

San Diego Deputy District Attorneys' Association

President: Mark Pettine (on leave of absence)
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Secretary: Chandra Kessler
Treasurer: Patrick Espinoza
Directors: Karl Eppel, David Hendren, James Koerber, Rupert Linley, Doug Rose, Michael Running, Jr., & Mark Skeels

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VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to remind everyone that your Association is sponsoring a "Meet & Greet" the candidates for DA. The forum will take place immediately following the February 12 training at the Wyndam.

For those of you who have not registered with the California Prosecutors Association please do so. Our association is one of the founding members. I believe this is an idea that is more relevant now than ever. The CPA will represent the interest of Deputy District Attorney's on a state wide basis. The information was sent out by e-mail earlier this week. It is important enough that we are repeating it as the following article.

Please take some time to visit the DDAA website at sdddaa.org. The website contains correspondence from the DDAA to the administration regarding various issues, including parking, promotions and status of new hires.

CALIFORNIA PROSECUTORS ASSOCIATION

As many of you are aware a coalition of Deputy District Attorney and Government Attorney Associations worked hard at improving the retirement benefits for Deputy DA's this past year. Our efforts resulted in SB1018 getting through the legislature with only three dissenting votes. As I told all of you, following the disappointment of the veto by the Governor, the coalition of associations intended to continue their efforts and we have. On January 15 of this year the **California Prosecutors Association** announced its formation as a 501(c)6 organization. The organization is comprised of front line Prosecuting attorneys who are 'Dedicated to Protecting California Neighborhoods'. The founding members are **Orange County, San Diego County, Contra Costa County, Santa Clara County, San Francisco County, Ventura County, Riverside County, and Kern County**. All of you who are **dues paying members** of the San Diego Deputy District Attorneys Association are eligible for membership as a result of that organization contribution on your behalf. To join simply go to the web site www.californiapa.org. Your dues for this year are paid but you must go on the site in order to register.

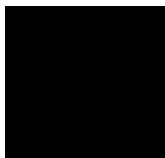
The California Prosecutors Association was born out of the need to ensure that the voice of the rank and file, front line Prosecuting Attorney's are included in the public policy debate regarding California's Criminal Justice System. The California Prosecutors Association also includes a Political Action Committee- California Prosecutors for Safe Neighborhoods. The San Diegans Against Crime also assisted in the formation by contributing to the PAC. This is a huge step in ensuring that your voice is heard and that the Deputy District Attorneys of San Diego are at the forefront of that mission. Thank you for your continued support.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Pat Espinoza Reported the balances to the Secretary in December. The following balances were reported in January:

Checking:
Savings:
Legal Defense:





DDAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 2001

Officers Present: Richard Monroy
Chandra Kessler
Rupe Linley
Pat Espinoza
Michael Running Jr.
James Koerber
Karl Eppel
Doug Rose
David Hendren
Mark Skeels

- 1. Call to Order:**
Acting President Richard Monroy called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.
- 2. Association Comment:**
Ann Barber addressed the Board regarding endorsements in the D.A. race. She suggested the Board endorse both Mark Pettine and Judge Dumanis and rate them as exceptionally well-qualified.
- 3. Contract Update:**
Robert Eichler expressed his thanks to the members for their support and attendance at the Board of Supervisors hearings on the contract. The County unilaterally implemented the contract terms of the first year of their last and best offer; the second reading of the implementation motion is set for December 11, 2001. Eichler also introduced Paul Crost, a labor lawyer who will explore potential contract litigation on behalf of the DDAA.
- 4. Judicial and Board of Supervisors Candidates:**
Judicial Candidates Alvin Gomez, Commissioner Jeffrey Bostwick, Michael Smyth and Olivia Gilliam addressed the Board regarding their respective races.
Mr. Gomez and Mr. Smyth are seeking election to Seat 17; retired Judge Luther Leeger may also enter this race.
Commissioner Bostwick and Ms. Gilliam are seeking election to Seat 29.
The Board thanked each candidate for appearing, but elected not to endorse any of the candidates.

