

GLAAM Board of Directors

Official Minutes

December 3, 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	[X] David Emery	[X] Madeline Walker	[X] Jonathan Elliott
SFV	[X] Joyce Hamilton	[/] Jerilyn Phippeny (12:19)	[X] Andrea Nolan
ELAC	[O] Michael Wong	[O] Michelle Froelich	[X] Gene Schneider
Hi-Desert	[O] Lindsay Ross	[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: Vesper Burnett, Vickey Kalambakal (11:33), Charles Lindenblatt, Brian Madsen, Andrew Merenbach, Ron Talkov

I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order** -- by Chairman B Smith at 11:04am.
- B. **Approval of Agenda** – Item V-D added. Moved (D Elliott/J Elliott) to approve the Agenda as amended; carried 10/0.
- C. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – Moved (J Elliott/B Smith) to approve the Minutes; carried 9/0/1.

II. Reports

- A. Executive Officers
 1. **Chairman:**
 - B Smith: Board meetings 1st Saturday of all 12 months confirmed with Pilgrim Towers.
 2. **Treasurer:**
 - J Elliott: Renewed mailbox subscription for one year.
 - Cleared mailbox on Thursday 12/1, and deposited incoming checks.
 - Last night at 10:02, while Ubering back from a dinner engagement, finished the consolidated financials for October.
- B. Area Reports
 1. **Coastal:**
 - Emery: Changed Happy Hour time to increase participation – event went on minus host.

- Had one non-member guest for go-carts at 110-405 interchange location.
- Walker: Had about 18 people for Sunday Salon.

2. **SFV:**

- Hamilton: Moved normal event to earlier Thursday, got 10 people.
- Jana Bickel planned Thanksgiving at Hometown Buffet and got about 12 people.

3. **ELAC:**

- Froelich (via Emery): 4 attendees for Happy Hour.
- D Elliott: ELAC Gaming Party was dark for November.

4. **Hi-Desert:**

- Schneider: HiD Christmas Party scheduled for December 11.

C. Members-at-Large

1. **J Elliott:**

- January 2017 will mark the 20th anniversary of the Answers to Everything SIG, but we are dissatisfied with the slow progress of our work, so as of January we are reducing the quorum requirement to one, so that some amount of work will get done for at least 90 minutes every Monday, whether we have any guests in attendance at the designated times or not.

2. **Nolan:**

- Still trying to recruit into Mensa, but holidays getting in the way.

3. **Stillman:**

- Had a very nice time at Hometown Buffet for Thanksgiving.

D. Committees and Coordinators

1. **Bylaws:**

- J Elliott: In the course of updating the catalog of motions offered (in order to capture all decisions previously made by the board as to our various operating rules), came to the 3-month period in mid-2012 where no minutes or agendas are listed on the website; however, I consulted my personal newsletter archive (which is one of the reasons why I keep it!!), and found the July 2012 mini-minutes in the August 2012 issue, along with the mini-minutes of the other 2 meetings in the October 2012 issue, so suggesting that the webmaster should please arrange to post these documents on the website in place of the actual minutes.
- Looked in personal newsletter archive while I had it open for any mini-minutes pertaining to meetings already given up, none found.

- Officially giving up on the minutes for the March 2013 meeting, which also do not appear to have any agenda or mini-minutes surviving, and for which the file was corrupt according to the April 2013 minutes.
- Officially giving up on the minutes for May 2014, for which no mini-minutes were ever published, but at least transcribed the officer selections into the catalog as normal from the election report in the March 2014 newsletter and the inside-back cover of the June 2014 newsletter.
- Also officially giving up on October 2014, no minutes or mini-minutes ever appearing anywhere, although I did find in my personal file a very helpful paper agenda which probably should be uploaded to the website.
- Basically giving up on November 2014, although was able to piece together some elements from agenda and contemporary minutes.
- For December 2014, where we directed the secretary to re-do the minutes, and it was never done, I did locate my paper copy of the first draft in my personal file, and harvested what I could for motions offered, but we probably will need a separate discussion about whether or not this disapproved version should be uploaded to the website.
- Catalog of motions offered has been updated to October 2016, and now contains over 113,000 words.
- We have begun the process of updating the catalog of actions taken from the catalog of motions offered.

2. **Gifted Youth:**

- Walker: Tour of Doctor's House in Glendale on December 10.
- Lunch and games at Red Robin in Topanga Mall in January.
- January 22 regular Bright Kids grouping in Santa Monica.
- Kids Track at RG.
- Picnic on April 22.

3. **Membership Outreach:**

- D Elliott: Still trying to get information from National on how they are handling downloads and e-distributions following changeover.

4. **Regional Gathering:**

- Walker: Additional space procured for Mensa testing.
- Did not get the opportunity to test projectors in storage.
- J Elliott: We now have 22 full registrants and one minor registrant.

5. **Scholarship:**

- Walker: Sent letters out to older kids for scholarship essay writing.

