



# MINUTES - GENERAL MEETING

December 5, 2013 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM



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 convened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.
2. Roll Call
  - a. Attendees: Linda Glasscock, Michael Chernock, Sharon Hunter, Ann Marie Melanephy, Betty Mattea, Jim Murad, Judy Chapman, Steve Gach, Gene Dyer, Rich Treadgold, M.J. Boyden, John Dower
3. Review/Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - a. The minutes from the November meeting were approved.
4. Review/Approval of Financial Report
  - a. There was no change since last month's meeting. Checkbook balance is \$7,129.38
5. President's Comments
  - a. Meeting dates for 2013-2014
    - i. There will be NO meeting in January.
    - ii. The February meeting will be the first Thursday (February 7, 2014) Room 410-B
    - iii. The rest of the year the meetings will be on the SECOND Thursday of the month. March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12. All will be in 410-B
  - b. There was little interest in having a Holiday Party, so Mike suggested that we beef up the annual meeting in some fashion.
  - c. Social Outings: Suggestions are: Visit the USS Hornet and Rosie The Riveter Museum.
  - d. Elections: Positions that are open are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Directors at Large (3). Mike will send notices out to the membership. Jim Murad is coordinating the election nominations. Betty Mattea will be advisor to Jim. Interested members will Self-Nominate. Elections are held in May. It was suggested that the elections be postponed until July in order to get outgoing Grand Jury members. The By-Laws currently do not allow the Elections to be held in the next fiscal year. Mike suggested that Rich Treadgold write up a proposal to change the By-Laws to accommodate a change in dates for the election of officers. It was also suggested that we go to the seated jury in January or February to pitch participation in MCGJA and see if anyone is interested in running for office in May. This will need the Foreperson's approval. With regard to members, there was a suggestion that MCGJA have two types of membership: voting and non-voting. It is recognized that many members who pay dues are not active in the Chapter, however concern was raised about taking away a voting privilege from a dues paying member.
6. Officer's General Remarks/Reports



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## 7. Committee Remarks/Reports

- a. Communications Technology Committee
  - i. At the next Regional Meeting there will be a discussion about websites. Gene Dyer will be leading the discussion.
- b. Bylaws and Policies and Procedures Committee - No report
- c. Continuity Committee
  - i. Rich Treadgold reported on the activities of the IRG. The IRG is revising their procedures to limit liability exposure. The group wants to now minimize the investigation role and help the seated Grand Jury with their continuity efforts by providing information.
- d. Outreach Recruiting
  - i. The Speaker series has begun. Mark Hoffman spoke to the San Rafael Library in December. There will be 12 speakers for a total audience of about 600. In January the PSAs (Public Service Announcement) will begin. They will run on Public stations in January, February and March.
- e. Social Committee
  - i. Two possible social outings are : Visit USS Hornet and/or Rosy the Riveter Museum.
- f. Membership Review - No Report

## 8. New Business

9. Topic of the day: Continue discussion regarding where we envision the chapter to be in short, medium and long term? Explore possibility of focusing down on issues by inviting 1 committee a month to focus on their short, medium and long term goals.
  - a. This was discussed and the group agreed to invite the Chairs of Training, Orientation and Recruiting to Chapter meetings to discuss the Committees short medium and long term goals.

## 10. Miscellaneous - for the Good of the Order

**Minds are like parachutes; they work best when open. - Lord Thomas Dewar**

## 11. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Glasscock, Secretary