

San Diego Deputy District Attorneys Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *By Robert Hickey*

Since we all find ourselves in uncertain times, it has been my goal to counter this by speaking to as many fellow DDAs as possible. I have spoken to close to 1/3 of our DDA's in the last several months. I am indebted to all those who were willing to spend time talking with me about our common vision for the District Attorney's Office. Many consistent themes have emerged as to the type of leader we should look for and what role the DDAA should have in the selection or election process, should there be a transition. Frankly, I am amazed at the consistency in certain opinions in these conversations; we are united on the key attributes we want from our next leader. Please be assured that myself and others members of the Board have begun positive discussions with the District Attorney, and we will not hesitate to express our positions. Hopefully, we will continue to have your input, whether it is by speaking to me or any other member of the Board. We want to hear from you. Together, we will go forward.

1. One-Time 2 % Monetary Payment – August 5, 2011: The terms of the 2011-2013 contract extension include a one-time 2% monetary payment for all DDAs who have regular service during the first payroll period of the new contract. The payment will appear in your paycheck

on August 5, 2011. You may want to defer some or all of the 2% monetary payment, to avoid current taxes. The required form, at the end of the newsletter, must be returned by **July 13, 2011**.

2. 2011 Hail and Farewell: The 2011 DDAA Hail and Farewell was held on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club. Thank you to DDA Michael Runyon for doing a great job as emcee and “Farewelling” Chief Deputy District Attorney Jeff Dusek, Judge Richard Monroy, Judge Michael Groch, Marty Martins, and Steve Anear.

3. State Bar Board of Governors Election (District 9) – Vote for Heather Rosing: You should have received a California State Bar ballot for the District 9 Board of Governors election. District 9 covers San Diego, Imperial, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Voting closes on June 30, 2011. The DDAA Board has endorsed and urges you to vote for Heather Rosing.

4. CYAC Battle of the Badges IX – Saturday, June 18, 2011: The Barona Band of Mission Indians, the Community Youth Athletic Center (CYAC), and the National Latino Peace Officers Association are holding the 9th annual "Battle of the Badges" charity boxing event on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at the Barona Valley Ranch Resort and Casino. See the flyer later in the newsletter. For more information, contact DDA Victor Nunez. Please help support this event!

5. 2011 SDCERA Retirement Board Election – Doug Rose: SDCERA members have chosen three experienced trustees to represent them on the Board of Retirement. A total of 12 candidates ran in the May 17 election - the largest candidate field in recent years. Collectively, winners have more than 45 years of board experience. DDA Doug Rose won re-election to a fourth term representing active members. E. F. “Skip” Murphy, a retired Sheriff’s Department captain and former trustee, won his bid to represent retired members. He won the seat currently held by longtime trustee James Feeley, who ran unopposed as the alternate trustee representing retired members. SDCERA Board terms begin on July 1, 2011.

6. 2011 DAI/DDA Baker to Vegas Team: Congratulations to Team Captain / DAI John Gunderson and the 2011 DAI/DDA Baker to Vegas Team for placing 14th in their division at the Annual Baker to Vegas Race on April 16-17, 2011. The race is a 120 mile relay race from Baker, California to Las Vegas, Nevada, with teams comprised of active and retired members of law enforcement agencies from all over the world. The DDAA supports our Baker to Vegas Team. Start training now for next year’s race!

7. Attack on Public Employee Pensions - UPDATE: Although Orange County’s attack on public employees pensions appears to be dead, various initiatives and legislative “fixes” are still being discussed which could have a dramatic effect on pensions for both current and future public employees. There is some question about the constitutionality of changing pensions for current public employees. One bill currently in the legislature would eliminate compensation for sick leave upon retirement. We will continue to monitor the issues and keep you advised.

8. DDAs on Facebook: Control + Click on the link to follow your fellow DDAs: [Facebook](#).

9. Save the Dates! Please mark your calendars now for these events:

Saturday, September 17, 2011: DDAA Annual Awards Banquet – Torrey Pines Hilton
Friday, December 9, 2011: DAI/DDAA Holiday Party – San Diego Natural History Museum

**DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF 6/7/11**

Officers and Directors Present:	Robert Hickey	Rob Lafer	David Berry
	David Williams III	Steve Walter	Matt Dix
	Chantal de Mauregne	Brenda Daly	Brian Erickson

Members Present: James Koerber, Jennifer Gianera, Terri Wyatt, Adam Gordon, Doug Rose, Craig Fisher

Child Support Attorneys Shannon Welton, Robert Harris

1. **Call to Order:** President Hickey called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. **Association Comment:** None.
3. **PAC Update:** PAC Board members Dix and Berry met with Steve Danon and will also be meeting with Greg Cox.
4. **Treasurer's Report:**
Primary Savings: \$*****
Money Market: \$*****
Litigation Money Market: \$*****
Certificate: \$*****
Checking: \$*****

As always, if any member desires to see an itemized list of our spending and savings, it is always available by contacting the Treasurer, Cari Philpott.

