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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, *Steve Ipsen* ADDA President

Last year brought your ADDA into a much stronger political position. While the main focus of the ADDA is on better working conditions, compensation and salary, much of this can only be achieved through greater influence in the political process. ALADS (The Association of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs) proved that. As we prepare for a hearing

with the Employee Relations Commission on certification, we also have ADDA directors meeting with gubernatorial and attorney general candidates who have sought our endorsement in their campaigns.

It was our efforts in Sacramento that gave us the opportunity for an enhanced retirement, and we will continue our efforts to negotiate

or what other DDAs throughout the state are now being offered, better compensation and retirement benefits.

We continue to grow as an organization, and with your continued support we will achieve a better workplace for our members.

Steven J. Ipsen is the President of the Association of Deputy District Attorneys.

DA ADMINISTRATION CUTS OFF USE OF E-MAIL; ADDA REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED FOR BRANCH AND AREA

Recently several members of the ADDA were advised by the District Attorney's administration, that the ADDA could no longer utilize externally sent e-mails to communicate to members about upcoming events. Since these e-mails were sent from outside the office through a private company to each individual DDA, we did not believe that such actions violated the administration's e-mail policy. Although we respect the administration's authority to set policy, we

are consulting legal authorities about this restraint. However, there is too much occurring to cease communicating with our members.

The ADDA continues to seek improvement in communicating with our members. We need representatives in each of the branches and areas. As such we seek volunteers to serve as ADDA

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tor Unit

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ADDA May Board of Directors Meeting: Endorsements

By ADDA Secretary Bobby Grace and Board Member Steven Lopez

The May 16, 2006 ADDA Board of Directors meet-

ing was attended by ADDA President Steve Ipsen, Senior Vice President Frank Tavelman, Junior Vice President Marc Debbaudt, Treasurer Bjorn

Dodd, Secretary Bobby Grace, as well as Board Members Christian Gullon, John Harrold, Robert Jordan, Tal Kahana, Sue

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ADDA Fund: The Merchandise

PURCHASE ADDA MERCHANDISE AND SUPPORT YOUR CO-WORKERS

The ADDA has DA merchandise available for sale. A portion of the profits is donated at the end of each year to a deputy district attorney, district attorney investigator, and support staff member in need. In previous years the ADDA donated thousands of dollars raised by the sale of this merchandise. Currently we have t-shirts, sweatshirts, gym/travel bags, coffee mugs, beer steins, travel mugs, golf

towels, baby bibs, baby "onesies," and more. To place an order send your order form to Tal Kahana, ADDA Director and Chairperson of the ADDA Merchandising Committee. If you need an order form e-mail Tal or download if off the ADDA website. The ADDA Merchandising Committee continues to update available merchandise, all suggestions are encouraged. Our current inventory includes: "Raid Jackets," sweatshirts, blue or white t-

(cont.) ADDA REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED FOR BRANCH AND AREA

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ch of the offices. If you are interested, please contact ADDA President Steve Ipsen at (213) 220-3336.

ARE YOUR DUES CURRENT?

Membership in the ADDA is the only method in which your Board can have credibility when speaking to the administration and outside groups, such as The

Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs ("ALADS"), Crime Victims United, California legislatures, and more. Currently, membership is on a calendar year from January to December. dues for 2006 are now due. Annual dues are only \$30 per year. If you are not a current member and want to join, or you are unsure of your membership status, call ADDA President Steve Ipsen at (213) 220-3336

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS COMMISSION: THE HEARING ON CERTIFICATION

By: Frank Tavelman, ADDA Senior Vice President

Your ADDA continues its efforts to improve our working conditions, obtain better compensation and better retirement. The last ADDA Board of Directors election was a choice between electing a pro-SEIU 660 slate or retaining Directors who would explore all options available to Deputy DAs. Deputy DAs voted overwhelmingly to reject the pro-SEIU slate. Now the Board must investigate and pursue whether deputy district attorneys can be an independent bargaining unit.

ADDA representatives filed notice with the County that the ADDA was requesting a determination if Deputy DAs could be their own bargaining unit. The Chief Administrative Officer ("CAO") notified the Employee Relations Commission ("ERCOM") that they oppose a separate DDA bargaining unit, preferring to force DDAs into a unit with deputy public defenders, alternative deputy public defenders and child support attorneys. For two months, ERCOM deferred ruling on the matter. However, ERCOM has finally ordered a for-

mal hearing on the issue.

