

GLAAM Board of Directors

Official Minutes

January 7, 2016

Pilgrim Towers, 440 N. Madison Av., Pasadena

	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Members-at-Large</i>
Mid-City	[X] Vesper Burnett	[X] Jordan Albert	[X] Desiree Elliott
Coastal	[X] David Emery	[O] Madeline Walker	[X] Jonathan Elliott
SFV	[X] Joyce Hamilton	[O] Jerilyn Phippeny	[X] Andrea Nolan
ELAC	[O] Michael Wong	vacant	[X] Gene Schneider
Hi-Desert	[X] Lindsay Ross	[X] Bruce Smith	[X] Sandra Smith
Inland Empire	<i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>	[O] Lee Stillman

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

Guests: Brian Madsen, Vickey Kalambakal @ 1130, Jay Friedlander @ 1140

I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order** -- by Chairman B Smith at 11:07 am.
- B. **Approval of Agenda** – Item V-D added. Moved (D Elliott/J Elliott) to approve the Agenda as amended; carried unanimously.
- C. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – Moved (J Elliott/B Smith) to approve the Minutes; carried unanimously.

II. Reports

- A. Executive Officers
 1. **Chairman:** B.Smith, Petitions for board candidates are due on Feb. 20. Schneider received from national office: an envelope full of new-member address labels. She suggests that a Word document that she originated in 1978 might be useful.
 2. **Treasurer:** Elliott
 - a. Consolidated financials have been updated to 30-Nov.
 - b. Trial balance revealed that we did not receive our usual monthly report from the national office on the allocations for the upcoming subsidy, but we did receive the subsidy itself, so things do not appear to be completely organized over there these days. In any case, the report did finally arrive by e-mail several days after I special-requested it, and then a completely unnecessary paper mailing followed a few days after that, as well as a separate unnecessary paper mailing going to Chairman Smith.
 - c. Paid the D&O insurance for the year, remembering this time that carrier Aon continues to bury their invoice inside their policy package with absolutely no indication of the fact on their cover sheet.

- d. Checked the GLAAM mailbox on 1/5, contained one RG payment and no other contents.

B. Area Reports

Mid-City: no report

Coastal: Emery, bar event was well-attended, go-karting not terribly successful

SFV: Hamilton, no regular sessions, 18 attended Xmas Eve

ELAC: NY Eve was cancelled

Hi-Desert: Schneider and host attended NY Eve and Christmas Parties

Inland Empire: no report

C. Members-at-Large

1. J. Elliott:

- a. Our SIG report in the Dec2016 newsletter issue included a reward offer of \$50 to the first reader who noticed the offer and claimed the reward by e-mail. Total of 9 people responded to the notice. Winner was Tom Streeter of the OC.
- b. Having heard no objection from the Board when I mentioned it on the group e-mail list, sent to RVC1 Lisa Maxwell samples of some of the documents which I have prepared for GLAAM while wearing different hats, specifically the Board Minutes from Feb2016, the financial statements for our fiscal year ended 30-Apr-2015, and the points schema and Hall-of-Fame activity summaries for our Awards program. She has referred them to the Local Group Logistics Committee for inclusion in their 'best practices' database.
- c. Having previously discussed the matter with him in person, with no strenuous objection indicated, I have sent a note to our Webmaster, formally suggesting that the Members-Only module be elevated into a top-level menu option, and that it be reorganized into several alphabetically-arranged categories of documents, since again many of those documents have been coming out of my various official positions.

2. S. Smith gave Mid-City Secretary Burnett her boardmember's handbook

D. AMC Regional Vice-Chair, Desiree Elliott:

1. The new data system that was purchased, or the AMS, has had problems with implementation. A recent email from the national office indicated that they had "missed the mark" on some things. They have taken several steps to try and correct the problem as the change in the database program has resulted in significant problems for local groups. Those steps have included a recent survey to local group officers and work with RVC6, Taz Criss, who has come to the national office to assist them in straightening out local group needs. Desiree Elliott is running for 2VC and at this time only Michael Wong has agreed to start a petition for RVC9.
2. The finance committee recommends increasing annual dues to \$79, up from \$70. Only 4 RVC's voted against it. It will probably pass. It doesn't

impact the budget much. The Life Membership Fund contains \$4 million. They won't take from it to avoid the general dues increase. Approximately half of our \$4m operating budget is salary, benefits, and training for staff.

3. National membership is down by 31.
4. National FinComm meeting is during the GLAAM February meeting. D Elliott must be absent from the February BoD meeting because she must be online for the national meeting.