Tax Status:

We would like to remind members that your Association and PAC dues are taken from your paycheck biweekly and reflected as *one lump sum* deduction. Please be aware that your Association dues and PAC dues have different tax implications. Our financial support of CHCRS could impact the amount of your DDAA dues, IF ANY, you claim for a tax deduction. Please check with your tax preparer.

5. **Consultant's Report:** None.
6. **DDAA Event Sponsorship:** In response to a recent increase in requests by local organizations for DDAA event sponsorship, Directors David Berry and Rob Lafer drafted some guidelines to assist the DDAA Board in determining which community outreach events are appropriate for participation by the DDAA. These guidelines will be kept with the Secretary.
7. **Sick Leave/Retirement Issues:** There are various bills and initiatives that could threaten our current structure for converting sick leave to service credits. The Board is working

with Doug Rose to see if there is any way to protect our interests before any laws are enacted.

8. **Awards Banquet/Holiday Party Update:** A reminder that the **Awards Banquet** date has been changed to **September 17, 2011** and will be held at the **Torrey Pines Hilton Hotel**. The **Holiday Party** will be on **December 9, 2011** at the **San Diego Natural History Museum**. Details will be provided in the next several months regarding these two events.
9. **CHCRS Contribution:** Our Association payment to CHCRS has been delayed slightly to look into the tax issue.
10. **President's Report:** Robert Hickey reported that he had a positive conversation with the District Attorney regarding membership concerns with the possibility that we could need a new DA in the next two years. He also reported that more than 100 DDA's have contacted him with their thoughts and criteria and he encourages everyone to do so.
11. **New Business:** Vice-President Walter confirmed that the DDAI's are still on schedule for June 2011 to receive their merit-based increases. Additionally, the application process for DDAI's is currently open and our office will be seeking applications until June 17, 2011. There are approximately ten DDA I positions available.
12. **Adjournment:** 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Chantal de Mauregne, Secretary



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REQUEST FOR ONETIME CHANGE TO 457 CONTRIBUTION
 August 5, 2011 Paycheck Only – 2% Contract Payout

Name of Participant: _____ Employee ID#: _____

Social Security #: _____ - _____ - _____ Work Phone #:() _____

CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT

OLD	NEW
\$.00	\$.00

By

submitting this form I authorize the Deferred Compensation Department to make a onetime change to my 457 elective deferral contribution. I understand that the change will be effective for the August 5, 2011 paycheck only, after which time my contributions will resume at the old contribution amount. If no old contribution amount is listed my future contribution rate will be \$0.00.

Participant Signature

Date

Important Information

- **All request forms must be received in the Deferred Compensation Office Wednesday July 13, 2011, by 5 p.m. or it will not take effect.** Please return the completed request form to Deferred Compensation:
 - In Person: Room 102 of the County Administration Center
 - Interoffice Mail: Mailstop A-49
 - Fax: (619) 531-4937
- **REQUESTS FOR ONETIME 457 CONTRIBUTION CHANGES MUST BE MADE THROUGH THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO DEFERRED COMPENSATION DEPARTMENT, AND SHOULD NOT BE MADE THROUGH THE NATIONWIDE CALL CENTER OR WEBSITE.** Contribution change requests submitted to Nationwide will be effective indefinitely unless a subsequent contribution change request is submitted. The subsequent contribution change request will not be effective until the first full paycheck of the month following the date it is received.
- The new contribution rate must be a whole dollar amount **determined by the employee.** Certain deductions such as the employee share of Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI), Medicare (MED), Retirement Contributions, Healthcare Premiums, Union Dues, and Supplemental Life Insurance Premiums are taken out prior to Deferred Compensation Deductions. As a general rule the new contribution rate should not exceed 70% of your projected gross earnings but calculations can vary based on your personal situation. If the new contribution rate exceeds the dollar amount remaining after these deductions, then no money will be deducted for deferred compensation.
- If the employee does not enter an old contribution dollar amount on this form, the contributions will be \$0.00 for all subsequent paychecks until the employee makes a contribution change through Nationwide. The subsequent contribution change request will not be effective until the first full paycheck of the month following the date it is received.