

GLAAM Board of Directors

Official Minutes

February 4, 2017

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	[O] Desiree Elliott
Coastal	[X] David Emery	[X] Madeline Walker	[X] Jonathan Elliott
SFV	[X] Joyce Hamilton	[/] Jerilyn Phippeny (11:19)	[O] Andrea Nolan
ELAC	[X] Michael Wong	<i>vacant</i>	[X] Gene Schneider
Hi-Desert	[/] Lindsay Ross (11:28)	[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: Jonathan Cole, Vickey Kalambakal (11:27), Brian Madsen

I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order** -- by Chairman B Smith at 10.59am.
- B. **Approval of Agenda** – Moved (Walker/Schneider) to approve the Agenda; carried 10/0/1.
- C. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – Amendments were offered too late to incorporate into the document. Stillman will make changes and submit at next meeting.

II. Reports

- A. Executive Officers
 1. **Associate Vice Chair:**
 - Schneider: A “Northern IE” member came to 1st of the Mensth and we had a conversation about moving the NIE to a 5th Hi-Desert sub-group, as they are closer to most everywhere in the HID than the rest of the Inland Empire. Believe a questionnaire was supposed to go out to the NIE people about moving into HID. HID has no objections, and we are working with the affected group to include them in HID activities.
 2. **Secretary:**
 - Secretary: Thanks to Lyndsay Ross for stepping in to take the minutes at the January Board meeting.
 3. **Treasurer:**
 - J Elliott: Checked GLAAM mailbox on 1/14.

- Report of national subsidy arrived in a clear and timely manner this past month.
- The RG hotel asked us in mid-January for the third of three \$2000 deposit installments which were required under our contract, not realizing that we had already released the third deposit in early December, but fortunately we caught it before the additional funds got released.
- Attempted to access Hi-Desert's account online as part of the December closing, but my password appears no longer to be recognized, so we inserted a 1-cent quarterly dividend entry into the trial balance on the basis of Faith.
- Closed consolidated financials through 31-Dec, still operating in the black even though we have budgeted for a loss.
- RG had a price break on 1/31, so expected a bunch of checks to come in to the mailbox this week, so checked the box on Friday evening 2/3 in order to collect the maximum number of checks that I practically could before today's meeting, and collected all 3 of them.
- Updated RG financials through 31-Jan, RG Fund has increased \$4,128.58 this fiscal year, to level of \$12,015.76 as of 31-Jan, 78 paid/payable registrations so far.
- [Walker added about Katherin Allen relieving her aged account-receivable from RG2015.]

B. Area Reports

1. **Mid-City:**

- Burnett: Looking for recurring events for MC. Questioned the Board about appropriateness of having an event at restaurant where first LGBTQ rally was held, aimed toward that community.
- J Elliott: we have no objection, but check with D Elliott to see if there are any National guidelines against it.
- Burnett: Putting together event at Button Mash arcade/restaurant.

2. **Coastal:**

- Emery: Monthly social hour was by far the most exciting/well attended one so far.
- Planned next social hour in Culver City, not realizing it is actually Mid-City and not Coastal.
- Walker: Vickey Kalambakal's Sunday Salon events still going strong and getting good turnout.

3. **SFV:**

- Hamilton: 2 events – Al's Deli, and a Thai restaurant in the northern part of the Valley.
- Phippeny: Running for SFV Secretary when Hamilton steps down in May.

3. **Hi-Desert:**

- Ross: We have a visitor from Pennsylvania in Olancha that is looking to rent a car for a couple months.
- Item sent to GLAAM-BOD list on Feb 3: Region 1 member Debbie McKayle debsreflexology@gmail.com is house-sitting in Olancha, in the Owens Valley, through March 30th. She would like "an old vehicle... [rented] inexpensively... It wouldn't have to be for the full 2 months. Any amount of time would be helpful."
- Schneider: We will have a Cinco de Mayo party unless the hostess is in Mexico.

4. **Inland Empire:**

- Schneider: David Petrizze willing to be sub-group contact if Northern IE becomes part of HID; not willing to be IE Area rep..

4. **ELAC:**

- Wong: Restarting ELAC activities after absence.
- Had 9 people for ELAC gaming party, 6 for dinner.
- Doing 2 escape rooms this evening.
- Doing art/independent film event on Tuesday.

C. **Members-at-Large**

1. **J Elliott:**

- Answers To Everything SIG has been very active this year, as a result of reducing our quorum requirement to one, so we are now generating so much material for our newsletter SIG reports that we need to work really hard just to compress the material into the available space.

2. **Schneider:**

- Suggest doing another GLAAM-wide theater event.
- [Hamilton and Phippeny did not think the last one was successful.]

3. **S Smith:**

- Provided new Member-at-Large handbook to Albert.

D. **Committees and Coordinators**

1. **Awards:**

- J Elliott: We have completed our points tabulation for the 2015-16 award year, awards to be presented at the RG in February.
- We have also begun the points tabulation for the 2016-17 award year, aiming for announcement at the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in April, and by majority vote of the Committee members have agreed that Lee Stillman's rare and funny newsletter report as incoming Secretary was deserving of a bonus point.

