

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

Section 1 - Name

The name of the organization shall be Past Grand Jurors Association of San Diego County, California, hereafter referred to as the Association.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

Section 1 - Objectives

The objectives of the Association shall be to:

- A. Promote the continuity of effort by succeeding grand juries in order to increase the effectiveness of the grand jury system;
- B. Study and make recommendations with regard to local, civic, governmental and institutional affairs;
- C. Encourage and otherwise assist in efforts directed toward the betterment of the communities of San Diego County;
- D. Involve it in such other activities deemed by the Association to be in the public interest.
- E. Maintain personal contact of past grand jurors through opportunities for interaction at Association meetings and activities.

Section 2 - Function

The Association is a non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-profit organization. Officially, it neither takes part in nor lends its influence to partisan political issues or candidates. The Association may take a position on proposed legislation affecting the grand jury system.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Categories

There shall be four membership categories:

- A. Member - Any person who has served as a member of a regular San Diego County Grand Jury and who has paid current Association dues shall be a member. Any person who resigned or was removed for cause by action of the Court, or who served solely as a member of any criminal grand jury shall not be eligible.
- B. Lifetime Membership - Any person who has served as a member of a regular Grand Jury and who has paid the Association's Lifetime Membership Fee shall be a member. (Lifetime members are not required to pay annual dues.)
- C. Associate Member - Any person who has served as a member of a regular grand jury in any California county other than San Diego and who has paid current Association dues shall be an associate member. Associate membership shall be subject to approval of the Board of Directors.

- D. Honorary Member - Any person who has been closely and professionally connected to the San Diego County Grand Jury may be awarded an honorary membership by vote of the Board of Directors. Honorary members are not required to pay dues..

Section 2 - Voting

Every Member, Lifetime Member and Associate Member shall have one vote.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 - Composition

The Board of Directors, hereafter referred to as the Board, shall consist of the officers, the immediate past President and six Directors. The current San Diego County Grand Jury Coordinator shall serve as an ex officio non-voting member of the Board.

Section 2 - Officers

The officers of the Association shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 3 - Eligibility

All Members and Associate Members shall be eligible to serve on the Board.

Section 4 - Quorum

A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for all Board actions.

Section 5 - Voting Procedures

At least six affirmative votes are required for the Board to take action.

Section 6 - Term

The Board shall serve for one year. An officer or Director may be reelected but shall be limited to two consecutive terms in the same position.

ARTICLE V - ELECTION

Section 1 - Timing

Election of the Board shall be held annually.

Section 2 - Nomination

The Nominating Committee shall present its slate for the Board at the May meeting. The proposed slate shall be distributed to all Association members prior to the June meeting.

Section 3 - Election

Election of the Board shall be conducted at the June meeting. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor.

Section 4 - Installation

The Board shall take office at the July annual meeting.

Section 5 - Vacancies

All vacancies on the Board shall be filled for the unexpired term by a proposal of the President or any Board Member and approval of the Board.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

Section 1 - Procedure

Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be approved by the Board and submitted to the Association members for adoption. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the Association members present shall be required to adopt an amendment.

ARTICLE VII - GENERAL

Section 1 - Year

The Association year is defined as the period from July 1 to June 30.

This Constitution revokes and supersedes all prior Constitutions and amendments. Adopted effective June 2014.