6. Special Events:

- Walker: Hollywood Bowl events will be decided at Annual Business Meeting.

7. Circulation:

- Madsen: Physical edition of newsletter late due to printer not working on it on Wednesday before Thanksgiving, and National email was not sent notifying e-version recipients that it had been uploaded.

8. Data Officer:

- Madsen: Have not received the e-distribution yet this month. Last month's went out when received.

9. L.A. Mentary:

- Kalambakal: Due to Karen Star's vacation schedule, the hard deadline for report submission is December 11.
- Request to D Elliott to put something in the newsletter for a RVC, with links to petition signing pages.

10. MensaPhone:

- Schneider: MensaPhone receiving calls, but voice mail is requiring a password where none was ever set.

11. SIGHT:

- Arlette Chew, via email: Having received no membership confirmation from the UK for a visitor arriving in March, I requested copies of her membership card and offered her my spare room while she seeks housing closer to her internship, but she had already found something suitable.
- We had a request from a Florida member for information on finding GLAAM activities, which I sent him.

12. Singles:

- D Elliott: Did another Escape Room (with 6 attendees) at the beginning of November.

13. Webmaster:

- Merenbach: Going through website and making listing of board meetings public-facing, with minutes behind the Members Only firewall.
- Provisionally hosting the GLAAM site on Amazon Web Services. SSL encryption turned on.
- The three recently approved minutes documents from 2012 now posted.

14. RVC:

- D Elliott: Changeover to AMS system went “better than expected”, but things like newsletter uploads, proctor vouchers, etc. not working. Local group portal not working – update expected Dec 5.
- Elections going on – please sign petitions. Recruit needed for RVC9.
- No nominating committee – petitions only. National office, 250 needed; RVC, 100.
- RVCs have \$1000 for special projects – possible use big testing event at RG.

III. Special Orders

A. Filling of Vacant Board Positions

1. Mid-City Secretary

- Vesper Burnett nominated by J Elliott.
- Nomination confirmed 10/0, seated at table for remainder of business.

2. Mid-City Delegate

- Charles Lindenblatt nominated by Schneider.
- Moved (DE/JE, 11/0) for written ballot.
- Adjourned (JE/DE, 11/0) for executive session at 12:07pm.
- Recalled from executive session at 12:19pm. Phippeny joined meeting at this time.
- Secretary Stillman collected and counted written ballots.
- Nomination defeated 2/9/1.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Roster Publication in the September Newsletter

D Elliott: Small group chosen for discussion has not yet met - pushed forward until next month.

V. New Business

A. Storage Space

Walker: [Additional RG discussion added without objection] Jay Friedlander has requested \$800 from the GLAAM budget for the purpose of purchasing A/V equipment for the RG and other uses during the year. Moved (MW/SS, 12/0) to approve budget increase of \$800 for A/V equipment.

Walker: The operating hours at our current storage location are untenable. Two viable alternatives are Saf Keep Storage at the 2 Freeway and San Fernando Rd, and EZ Storage at the 5 and Alameda. EZ Storage deemed cheaper and more convenient. Moved (JP/JE) to sign a lease with EZ Storage in Burbank. Amended (DE/JE, 12/0) to authorize overlapping storage units through February 2017. Amended motion carried 12/0.

B. Facebook Group Access to Selected Non-Mensans

D Elliott: Ross requested that the main issue of Facebook group access be put off until next month's meeting when he could attend. There is a related question of the GLAAM Facebook page, which exists so that the public can find out about us, should have things like Open Forum events, picnics, testing, and other things that the public can attend. The Facebook group should be reserved for event listings aimed solely at Mensa Members. B Smith: The FB page could also have write-ups of past fun and interesting events (e.g. Petroglyph Tour) as a way of marketing to prospective members. The main question of outside access to the group pushed forward to next month.

C. Online Content for GLAAM Website from Newsletter Articles

Merenbach: Now working with Madsen on Calendar descriptions for public-facing portion of the website. Looking for interesting content to augment the "wall of text" that would spur repeat visits to the site. Question about chain of custody of content. D Elliott: Newsletter articles would funnel through the editor to Webmaster, who would have editorial control of site. Could also take side submissions at WM's discretion. Moved (LS/DE, 11/1) to extend meeting for 10 minutes at 1:00pm. Madsen: Suggest SRS feed when new content posted. Cross-post to public Facebook page and Twitter. Question about photos, name redaction. D Elliott: No children's faces.

D. Trip to Edwards AFB

Nolan: Was invited by a member of UCLA faculty to join them on an all-day trip to Edwards AFB. Would be interesting to do in the future as a special event. B Smith: May be a good candidate for RVC special funds.

VI. Closing

- A. **Good of the Order** – Schneider: Thanks to Walker for replacing lost badge.
- B. **Adjournment** -- Motion (Stillman/D Elliott, 12/0/0) to adjourn approved at 1:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Stillman
Secretary