

# GLAAM Board of Directors

## Official Minutes

November 5, 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	[X] Madeline Walker	[X] Jonathan Elliott
SFV	[X] Joyce Hamilton	[O] Jerilyn Phippeny	[X] Andrea Nolan
ELAC	[O] Michael Wong	[X] Michelle Froelich	[O] Gene Schneider
Hi-Desert	[/] Lindsay Ross (12:08)	[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: David Ilan, Vickey Kalambakal, Brian Madsen, Andrew Merenbach, Doug Walker

### I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order** -- by Chairman B Smith at 11:04am.
- B. **Approval of Agenda** – Moved (D Elliott/S Smith) to approve the Agenda; carried 8/0 with 1 out of room at the time.
- C. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – Moved (D Elliott/S Smith) to approve the Minutes as submitted; carried 7/0/1 with 1 out of room.

### II. Reports

#### A. Executive Officers

##### 1. Chairman:

- B Smith: The National website will be down at various times the first couple weeks of November.
- Everyone will have to use their email to log in to the Members Only section.

##### 2. Secretary:

- Stillman: Apologies to everyone who felt the October meeting was too short – there were a couple of items that should have been on the Agenda but weren't. Those items have been added to this month's Agenda.

##### 3. Treasurer:

- J Elliott: Posted \$2000 deposit to Burbank Marriott, but it appears from the bank statement that they ran it twice, which is a helpful hint to all future RG treasurers and general treasurers, always reconcile your internal ledgers with the bank statements, because

sometimes things happen which you would not otherwise know about.

- Updated consolidated financials to end of aug2016 and to end of sep2016, so back to current schedule.
- Checked mailbox on 10/21, contents comprised our paper copy of the tax return and a member request for a phone-number correction.
- Had our semi-annual picnic, with a food&beverage outlay of \$418.07, which is slightly above our budget of \$375, but which is still very modest considering the number of people who attended and had such a great time, plus we saved a lot of money by not needing to hire a caterer, because Wong drove to Costco and the bbq place and the pizza place to bring everything to us, so thanks to him for the physical effort and saving us a lot of money. D Elliott amended report to note that the board had authorized a \$50 increase to the picnic budget, so that we actually were within the guideline this time.
- Went around the picnic twice asking if anybody had an accounting background and would be interested in succeeding me as treasurer, no takers.

## B. Area Reports

### 1. Coastal:

- Kalambakal: Had 8 people for Hollywood Home Movies.
- Going to Ports O' Call restaurant the Sunday after Thanksgiving.
- Walker: There was one new couple there from Beverly Hills.
- Emery's Happy Hour events will be scheduled later so that more people can attend.

### 2. SFV:

- Hamilton: Did the Audubon Society bird walk with 18 Mensans and 10 other people; had a lot of fun.
- Had 11 people for a Thursday dinner at BJ's.

### 3. ELAC:

- Froelich: Spent time on the phone and at picnic recruiting for the Happy Hour event.
- Having an issue with distinguishing adults vs minors in new & returning members list.
- Walker: If member information only consists of community and phone number, probably minor.
- D Elliott: Suggest boilerplate language in member communication stating selected events geared to 18 or 21 and over and directing youth to GY activities.

### 4. Hi-Desert:

- S Smith: The Petroglyph Tour had wonderful weather and scenery, but the distance and terrain were unsuitable for many attendees.
- C. Members-at-Large
1. **D Elliott:**
    - Escape Room event was fantastic, with 4 attendees and 1 new person. Another event scheduled for day after meeting.
    - ELAC Gaming had 9 people, with change of hours proving successful.
  2. **Nolan:**
    - Ran into longtime friend, trying to recruit into Mensa.
- D. Committees and Coordinators
1. **RVC:**
    - D Elliott: New National website going online November 14, with changeover occurring the previous weekend. Emailed reports will have different look and feel. Member ID numbers no longer useable for site login – email address only. Password reset now automated and no longer requiring admin assistance.
    - No update on historical information pertaining to proposed \$9 dues increase to service life members.
    - Upcoming RGs – GPM, GLAAM, Hawaii. Cruise scheduled for a week before Hawaii RG.
  2. **Bylaws:**
    - J Elliott: While updating the catalog of motions offered, in furtherance of our laundry-list item #19, noticed that most of the minutes of the feb2008 board meeting actually constituted the corresponding portion of the oct2007 board meeting.
    - We have officially given up on the minutes for mar2009, sep2009 (regular), oct2009, dec2009, and apr2010; we have harvested what information we could for the catalog of motions offered from the draft agendas and other contemporary minutes, but otherwise we are now moving forward.
    - Catalog of motions offered has been updated through dec2011.
  3. **Gifted Youth:**
    - Walker: Lots of families at the picnic. Two GY parent assistants, Teodora Chrystie and Kelli Kirkland, were on hand to help.
  4. **Regional Gathering:**
    - Walker: Lunch for new volunteers on Sunday, November 13.
    - Webmaster has revamped how to get to the RG page on the website.
    - David Ilan will be producing the program booklets.

- New volunteers recruited for audio-visual and marketing.
  - Point system in place for volunteers for half or full refund on RG registration.
5. **Special Events:**
- Walker: Reminder to give gift to Pilgrim Towers.
  - Attendance at picnic was 64 people.
6. **Circulation:**
- Madsen: We got out on time, and the USPS account is stocked.
7. **Data Officer:**
- Madsen: Got the e-distribution from National and sent it out to everyone.
7. **L.A. Mentary:**
- Kalambakal: Karen Star's term as Layout Editor ends in May, and a new volunteer needs to be recruited.
8. **Mensaphone:**
- Schneider, via phone: No calls.
9. **Open Forum:**
- Ross: Had a fantastic event with Seena Sharp, an expert on competitive intelligence.
  - Got a commitment to speak at the RG from previous OF speaker Victoria Vesna from UCLA.
  - Getting good repeat attendance from non-Members.
  - B Smith: We should have marketing materials on hand for Mensa recruitment.
10. **SIGHT:**
- Arlette Chew, via email: No major news this month. There are a few people coming in future months, for whom both Brian M. and I are awaiting membership confirmation.
11. **Singles:**
- D Elliott: No attendance for Universal Studios, 4 for Escape Room, and 6 RSVPs for next day's ER.
12. **Webmaster:**
- Merenbach: New RG registration forms online, using Woofu for better information handling and archiving.
  - Question of how much of newsletter content and GLAAM business needs to be behind the Members Only firewall, and what

is suitable for public consumption. Discussion arose about creation of special content for the public facing portion of the site.

**13. Calendar:**

- Madsen: Verified date of next picnic, April 22.

**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. Mind Games 2018

The deadline for proposal for 2018 has passed. There is interest in hosting in 2019 or beyond in lieu of an RG that year, possibly at the same hotel. The Board will make a determination after the RG to go forward based upon our experience with the current hotel.

B. Unapproved Minutes from Prior Board Terms

D Elliott moved (B Smith second) to approve the unapproved minutes from June 2014, August 2014 and September 2014; carried 10/0.

**V. Closing**

A. **Good of the Order** – D Elliott: Region 9 up 2.97% and GLAAM 2.77% in membership from last year. GLAAM only 47 behind Metro Washington in membership.

B. **Adjournment** -- Motion (Stillman/D Elliott, 10/0/0) to adjourn approved at 12:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Stillman  
Secretary