



Minutes - GENERAL MEETING

October 3, 2013 9:00 AM to 10:30 PM



Marin Civic Center **(Room 410-B)**

Marin Civic Center 3501 Civic Center Drive, San Rafael, CA 94903

1. Convene Meeting 9:00 am

- a. Mike Chernock convened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

2. Roll Call

- a. Attendees: Linda Glasscock, Mike Chernock, Dennis A. Brown, Jim Murad, Gene Dyer, A.H. Lozano, Rich Treadgold, M. J. Boyden, Judy Chapman, Betty Mattea, Owen Haxton, Nadine Muller, Brant Miller

3. Review/Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. The minutes of September 5, 2013 were approved.

4. Review/Approval of 2013-2014 Budget

- a. The Budget for 13-14 was approved at the last meeting.
- b. The checking account balance as of September 30, 2013 is \$6,618.38.

5. President's Comments

a. Discussion of state Conference

- i. At the CGJA conference there will be a Presidents meeting. Please send topics to Mike. Suggested topics from the meeting are: 1. Term limits for officers – currently the term limit is 10 years. 2. Currently, if you run for office you cannot present a platform. A candidate can only provide a bio. Should candidates be able to present a platform? 3. Require that candidates for CGJA office be a member of a chapter or association. 4. Have elections by region rather than statewide.
- ii. Thanks to Rich Treadgold for suggesting a topic of the day for each meeting. Suggestion that the topic be earlier in the agenda. There wasn't enough time in this meeting for the topic of the day, so it will be discussed at next month's meeting.
- iii. Dan Mufson resigned from CGJA MRC. Beate Boultinghouse is now committee chair. Dan will continue to participate in the committee.
- iv. At the CGJA meeting there will be a panel discussion of Implementation Review (IR). Mike will be part of that panel.
- v. Congratulations to Karin Hern and Bill Trautman on election to CGJA Board.
- vi. Mike reported that this year, the membership driven MC-CGJA seems to be working. We have members coming forth to be Secretary, Treasurer, Membership chair, Continuity Chair, Temporary Communications Chair.



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- vii. The meetings for the rest of the year will be in ROOM 410B. Mike will begin scheduling next year's meeting - hopefully in this room and definitely on the first Thursday of the month.
- viii. Nadine Muller reported that the Grand Jury Room may be expanded once the Sheriff's office moves to the new location.
- ix. The IJ only put ½ of the 2012-2013 Grand Jury Summary Report in the papers. The IJ later put an article in the paper with a web link to the report.

6. Officer's General Remarks/Report

- a. No remarks/reports at this time.

7. Committee Remarks/Reports

a. Communications Technology Committee

- i. The Website mailing list deleted the "X"s. Sharon Hunter will send updated Membership list to Gene.
- ii. Volunteer OPPORTUNITIES for MCCGJA members: Newsletter Editor, Webmaster backup to Gene (the person that backs up Gene does NOT need to know HTML, just simple word-processing.
- iii. Gene will put Mikes name on site as back up for now.
- iv. Mike will send an email to membership listing all of the VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES.

b. Bylaws and Policies and Procedures Committee

- i. There was a discussion about the two organizational structures: Corporate vs Membership driven. Jim Murad reported that he does not believe the corporate structure is popular with MC-CGJA members. Rich Treadgold supports the Membership driven structure. He did not think that someone who has served on the Grand Jury would support the corporate structure because the Grand Jury structure is one where each of 19 jurors has equal stature.
- ii. The CGJA endorses the two structures only. A suggestion was made to have a "hybrid" structure (some functions Board driven, others Membership driven). Mike will ask if the CGJA would support a hybrid structure of some kind. Currently the CGJA chapters are 60% Corporate, 40% Membership driven.
- iii. The By-Laws and Policies and Procedures are currently out of sync. Jim Murad will review both documents and identify those areas that need revision.
- iv. It was suggested that the membership take some time to review the two CGJA structures (Membership driven and Corporate).



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c. Continuity Committee

- i. Rich Treadgold met with the seated grand jury about the "Marin's Software Saga Continues" report. He provided the jury with a worksheet with findings, recommendations, responses and an evaluation of the adequacy of the responses.
- ii. He also prepared a summary of the responses for the Continuity Committee.
- iii. Where responses are inadequate, the "Citizen's Group" IRG (Implementation Review Group) will follow-up with the appropriate County department.
- iv. IRG will present a report to the Continuity Committee. The Committee will listen to the report but will not comment or respond to the IRG representative.
- v. Rich provides a letter to respondents explaining the role and function of IRG.

d. Outreach Recruiting

- i. The Senior Fair is Wednesday October 23, 2013. Judy Chapman passed around flyers and asked that members post flyers advertising the Senior Fair.
- ii. Judy Chapman has lined up speakers for recruiting next year's Grand Jury applicants. (SIRS, Rotary Club). Judy asked for other suggested organizations and speakers. Mike will check to see if the League of Women Voters would be an appropriate group to address.
- iii. **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Chair of Outreach Recruiting committee.**

e. Social Committee

- i. Visit to Guide Dogs for the Blind (presently 12 people signed up)
- ii. Send ideas for additional social activity(s) to Mike and Anne Marie Melanephy.

f. Membership Review

- i. Membership Profile: 4 Honorary members, 50-1 year members, 12 Multi-year members, 11 Lifetime members.
- ii. It is moved that the Membership authorize,
 1. The Chapter Treasurer to prepare and maintain a Member Roster of chapter members containing that information considered to be necessary to enable those who have volunteered to accomplish one or more functions of the chapter, to do so,
 2. The Chapter Treasurer to provide via email, a copy of such Member Roster to those volunteers designated by the Board of Directors,



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3. The Chapter Treasurer to update the Member Roster as information is received and to provide in a timely manner, a revised copy via email to those volunteers as designated by the Board of Directors,
4. Those members with responsibility for the accomplishment of such functional areas and as designated by the Board of Directors, to receive the Member Roster and in so doing those volunteers individually and collectively accept the additional responsibility to maintain the confidentiality of the information contained therein and will use the information only in the accomplishment of their responsibilities.

Moved, Seconded and adopted by the Membership with one abstention, October 3, 2013.

There was a question about the wording of #4. Mike said that it could be tweaked at the next meeting if necessary.

ANY MISSED COMMITTEE REPORTS? - None

8. New Business - None

9. Topic of the day: Where do we envision the chapter to be in short, medium and long term? To be discussed at next month's meeting November 7, 2013.

10. Miscellaneous - for the Good of the Order

Life is not tried, it is merely survived, if you're standing outside the fire!

- Garth Brooks

11. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Linda Glasscock
Secretary MC-CGJA**