors both. Mike mentioned that we have openings on the Board: we need a Treasurer and a third Director. Volunteers are welcome.

In Linda's absence, Mike moved the proposed budget to the September meeting.

Mike suggested that we keep the meetings shorter than last year (hopefully 1 hour) by only occasionally having speakers and focusing on one or two major topics at each meeting. This morning's meeting focused on Implementation Review (IR) activities. would be discussed.

The discussion was generated by a question from the floor asked how and why we would differentiate the IR and Continuity committees. Mike responded that we already have a charter for Continuity and would have to write a "charter" explaining precisely how the Marin County IR Committee would function. John Carlson, who was on last year's jury, was tentatively appointed to function as chair (subject to committee vote) and will set the first meeting date. Announcement of the first meeting time, date and place will be sent to the entire membership.

There was widespread interest in the IRC discussion and many questions were raised. Foremost was how IR Committee would start and how the current jury and this new IR committee would interact. Although tentative answers were offered, the real answers will be created by the committee itself and then presented to the full membership. Anyone interested in this new "project," is encouraged to attend the meeting that will soon be announced by John Carlson.

Mike ended the meeting by telling the members present that we are embarking on a new and exciting "world" with the IRC. If it progresses as the Association envisions, this may be a way to give Civil Grand Juries a way to assure people who have been investigated that they can no longer dismiss Civil Grand Jury reports. He further suggested that that the committee and chapter will have made enough progress to be able to report our progress to the membership at the CGJA Annual Conference to be held in San Luis Obispo in October of this year.

Mike reminded us of the Regional meeting to be held at The Club in San Rafael on Saturday, August 24 , 2013 starting at 9:30 with coffee and sweet rolls, program to commence at 10:00 a.m.

The final announcement from last year's Jury was that the IJ highlights insert will be available on August 22nd, 2013.

Betty J. Mattea, Recorder du Jour