The hearing date, which has yet to be determined, will be set in the fall. This hearing is the first step in determining what options exist for DDAs. If ERCOM determines that DDAs can be our a separate bargaining unit, then we will hold an election on the issue. It is important to note that we will not become a union without the matter being sent to all DDAs for consideration. There are many benefits and some risks with a decision to become a bargaining unit, but with the Sheriff's union (ALADS) obtaining what amounts to an 18% increase over three years, we should at least consider it. If we certify, then we can decide if we want to affiliate with ALADS, AFSCME, SEIU or another union. We can also decide to be independent and negotiate as an independent team with the deputy public defenders. We will continue to keep you informed on this issue.

(cont.) May Board of Directors Meeting: Jessica's Law and other developments.

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Lasicka, Steven Lopez, Paul Moll, Loren Naiman, Edward Nison, Marc St. Hyppolyte, and Alan Yochelson.

Several candidates appeared before the ADDA Board seeking the endorsement of ADDA in June Primary Election. The Board voted to endorse the candidacy of Bruce Perlman for Lacera Board with a non-exclusive endorsement. The Board also voted to support the judicial application for appointment of Vincent Millone.

The Board also discussed reports that several employee groups including the Sheriff's Department and the Probation Department negotiated seniority bonus pay in their new contracts with the

county. Depending on the amount of the bonus it could be the monetary equivalent of safety retirement. Marc St. Hyppolyte will investigate the various compensation packages being offered by Los Angeles County and report back to the Board.

A motion was made and passed to participate in efforts to raise money for passage of Jessica's Law. Steve Ipsen also reported on discussion with Assemblywoman Sharon Runner who is sponsoring additional legislation designed to stiffen penalties for sex offenders and make it more difficult for sex offender parolees to move near schools, parks etc. A motion was made and passed to endorse Sharon Runner for California State Assembly.

In other business, a motion was made and passed to reimburse Steve Ipsen for expenses he incurred buying name badges for recently hired Grade I DDAs.

In new business, the Board agreed with a request to move the DDA of the Year Dinner to October, with a date certain to announced at June's Board meeting. And finally, the Board discussed the recent nomination of California State Judge Valerie Baker to the Federal Bench. ADDA Sr. VP Frank Tavelman will research this nomination and report back to the Board at a future meeting. Any DDA knowledgeable about Judge Baker will be asked to contact Mr. Tavelman at their earliest convenience.

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The Association by and for the Deputy District Attorneys of Los Angeles County

SAVE THE DATE

2006 Calendar of unofficial office events:

June

June 20-ADDA Board of Directors Meeting. 5pm, Younger Conference Room, 18th floor, CSFCJC

June 21- Latino Prosecutor's Association/Latino Prosecutor's Foundation. Monthly Meeting, 5:30 p.m. For location please contact LPA President Leonard Torrealba at (213) 974-6507

July

July 18-ADDA Board of Directors Meeting. 5pm, Younger Conference Room, 18th floor, CSFCJC

July 19- Latino Prosecutor's Association/Latino Prosecutor's Foundation. Monthly Meeting, 5:30 p.m. For location please contact LPA President Leonard Torrealba at (213) 974-6507.

August

August 10-Latino Prosecutor's Association/ Latino Prosecutor's Foundation Dodger Night! For tickets contact Maria Ramirez (213)974-6810.

August 15-ADDA Board of Directors Meeting. 5pm, Younger Conference Room, 18th floor, CSFCJC

August 16- Latino Prosecutor's Association/ Latino Prosecutor's Foundation. Monthly Meeting, 5:30 p.m. For location please contact LPA President Leonard Torrealba at (213) 974-6507.

September

September 20- Latino Prosecutor's Association/ Latino Prosecutor's Foundation. Monthly Meeting, 5:30 p.m. For location please contact LPA President Leonard Torrealba at (213) 974-6507.

October

October 17-ADDA Board of Directors Meeting. 5pm, Younger Conference Room, 18th floor, CSFCJC

October 18- Latino Prosecutor's Association/ Latino Prosecutor's Foundation. Monthly Meeting, 5:30 p.m. For location please contact LPA President Leonard Torrealba at (213) 974-6507.

October 19-ADDA Awards Dinner. Presentation of Awards for Career Prosecutor, District Attorney of the Year, and Investigator of the Year. Omni Hotel, Downtown Los Angeles

November

November 15- Latino Prosecutor's Association/ Latino Prosecutor's Foundation. Monthly Meeting, 5:30 p.m. For location please contact LPA President Leonard Torrealba at (213) 974-6507.

November 21-ADDA Board of Directors Meeting. 5pm, Younger Conference Room, 18th floor, CSFCJC

December

December 26-ADDA Board of Directors Meeting. 5pm, Younger Conference Room, 18th floor, CSFCJC (Date subject to motion to change)