

GLAAM Board of Directors

Official Minutes

October 1, 2016

Pilgrim Towers, 440 N. Madison Av., Pasadena

	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Members-at-Large</i>
Mid-City	<i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>	[X] Desiree Elliott
Coastal	[O] David Emery	[/] Madeline Walker (11:10)	[X] Jonathan Elliott
SFV	[X] Joyce Hamilton	[X] Jerilyn Phippeny	[X] Andrea Nolan
ELAC	[X] Michael Wong	[X] Michelle Froelich	[O] Gene Schneider
Hi-Desert	[/] Lindsay Ross (11:57)	[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

I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order** -- by Chairman B Smith at 11:02am.
- B. **Approval of Agenda** – New Business item added. Moved (D Elliott/S Smith) to approve the Agenda as amended; carried 8/1/1.
- C. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – Moved (Phippeny/B Smith) to approve the Minutes as submitted; carried 7/0/3.

II. Reports

A. Executive Officers

1. Chairman:

- B Smith: Received letter from Marie Mayer, president of the Mensa Foundation, thanking us for our \$2500 in scholarships.

2. Treasurer:

- J Elliott: Closed consolidated financials up to July 31.
- Attended group dinner before the Fantasticks, and spoke up to the group about needing a successor treasurer, in accordance with our strategic plan, but the only potentially-qualified attendee is not a Mensa member at this time, so we will keep looking.
- [D Elliott] notified me orally on 9/14 that check issued 8/29 to Mensa Foundation was not received by addressee, so stopped payment and reissued for her hand-delivery to the national office.
- We found out on 9/15 that the tax return was submitted on 9/7, which met the deadline.

- Met a new Mensa member at our gaming party this past Saturday, but it turns out that he has an actuarial background, not quite an accounting background, so still not a sufficiently-qualified candidate for successor to this position.

B. Area Reports

1. **SFV:**

- Hamilton: Had 2 fun events, at Tender Greens (well attended) and 8 people at the Drunken Crab
- Doing a bird walk on Oct 2 in Sepulveda Basin with Audubon Society.
- Phippeny: Held regularly scheduled Happy Hour and Game Night.

2. **Coastal:**

- Emery, via email: Coastal region Happy hours went on as scheduled, but we will be changing the times to a later time to hopefully encourage a larger turnout starting in November.
- Walker: A new couple came to Kalambakal's South Bay Salon across from the Old Town Music Hall.

3. **ELAC:**

- Wong: There were 3 attendees to the Friday dinner, 1 for spicy Chinese food, and 4 for the Union including a new member from South Carolina, who may be doing a Happy Hour.
- Had 7 people for the Gaming Party. November event will be cancelled.
- Froelich: Trying to recruit new and returning members.

4. **Hi-Desert:**

- Schneider, via email: We had 15 sign-ups for the Petroglyph Tour, but one backed out when the Base started making additional demands for security information. Three of my usual guides were unavailable this year, so I had to scramble to find someone from the general list that the Museum maintains. Unless the Base has to shut us out for some special event, the trip is a go. A couple of people have reported problems finding accommodations in Ridgecrest. Apparently, the work crews building our Super Walmart are hogging all the rooms.
- Lots of other cool events happening in the area the same weekend. I'll post info on Facebook and Yahoo, and we might set up carpools and/or meeting places at one or more of those events.
- the AV Greek Festival is the same actual day as our tour, so I won't be the one organizing a meet-up there. I hope someone else will.

C. Members-at-Large

1. **D Elliott:**

- Had 5 for Dim Sum last month, and 5 or 6 RSVPs for this month's event. New member at last month's event noted smaller participation than was used to.
- Completed all steps for proctor certification.

D. Committees and Coordinators

1. **RVC:**

- D Elliott: Election announcements should be coming mid-November. There is no longer a nominating committee, and the number of petitions required to get on ballot has increased.
- New Administration Management System scheduled to go live mid-November. There will be periodic interruptions in National website service. This will affect authentication for access to the Members Only section of our website.
- At the last AMC meeting, the Treasurer recommended a \$9 dues increase (presentation available online). The claim is that this is required to offset costs of servicing Life Members (\$44 each). Formal motions to appear on December and March AMC Agendas, with effective date in July if passed.

