

GLAAM Board of Directors

Official Minutes

June 4, 2016

Pilgrim Towers, 440 N. Madison Ave., Pasadena

	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Members-at-Large</i>
Mid-City	[X] J. Hobart	[O] Russell Pottharst	[X] Desiree Elliott
Coastal	<i>vacant</i>	[X] Madeline Walker	[X] Jonathan Elliott
SFV	[O] Joyce Hamilton	[X] Jerilyn Phippeny	[X] Andrea Nolan
ELAC	[O] Michael Wong	<i>vacant</i>	[O] Gene Schneider
Hi-Desert	[/] Lindsay Ross (11:51ar)	[X] Bruce Smith	[X] Sandra Smith
Inland Empire	<i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>	[X] Lee Stillman

[X] = present for entire meeting, [/] = present for portion, [O] = absent with leave, [#] = consecutive unexcused absence(s)

Guests: Brian Madsen, Andrew Merenbach, Michelle Froelich, Vickey Kalambakal

I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order** -- by Chairman B. Smith at 11.17am.
- B. **Approval of Previous Minutes** -- Moved (Phippeny/J Elliott) to approve the Minutes as submitted; carried 7/0/2.

II. Reports

- A. Executive Officers
 1. **Chairman**
 - B Smith noted that a lot was accomplished at the last (May) meeting.
 - Gave thanks to Treasurer J Elliott for the Treasurer's Report and Budget
 2. **Secretary:**
 - Stillman stated that he is learning on the fly, and hopes to live up to the example set by his predecessor.
 3. **Treasurer:**
 - J Elliott reported that he completed the closing of the 2015-2016 fiscal year, and that the final financial statements have been posted to the CC's list
 - Two of the Costco gift cards for Buca di Beppo were left over from the previous event – Wong proposes one be given to last year's Secretary/Treasurer because he was in the hospital and unable to attend, and the other to be used as a door prize at next year's RG.
 - Checked the mailbox on 6/2. There were no contents.

B. Area Reports

1. **Mid-City:**

- Hobart reported that she and the new Delegate (Pottharst) are coordinating with Liz Cheney (previous Delegate) for continuity of events.
- Will be absent for July and September Board meetings.
- July event will not be held unless Pottharst hosts.

2. **Coastal:**

- Kalambakal's South Bay Salon event had 13 attendees.
- Walker announced a new event on September 25, "Hollywood Home Movies".

3. **SFV:**

- Phippeny's Happy Hour event – 1 attendee, who has been in Mensa for about a year.
- There were 5 attendees to Game Night, one of which lives in Mid-City

C. Members-at-Large

1. **S Smith:**

- Brought copies of updated Zip Code list

D. Committees and Coordinators

1. **RVC:**

- D Elliott reported that the National organization is no longer mailing monthly reports for Areas. To obtain, either receive by email or use the local group portal (for which issues exist).
- The AG is this month. The AMC meeting will be held on Thursday. The ABM has been moved to Friday morning.
- GLAAM qualifies for the Ruby jewel for group points.

2. **Bylaws:**

- J Elliott stated the committee entertained a suggestion to establish a requirement that anybody being appointed to a board position in May must have attempted in real life to circulate a petition; while we are sympathetic to the idea here, and the theory that anyone who was too lazy to even try to circulate a petition might also be too lazy to ever do anything for the board, we are more persuaded by the argument that these decisions should be left up to the board to decide on a case-by-case basis, and that we should not hamstring the board by preventing them from making an appointment which they otherwise would like to make.

3. **Finance:**

- (included in Treasurer's report)

4. **Gifted Youth:**

- Walker reported working on teen participation.

- Event at the Wende Museum on the Cold War in Culver City on June 18.
 - The Teen Party drew 10 teens, along with parents.
 - Derek Uskert is hosting an Under-9 math class with a professor from UCLA. 8 kids are registered.
5. **Regional Gathering:**
- Walker reported the search for a hotel continues. D Elliott states one possible location is the Hilton Garden Inn in Palmdale – Hospitality Suite \$139/night, regular rooms \$110/night with free breakfast, meeting room space (3 rooms separated by soft walls) \$3150 + 29% for the weekend. Free parking.
6. **Social Media:**
- Phippeny is encouraging event hosts to post their own event info on Facebook.
 - Exploring the possible use of Quip, an alternative media sharing platform
7. **Special Events:**
- Walker reported that the Hollywood Bowl signups are filling up.
 - AG schedule booklet is coming soon.
 - New event on September 10, the Fantasticks at the Pasadena Playhouse.
8. **Circulation:**
- Madsen reported the newsletter went out on time.
9. **Roster:**
- Madsen planning on writing newsletter article urging members to make sure their roster information is updated and correct.
10. **MensaPhone:**
- Schneider reported by email – no calls
11. **SIGHT:**
- Arlette Chew sent written report to previous Secretary – Merenbach summarized – Adrien Sicart, a member from France, was coming and would attend the Happy Hour event.
12. **Open Forum:**
- Ross (who arrived at this point in the meeting), reports that the last OF event was the best event yet. Member Larry C. Weber’s son, who is a director, got to meet the speaker.
13. **Historian:**
- Ross provided sound equipment for an event hosted by Ed You.
14. **Webmaster:**
- Merenbach stated he was missing approved minutes & agendas from the last couple of meetings.