Kevin Barnard, a detective with the San Diego Police Department, addressed the Board regarding his campaign to unseat 5th. District Supervisor Bill Horn. Patsy Fritz is also a candidate in the race. The Board voted to endorse Mr. Barnard for Supervisor.

5. **Community Outreach:** taken off agenda.

6. **HOJ Parking:**

Jim Koerber reported that it is unlikely current monthly parkers will be able to remain in the building.

7. **DA Endorsement:**

The Board will discuss this issue at its next meeting (Motion: Kessler; Second: Koerber.) Kessler moved that the Board invite all the candidates in the DA race to address the Board at the next meeting; no second was received.

8. **Consultant's Report:** taken off agenda.

9. **President's Report:**

Richard Monroy invited Jack Bucci to address the Board about the newly formed California Prosecutors Association. CPA was formed to support local prosecutors' offices, and will have a political action committee. Financial involvement will be required of all participating associations, and San Diego would be expected to commit up to \$10,000. Among the key issues for the CPA will be working for safety retirement for prosecutors, providing a repository for salary, contract and benefits information from around the state, involvement in local DA races, and representing local associations and their issues on a state-wide level. Bucci will return in the future with more information for the Board.

10. **Committee Reports:** taken off agenda.

11. **Old Business:** taken off agenda.

12. **New Business:** taken off agenda.

13. **Adjournment:** announced at 7:35p.m.

DDAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Officers Present: Richard Monroy
Chandra Kessler
Rupe Linley
Pat Espinoza
Michael Running Jr.
James Koerber
Karl Eppel
Doug Rose
David Hendren
Mark Skeels

1. Call to Order:

Acting President Richard Monroy called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. Association Comment: none.

3. Contract Update: none.

4. Community Outreach:

Jim Koerber proposed a DDAA presence at the upcoming State of the County address scheduled for 2/6/02 at the Hall of Champions. After discussion, the Board agreed to hold its next meeting at the Hall of Champions prior to Supervisor Roberts' address. The Board will encourage all interested DDAs to attend the address following the meeting. The Board established a committee to contact community organizations to raise the profile of the DDAA and to create a grassroots presence in the community. Jim Koerber, Pat Espinoza and Janay Kruger were selected for the committee.

5. DA Endorsement: taken off agenda.

Coordination is underway for a series of debates to be hosted by the League of Women Voters, the 3 local law schools, San Diegans Against Crime, the Hispanic Chamber and the San Diego Chamber. The debates are anticipated to be held in late January or February.

The Board voted to host an informal "Meet the Candidates" forum after the 2/12/02 training session (Motion: Linley; Second: Koerber.) Information will be provided as soon as possible.

6. Family Leave Issues:

Numerous DDAs have approached Board members regarding family issues such as parenting leave, part-time/flex-time and telecommuting. The Board would like to see uniformity and consistency in how these options are addressed and implemented. The Board unanimously moved to have Chandra Kessler coordinate the Board's dialogue with

the administration on these issues (Motion: Rose; Second: Eppel.)

7. Awards Banquet:

Nominations for awards should be directed to Board Secretary Chandra Kessler. The Board encourages DDAs to nominate deserving candidates. More details about the banquet will be forthcoming.

8. Consultant's Report:

The Board agreed to move the date of the annual retreat to April 6, 2002 at the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club.

9. President's Report: none.

10. Committee Reports:

The Board voted to disband the Parking Committee in light of recent events.

11. Old Business:

Doug Rose stated that the retirement lawsuit may be refiled to clarify the causes of action.

12. New Business:

Rupe Linley is trying unsuccessfully to get information from the administration on parking space assignments, and suggests a Public Records request if the information is not forthcoming. The Board unanimously voted to make a formal request for the information from the administration (Motion: Linley; Second: Rose.)

