



**Marin Chapter  
California Civil Grand Jurors Association**

Board of Directors- **Tuesday** April 5, 2016

Marin Civic Center Room #410B

10:00AM

**MINUTES (taken by Helene Marsh)**

- **In Attendance:** Nadine Muller, Paul Premo, Dennis Brown, Owen Haxton, Jay Hamilton-Roth, Gene Dyer, Scott Drotman, Tom Borden, Helene Marsh, Nancy Frease, Rich Treadgold, John Erdmann, Peter Kiers, Sarah Loughran, Jack Nixon, John Mann and Patti Church (both arrived half way through)
- Approved Board Minutes of Meeting March 1, 2016
- **Discuss Recruitment of 2016-2017 Board of Directors (Open Mic)**
  - Officer Positions that need to be filled for 2016-17 are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasury.
  - A suggestion was made to establish a nominating committee. However, current officers stated they were not interested in being nominated and committee chairs were reluctant to step up for nomination. The Board and members present agreed that most people who have served are tired and looking to be replaced. Therefore, a nominating committee would struggle to find candidates to nominate.
  - The key is to entice the current jurors to join the Association and take on leadership roles. To do this, the Association should mobilize a 'campaign' of communication and encouragement.
  - A lengthy conversation ensued and a suggestion was made to postpone the election to September in order to facilitate the nomination and election of new members (from the current seated jury) to the Association. A motion to that effect was proposed. Following the self nominations (below) the motion was then withdrawn.
  - Eventually, the following people nominated themselves to Officer positions: Sarah Loughran -Treasurer, Helene Marsh – Secretary, Jack Nixon – President. It was agreed to proceed with elections at the June meeting on the basis of these nominations and any others that might come forth before the elections.
  - The best outcome would be for new Association members to take the positions of Vice President and Assistant Chairs of Committees

Committee Updates

- **Implementation Review - (Helene-Tom)**
  - Following Dick Spotswood's visit, the committee has drafted an article for the Editorial of the IJ and is planning to meet with the Editorial Board to discuss the work of IRC.
  - The committee will consider participating in the CCGJA Best Grand Jury Report Award and the Best News Media Reporting.
  - The meeting for 4/7/16 was cancelled- the next meeting will be 5/5/16
- **Communications (Gene)**
  - Gene thanked the committee chairs for providing updates to be included in the recent newsletter.
  - Gene stated that he has been trying for a long time to be replaced as the Communications chair and would prefer that.

- **Selection Advisory Committee (Tom)**
  - April 22 is deadline for applications. Currently there are 32 applicants (not inc. 2 holdovers). Patti estimates that 4 or 5 will not show for interviews. We need more candidates.
  - There are 30 ex-juror interviewers and the first interview training happening today. With this smaller group of applicants, the interviews will be front-loaded into the first two days.
  - The group activity part of the interview – 7 candidates at a time. They will identify topics, brainstorm and narrow down to one. The goal is to give the candidates an idea of what it would be like to serve on a committee and to see how they operate in a group setting. Observers will be the Judge, Rich, one other person + scribe. Following the group activity, each candidate will have an individual interview.
  
- **Training Committee (Rich)**
  - Current status of Manual revisions – (Rich). Close to final draft
  - Training of the new jurors will occur during the second week of July (11-15). Two ex-jurors have offered to assist with training, but Rich would like more. Jack Nixon volunteered and Nadine mentioned that Mike Casey is interested.
  - Still looking for someone to be emcee for training.
  - Patti emphasized that the County (Counsel + the court) have to approve the training. She will contact Rich to provide information about the additional details to be included in the training schedule. The County also has to approve the new manual.
  
- **Social Events --(Nancy)**
  - Report on Recent Luncheon-good turnout.
  - The Board agreed to a short presentation on AgeSong - a group that focuses on aging issues at the next meeting.
  - June Annual Meeting Date – June 2, 2016 at 10am. The annual meeting will take place at the usual meeting time but in a different location to be determined. Serve coffee and donuts.
  - The date for the mixer (exiting jurors + Association members) will be July 14 at McGinnis Park (try to get outside space). Use this occasion to hand out the plaques for exiting jurors and introduce them to the Directors and members of the Association.
  
- **Membership Update (Owen)**
  - Discussion regarding 1year waiver of dues to 2015-2016 GJ members if they participate actively on MCCGJA BOD or Committees. Board decided against it.
  
- **Treasurer's Report (Peter)**
  - Current Balances are healthy.
  
- **Outreach Program** – Claudia did not attend the meeting.
  
- Adjourned at 12:10pm