III. Special Orders

A. Filling of Vacant Board Positions

Michelle Froelich appointed to position of ELAC Delegate (D Elliott 10/0/0)

C. Approval of 2016-2017 Budget

J Elliott present proposed budget. Passed 11/0/0 with the following amendments:

Income – Lapsed Member Mailing increased to \$450; Dodger Stadium Event \$600 (see below); RG increased by 10% to reflect pricing increase; Total Income \$42,346.54.

Expenses – Gifted Youth increased to \$2500; Open Forum increased to \$1200 (\$100 per event); Dodger Stadium Event \$1200 (reflecting 50% ticket subsidy); RG increased by 10%; “Other” scholarships (as yet unnamed) increased to \$1000 total. Total Expenses \$49,594.53. Note: Projected operating loss consistent with Board desire to spend down surplus.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Progress on Strategic Goal of Increasing Member Participation

D Elliott stated that following Schneider’s submission of her closing report this item is completed.

B. 2016 AG Party Bus for GLAAM Members

Phippeny agreed to assume responsibility for coordinating.

D. Strategic Goal of Lining Up Successors for Volunteer Positions

(Quoted from Agenda) As reported by the Awards Committee at the March 2016 Board meeting, advances are happening among previous inductees in the Hall of Fame, but no new inductees are expected anytime soon, indicating that we need to be more proactive in lining up successors for the various officer positions within GLAAM, especially those currently held by members who have already achieved at least Gold level within the Hall of Fame. Therefore, proposing as an individual Board member that we resolve to adopt this as a separate strategic goal for continual focus during the 2016-17 Board term. Preliminary discussion conducted at the April 2016 Board meeting, with agreement to defer the question to the new Board in May. Previous strategic goal for increasing member participation appears to have been adopted in either November or December of 2014, but we currently do not have any approved Minutes documenting the action, so we are not able to use the previous motion as a template for forming the new motion, and so instead ‘winging it’ with: “RESOLVED, that our principal Strategic Goal for the 2016-17 Board term is to line up successors for all volunteer positions, with emphasis on those currently occupied by incumbents who have already reached at least Gold level within the GLAAM Hall of Fame, and to actively encourage all designated successors to designate successors of their own, so that we can ensure uninterrupted volunteer service in all our programs and functions, and so that we can give our veteran volunteers some much-needed rest time before they burn out.” (End quote) Principal objection came from Madsen, who stated that the wording suggested that people holding multiple duties must divest themselves, that he was happy doing what he is doing and that when this changes he is perfectly capable of finding someone(s) to replace him. Stillman responded, saying that with all the hats he (Madsen) is wearing, if he got hit by a bus (or similar unforeseen tragic circumstances),

that GLAAM would be paralyzed in his absence. Phippeny volunteered to head up a committee to find successors. Motion was amended to **“RESOLVED, that our principal Strategic Goal for the 2016-2017 Board term is Succession Planning.”** (Phippeny/D Elliott 8/3/0). Vote on amended motion postponed to next meeting in order to allow those board members who so wish to offer additional amendments for consideration (J Elliott/S Smith 9/2/0).

E. Dodger Game

Board agreed to subsidize ticket purchases at 50% as part of budget. Walker noted that proposed date (8/14) was on the same weekend as the Hollywood Bowl event, and agreed to look into other possible dates.

V. **New Business**

A. Youth Board

D Elliott presented a handout detailing a proposal for a GLAAM Youth Board, consisting of 12 members plus an editor, ages 10 through 16. Board meetings would last one hour. (See https://docs.google.com/document/d/1i4MvnhERvu4oH6bq_VMj-sLxHknR3Hje0M5DLBIu3OA/edit?usp=sharing for details.) J Elliott congratulated her on the proposal, and stated that he thought that the Youth Board should be limited to Mensa members (as opposed to non-Mensa children of adult members) and that meetings should be at a time and place different from those of the GLAAM Board. This would foster a sense of independence. He also thought that one GLAAM Board officer should be in attendance, on a rotating basis to provide expertise. Nolan expressed concern that we are in accordance with the law in regards to background checks. D Elliott responded that both National and GLAAM requirements exceed the legal mandates. Walker noted that the parents of her Gifted Youth members have a preference for Sunday meetings as Saturdays are often taken up with sports and other extracurricular activities. Youth Board was approved as part of the budget.

VI. **Closing**

A. **Good of the Order**

- J Elliott noted that following the RVC report, the national membership meeting is often much more interesting than our local membership meetings, so yes you may all actually wish to try to attend.
- Ross stated that Tom Nehrer would like to do another event if anyone is interested in hosting it.

B. **Adjournment** -- Motion (S Smith/Phippeny 11/0/0) to adjourn approved at 1:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Stillman
Secretary