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OHIO JURY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

*“To promote and enhance jury service
through excellent jury management.”*

JURY NOTES

- SPRING 2017 -

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE 2016 G. THOMAS
MUNSTERMAN AWARD FOR JURY INNOVATION
CONTINUES**



From Left: Judge Reeve Kelsey, Scott Sturges, David Ballmann

The plaque is circulating to all of the OJMA Trustees to share the honor of the Munsterman Award with Ohio Courts and communities

OJMA WEBSITE: www.ohiojury.org

2017 OHIO JURY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

A copy of the membership form for 2017 is provided on the last page of this newsletter. The continued support of our membership allows OJMA to carry out the mission to promote and enhance jury service through excellent jury management. OJMA relies solely on membership dues to cover costs associated with all of OJMA's projects, including the annual conference, website, survey, newsletter, and preparation of resource materials. The membership fees have been kept to a minimum to permit courts to join OJMA even during times of budget restrictions. While the collaboration between OJMA and the Ohio Judicial College permits the annual educational program to be presented with no registration fee, there are basic administrative costs associated with sustaining a statewide association. **Membership is the life blood of OJMA on many levels!**



THE OJMA 2017 CONFERENCE

The 18th Annual Ohio Jury Management Conference, “**BLOCKBUSTER JURY MANAGEMENT**”, is scheduled for **FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017 IN COLUMBUS, OHIO**. If you are a new jury manager, a veteran jury manager or someone who

oversees staff who handle jury management responsibilities, this course is a great source of practical information. Join us to network with others and learn about critical jury management topics.

“*And Justice for All*” – A welcome/update from The Supreme Court of Ohio

“*Paper Chase*” – Ohio laws and procedures to formulate the annual jury source list, conduct the annual jury draw, summon individuals for jury service and manage jury excuses.

“*Jury Duty*” - Issues and recommendations regarding juror orientation, juror comfort and juror privacy.

“*Runaway Jury*” – Best practices to improve juror attendance and address no shows.

“*A Few Good Men*” – This panel of veteran jury managers, from both common pleas and municipal courts, will respond to a wide range of issues and questions from those in attendance.

OJMA is again partnering with the Ohio Judicial College to present this one day course. Registration for the program will be through the Judicial eCademy. A notice to register for this course will be sent out by the Ohio Judicial College. If you do not receive the notice or if you have any questions, you may contact the Ohio Judicial College at 614-387-9445.

GRAND JURY TOUR OF LOCAL JAIL



R.C. 2939.21 requires that grand jurors visit the county jail once every three months. The purpose of the visit is to examine the condition of the jail, inquire about the discipline and treatment of prisoners, their habits, diet, and accommodations. The grand jurors must report on these matters, in writing, to the common pleas court. The clerk of court is required to forward a copy of the report to the department of rehabilitation and correction. The preferred method of sending the grand jury report is to email the Bureau of Adult Detention at DRCAdult.Detention@odrc.state.oh.us. You may also “cc” the report to both the Administrator and Assistant Administrator at John.Adams@odrc.state.oh.us and Jon.Radebaugh@odrc.state.oh.us. If you prefer to mail the grand jury report, the address is John Adams, Administrator, Bureau of Adult Detention, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, 770 W. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43222



CHECK OUT THE UPDATED OJMA WEBSITE!

By Justin Kornhaus, OJMA Trustee

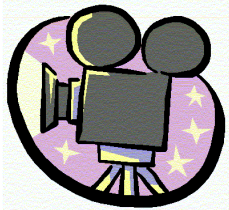
The OJMA website, www.ohiojury.org, is an unparalleled source of information for anyone interested in Jury Management. Our site contains valuable insights for Jury Managers; information for potential, current, or former jurors; and is utilized by many court employees that work with jurors to improve overall efficiency to Jury Management in the various courts. Users can obtain information from the website regarding the foundation of the OJMA and the current Board of Trustees, read our “Jury Notes” newsletter, and find news and updates about the OJMA’s annual conference.

Our Resources page provides users with updates about new and innovative Jury Management best-practices, as well as providing materials concerning changes to the law(s) that may affect jurors and/or jury managers. The Ohio Judicial Conference’s Jury Service Video Brochure can also be easily accessed from the Resources page.

The OJMA (and our website) is unique, as we offer an unparalleled avenue for jury managers and court staff for leveraging best practices in jury management, mitigating costs of effective jury management, and streamlining Jury processes - ultimately providing for Ohio courts to be as automated, convenient, and efficient as possible – so head on over to www.ohiojury.org, and start improving your court today!

OJMA’S EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

By Scott Sturges, OJMA Trustee



As part of its educational outreach, OJMA trustees David Ballmann, Reeve Kelsey, Brad Seitz and Scott Sturges comprise the association’s education committee. As its first effort, the committee teamed with the Ohio State Bar Association to create short public service videos relating to jury service. The intended audience of the videos ranges from experienced jury managers to the general public, depending upon the topic.

In January, Judge Reeve Kelsey and David Ballmann recorded the first of three jury service educational videos at the Ohio State Bar Association’s studio.

In one video, Judge Kelsey discussed the standards for gender and racial balance in juries. In a second video, Judge Kelsey related examples of juror misconduct. His presentations encompassed a national perspective on jury balance and juror misconduct. Judge Kelsey serves as a judge in the Common Pleas Court of Wood County in Bowling Green.

In a third video, David Ballmann discussed the mechanics of the juror summoning process as seen through his work as the Jury Administrator for the Common Pleas Court of Montgomery County in Dayton.

Future videos will include the history and purpose of OJMA, the importance of jury service, the Jury Modernization Act, jurors in special trials, and felons as jurors. The education committee welcomes suggestions for other topics. Furthermore, the committee welcomes additional OJMA members as volunteers.

The completed videos will be accessed through a new part of <http://www.ohiojury.org/>, OJMA’s web site. In addition, background and supplemental information for the videos such as notes, outlines and legal citations will be placed on the OJMA web site.

The OJMA education committee thanks Fran Wellington and Chris Loehrer of the Ohio State Bar Association for their assistance.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
Membership through December 31, 2017

Is this a renewal of current membership? _____ New Member? _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

County: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Active Member: \$50.00

An Active Member shall be a person and shall be entitled to one vote.

Organizational Member: \$125.00

An Organizational Member shall be an organization, either a public or private entity, and shall have no vote. (Three people

may be listed as members associated with an Organizational Membership. Each should include a completed membership form, including contact information.)

Make checks payable to Ohio Jury Management Association. Please send this form with the payment.

Membership dues and member forms to be submitted to: Ohio Jury Management Association
1700 Lake Shore Drive
Columbus, OH 43204

I hereby agree to abide by the articles of incorporation, code of regulations, bylaws, and rules of this corporation.

Signature of Applicant

Date

If you have any questions, contact Vicky Unger, OJMA Administrative Specialist, at 614-487-4475 or vunger@osbf.net.

The Ohio Jury Management Association is the proud recipient of the 2016 National Center for State Courts G. Thomas Munsterman Award for Jury Innovation.