2. **Bylaws:**

- J Elliott: 25 items reported in writing to board Secretary for inclusion in the agenda package. [*The detailed list is included in the October 2016 Agenda. – sec.*]

3. **Gifted Youth:**

- Walker: Getting some interest from the gifted youth in the picnic.
- D Elliott: We did not get out the Mock Board applications this month, so we will not be in a position to start in November.
- Board can decide at November meeting how to proceed at that point.

4. **Membership Outreach:**

- D Elliott: Also receiving picnic RSVPs.

5. **Special Events:**

- Walker: Went to the Old Town Music Hall for Hollywood Home Movies.
- Jonathan Cole will run the Hollywood Bowl events again next year. The consensus is that the practice of choosing the HB shows at the Annual Business Meeting at the RG should continue.
- Picnic coming up on October 22.
- 17 attendees to The Fantasticks at the Pasadena Playhouse.

6. **Circulation:**

- Madsen: We got out on time.

7. L.A. Mentary:

- Kalambakal, via email: All is well. You should have or will soon receive your October L.A. Mentary in the mail, and it has a small announcement about the Mid-City vacancy for a secretary.
- We welcome your columns and reports for November. Send them to me on or before October 11. The first RG announcement should appear in that issue.

8. Mensaphone:

- Schneider, via email: Mensaphone has three messages, but suddenly won't let me see them! When I can, I'll download instructions and figure out how to get the messages. ...In time to get the inevitable influx of messages once we post Mensaphone info on the GLAAM contacts page.

9. SIGHT:

- Arlette Chew, via email: Adrien Sicart, our member from France, visited the area again after joining the Mensa Burning Mbers group for Burning Man. We met for dinner, and he reported that this time he brought a prototype of the camera lens he invented, and that he'll be back in February for the technical portion of the Academy Awards.

10. Singles:

- Wong: 2 activities coming up, an escape room and Hollywood Horror Nights at Universal Studios.

11. Webmaster:

- Andrew Merenbach, via email: Updated Contacts page with Mensaphone info. Still working with other members of the Board and CCs on fine-tuning the wording.
- Still need to follow up with [Walker] and the RG committee on the pages for the upcoming RG.

12. Regional Gathering:

- Walker: As of September 30, we have a signed contract with the hotel.
- Assembling flyer and registration page for publication in the newsletter. Flyer to go out immediately.
- Phippeny now in charge of coordinating speakers.
- Hotel tour on October 9.
- Working projectors will need to be obtained as current ones are in a state of disrepair.

13. Historian:

- Ross: Picked up audio equipment from Ed You and put it back into storage.
- Got an email from someone doing a documentary on Buckminster Fuller. Passed on that info to latest Open Forum speaker who knows the family.

14. Open Forum:

- Ross: Getting a loyal group of outside attendees, some of which may join Mensa.
- Most attendees are non-Mensan.
- Venue is concerned about paying overtime for on-site staff after working hours. Wants to reduce its participation.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Roster Publication in the September Newsletter

D Elliott: Emails did not go out to the interested parties as planned. As there is no urgency, item pushed forward until next month.

IV. New Business

A. Selection of 2017 Board Meeting Dates

Madsen: Standing rules state that Board meetings are the first Saturday of every month unless the Board changes the date. As there is no conflict with religious holidays or the AG, no further action is required.

B. Joint Events

D Elliott: An event host billed his event in the newsletter as a joint event, as it was close to an adjacent chapter's boundaries. The host then sent it along to the other chapter's newsletter editor. Said chapter was unhappy that it had not been approached ahead of time, and did not approve of our event being billed as a joint event without its foreknowledge. Event hosts are encouraged to have a co-host in the other chapter before anything is listed as a joint event. The Calendar editor is kindly requested to omit descriptions of joint events unless there is proof that the event is actually being held jointly. No further action necessary.

V. Closing

- Good of the Order** – Wong: Request a budget increase of \$50 for food for picnic. Moved (Wong/Walker) to approve, carried 10/1/1.
- Adjournment** -- Motion (Phippen/Ross, 12/0/0) to adjourn approved at 12:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Stillman
Secretary