The Board unanimously voted to direct Association attorney Dick Castle to formally request a clarification of status of the new-hires (Motion: Monroy; Second: Skeels.)

The Board discussed the administrations recent "equity adjustments" for some, but not all, eligible DDAs, and whether such an adjustment was a violation of the Memorandum of Understanding and/or the Civil Service rules. The Board unanimously voted to authorize a letter from Attorney Castle to the administration requesting clarification of the criteria for equity adjustments and asking for the names of the DDAs impacted by a date certain (Motion: Rose; Second: Linley.)

13. Adjournment: announced at 6:25p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Chandra Kessler



DA WEAR INFORMATION

We have DDAA mugs available in my office. They are either black or blue with a gold logo. The gold logo can go in the microwave. The cost is \$10.00. If you are interested e-mail me or call me at 531-4081. My office is on the 8th floor of the Hall of Justice.

We are going to do another DA Wear order. Paul Press will be at the afternoon session of the February training with catalogs and some samples. Orders can be placed at that time. If you already know what you want, or want to see a catalog early...just give me a call and I will see what can be arranged. My phone number is 531-4081.

SPRINT INFORMATION

Watch the DDAA website for Sprint information. There will soon be a link from that website to the Sprint DDAA mini site. The mini site will give you all the latest information and specials that are available.



FAMILY NEWS:

January 25, 2002, DDA Jean Jordan's father passed away peacefully in his sleep. Jean was able to be there with her father at the time. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Jordan Family.



EDITOR'S NOTES

I combined the December and January reports into one E-News. Hopefully, we will get caught up and be able to get the E-News out the last week of each month from now on. As always, information, notices and ads can be sent to me the 3rd week of the month and I will work on getting them included in the E-News.

FOR SALE/RENT/SERVICES

BIG BEAR MOUNTAIN CABIN!

Fabulous Mountain and Lake Views from secluded A-Frame cabin. Relax and enjoy the mountain air! Across from Bear Mountain Ski Resort/Golf Course. Golf, Lake, Hiking when the snow is gone. Cabin has two bedrooms, one bath; sleeps 4 comfortably. Special DDA rental rate is \$250/weekend during ski season; \$75/night remainder of the year. Call Pete Murray: 531-3192; or pmurra@sdcda.org.

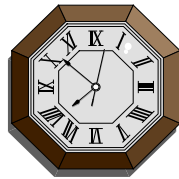
EYE SURGERY: Look at the attached flyer if you are investigating any eye surgery. Dino Paraskevopoulos' brother in law is an eye doctor and is offering a discount to DDAA Members.

WATERBED FOR SALE: It is a queen size all oak bed, with 4 drawers and a cabinet on each side of the bed pedestal. It has a book shelf headboard. It is undamaged. The bed retailed for \$1100. It has a new waveless mattress and heater that retailed for \$300. I am asking \$500. Please Call Ann Barber in Juvenile at 694-4243

UNION GOON MERCHANDISE: If you are looking for Union Goon merchandise give Karl Eppel a call. He has mugs, t-shirts and hats. Some are in stock and he can always order more. He will also have a display at our Meet and Greet after training in February. His number is 531-4069.

HEAVY DUTY HOME GYM: Body Tech multi-station home gym with 2 large weight stacks. All usual stations plus seated ab and back unit plus separate, seated, leg press station. Getting married selling toys. \$350, you move it. Also have excellent norditrac with new computer. G. Rempel at 694-4233.

HOME FOR SALE: Clairemont/Bay Ho, 5 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home, view of bay and ocean, public open house soon, but if you want to come by and see a great family home located on a quiet one-way street call Jeff at work (619) 531-4295 or Kim at home (858)272-5222. E-mail Jeff for more details at the work e-mail address.



UPCOMMING EVENTS

February 6, 2002: DDAA Board of Directors meeting.

FEBRUARY 12, 2002: Meet and Greet the Candidates

APRIL 27, 2002: AWARDS BANQUET at the Hyatt Hotel on Market.