D. Committees and Coordinators

Awards: J. Elliott

1. We have credited retroactive points as indicated to all past GLAAM Proctors who are recorded on national's historical database, and the process has actually yielded us a new member of the Hall of Fame: Peggy Noland from the Hi-Desert already had 60 points, and received exactly 15 more as a result of her previously-uncredited Proctor experience, exactly qualifying her for the Bronze level. Also, Mirk Mirkin advances from Silver to Gold level because of his retroactive Proctor credits.
2. We have cleaned up our points-schema document, both to arrange nicely and neatly all positions added to the matrix subsequent to the previous edition, and also to convert into lighter type all former positions and all former names of current positions, so that only the current names of current positions stand out, making the document much less cluttered and much easier for our current people to work with. Without strenuous objection, we intend to arrange for this cleaned-up document to appear in the Awards section of the GLAAM website, so that all current and potential volunteers can see how many points they can achieve on an annual basis for performing in various volunteer roles.
3. Currently proceeding with going through recent newsletters and Bulletins to tabulate points earned by GLAAM volunteers for the award year 2015-16, in preparation for the annual awards to be announced this February.
4. After this, we will shortly perform the update for 2016-17, so that we can invite all recent volunteers to the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon which we are now scheduling for after the April board meeting, and where we will announce the annual awards going forward, in order to make them more timely, and also in order to focus our dialogue on members who definitely are volunteering but who may or may not be paying to attend RG's.

Bylaws: J. Elliott

1. We have now completed our updates of the catalogs of Motions Offered, Actions Taken, Actions Still In Effect, and Unclassified Actions Still In Effect through the end of December 2016.
2. We have also updated our Standing Rules, Guidelines, and other rule-type documents as mandated by the actions taken after June 2007, all the way through the end of December 2016.

Elections: Friedlander: Only Desiree Elliott's petition has been filed. They are due on February 20. Friedlander and Fenig will be at the RG.

Gifted Youth: no report

Historian: Ross has inventoried the newsletter archives so as to determine which issues should be scanned which are in Jana Bickel's complete set.

Membership Outreach: D. Elliott: will send invitations to RG.

Regional Gathering: Friedlander: There are 65 registrants.

Scholarship: no report

Volunteers' Banquet: D. Elliott: requests ideas for alternatives to Buca di Beppo.

Circulation: Madsen: We are mailing 900 issues per month, leaving 100 available. The printer's contract is for a run of 1,000 issues. Excess issues have been boxed and sent to Desiree Elliott, to be given out at the RG.

Data Officer: Madsen: no report

L.A. Mentary:

1. Kalambakal: Kalambakal asks for photos from past RG's.
2. Gene Schneider can get on the national editors' mailing list.

MensaPhone:

1. Schneider: The MensaPhone unit is in her house, somewhere.
2. Emery: suggests a Skype account forwarding calls to a varying receiving phone in an assigned member's possession.

SIGHT: no report

Singles: no report

Webmaster: no report

III. Special Orders

- A. Filling of Vacant Board Position of Mid-City Delegate: Vesper Burnett nominates her roommate Jordan Albert. Elected unanimously and seated at table for remainder of meeting.

IV. Unfinished Business

- A. Roster Publication in the September Newsletter: no action taken, carry forward. D Elliott: Small group chosen for discussion has not yet met - pushed forward until next month.
- B. Storage Space
 1. Friedlander: Our choice for a new place is between facilities located in

- Atwater or Burbank. Burbank is cheaper.
2. Smith: Overlap the rental of new and old facilities. Move out Feb. 28 and move in on Feb. 1.
 3. Retroactive amendment offered of Motion #2016-141, to replace the phrase "EZ Storage in Burbank" with the phrase "a new storage facility to be selected by Madeline Walker and Jay Friedlander". All but Ross vote in favor.
- C. Admission to the GLAAM Facebook Group for certain selected non-Mensans who help him with our Open Forum
1. withdrawn by Ross.
 2. Desiree Elliott, noting that certain non-member parents, spouses and significant others are admitted by Madsen, proposes an agenda item for the study of the formalization of membership to GLAAM Facebook. National has ruled that local groups may recognize or adopt specific social media as official domains and may designate coordinators thereof.

VI. New Business

Special Event at Hollywood Bowl:

J. Elliott New motion offered based on #2016-023, as follows: "For an amount not to exceed \$1850 for purchase of Hollywood Bowl events which include one Saturday with the picnic area and three weeknight classical-music events, programs to be determined at the Annual Business Meeting on February 20."

Madsen: financial decision in February

D. Elliott: "persnickety parliamentarians"

VII. Closing

- A. **Good of the Order** – Schneider offered safety pins.
- B. **Adjournment** -- Motion (someone/D Elliott, 10/0/0) to adjourn approved before 1:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Ross
volunteer note-taker, in absence of Secretary

[Changes incorporated by Lee Stillman, Secretary]