- We arranged to post our cleaned-up Points Schema on the GLAAM website, and also sent to RVC1 Lisa Maxwell as replacement for their 'best practices' database.
2. **Bylaws:**
 - J Elliott: On January 13, we began to revisit the 11 items still pending on our 'laundry list' out of the original 28.
 - Item #26 on our list was rolled into #12, because they both relate to the officer Guidelines.
 - All other remaining items were revisited as of January 18, third pass coming up over the next month or two, again hoping and aiming to complete the list by the end of the current Board term, so that the next ByCom chair (hint hint) can start clean and fresh.
 3. **Gifted Youth:**
 - Walker: GY will have a very nice Kids Track at the RG, from 10:30am to 5:45pm with two tracks. Not many signups so far.
 4. **Regional Gathering:**
 - Walker: Thanks to Phippeny, we have a complete schedule, and some amazing speakers.
 - To attract more people, sending out entire speaker list with a price rollback to \$149 until PayPal shut off on Wednesday.
 - Cover art is Starry Night, with hotel entrance overlay.
 - Found nice storage unit in Burbank. Move in date Feb 13. Move out date from old unit by end of month.
 - Schneider: Request that Area (or Local Group if non-GLAAM) be included on badges so that people needing petitions signed can locate their Area members easier.
 - [Kalambakal agreed to have that information available at the registration desk.]
 5. **Social Media:**
 - Phippeny: We were on time posting all the events this month.
 6. **Special Events:**
 - Cole: Hollywood Bowl schedule not yet announced, but will be soon. Tickets go on sale the day after President's Day.
 7. **Circulation:**
 - Madsen: Everything out on time and going well. Got money from J Elliott to replenish account.
 - For the month of January, the National office gave us a list of ~800 names to mail the newsletter to instead of the normal ~1200. For February, the list was back up to the normal amount. Nobody has complained that they didn't get their January newsletter, however.

8. Mensa Testing:

- Walker: There will be Mensa testing at the RG on Saturday, with D Elliott as the proctor.

9. Data Officer:

- Madsen: The National office data reporting is still taking shape, but we now know the format the data will look like, which will necessitate reprogramming on our end to make things work.
- Our officer listing on National's server is very much out of date.

10. Historian:

- Ross: Inquired of J Elliott the location of the Mary Kimball legacy materials.

11. L.A. Mentary:

- Kalambakal: Request everyone meet the deadline for report submission, as it is a short month.

12. Open Forum:

- Ross: OF scheduled for March 23, with the man in charge of the LA Arboretum.

13. SIGHT:

- Arlette Chew, via email: The only activity this month has been a member from Pennsylvania visiting the high desert for two months requesting information. I gave her what info I have on the area, and put her in touch with Lindsay and Bruce.
- Adrien from Paris was planning to return tomorrow, but I haven't heard from him lately.

14. Singles:

- Wong: Since moving the Escape Room to its own SIG, no singles activity this month scheduled.

15. SIGs:

- Phippeny: There was someone on social media that asked about a business networking SIG, but was not interested in running it.
- [Madsen agreed to pass her info to Burnett for consideration.]

16. Webmaster:

- Kalambakal: We now have a blog on the front page of the website.
- Phippeny: The Webmaster has been very helpful and punctual about updating the RG information.

17. **Editor:**

- Kalamakal: Anyone interested in being Editor or doing the layout please feel free to contact me.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Roster Publication in the September Newsletter

D Elliott had originally proposed the formation of a small group to discuss roster publication. Madsen: if one had been formed, I would certainly be on it. [Kalamakal agreed.] J Elliott: like having a printed roster, would prefer it not be broken out by Area, as it requires looking in six places to determine membership. Schneider: prefer having it by Area. Having one list would require an extra Area field in each listing, taking up more space. B Smith: suggest further discussion take place within the yet unformed small group. Carried forward.

B. GLAAM Facebook Membership Guidelines

Madsen: of the 377 current members of the FB group, 2 are not Mensa members in any way, 9 are parents of members, 13 are International members, and 37 are members of other local groups. Phippeny: When I get the permissions set up to be an admin on the public facing GLAAM Facebook page and can begin managing it, that should solve the problem – nonmembers who want to see what is going on in Mensa can go to the page. Referred to committee.

V. New Business

A. GLAAM-Announce Email List

B Smith: both candidates for RVC were able to complete their petition drives using the Announce list, which is a proper use of the list, and should continue. Walker: the question came up because of several casting calls going out on the list, some of which did not have disclaimers attached stating that it was not a GLAAM sponsored event. B Smith: advertisements should not go out on the Announce list at all. Phippeny: casting calls may be appropriate for Facebook. Walker: will refer them to the Social Media coordinator.

VI. Closing

A. **Good of the Order** – Phippeny: New RVC9 will be either Wong or myself as no one else qualified for ballot.

B. **Adjournment** -- Motion (Phippeny/Walker, 13/0/0) to adjourn approved at 12:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Stillman
Secretary