

# GLAAM Board of Directors

## Official Minutes

June 3, 2017

Pilgrim Towers, 440 N. Madison Av., Pasadena

	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Members-at-Large</i>
Mid-City	[X] Vesper Burnett	<i>vacant</i>	[X] Jonathan Elliott
Coastal	[X] David Emery	[X] Madeline Walker	[X] Nikki Frey
SFV	[X] Jerilyn Phippeny	[X] Charlie Mahoney	[X] Andrea Nolan
ELAC	[X] Michael Wong	<i>vacant</i>	[O] Gene Schneider
Hi-Desert	[/] Lindsay Ross (11:37)	[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: Jordan Albert, Desiree Elliott, Vickey Kalambakal (11:52), Brian Madsen (11:09)

### I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order** -- by Chairman B Smith at 11:03am.
- B. **Approval of Agenda** – Moved (S Smith/Phippeny) to approve; carried 11/0/1.
- C. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – Moved (Phippeny/Walker) to approve; carried 10/0/2.

### II. Closing Reports

#### A. Executive Officers

##### 1. Chairman:

- B Smith: We've got a lot of vacancies, it seems, so we're going to need to share the opportunities available with friends and family.

##### 2. Administrative Vice-Chair:

- Schneider, via email [read in as Hi-Desert report]: Want to start planning now for National Testing Week in October. Looking for volunteers in each Area to start the search for appropriate testing venues.
- [D Elliott pointed out the lack of necessary proctors.]

##### 3. Treasurer:

- Elliott: Submitted first pass of the RG2018 budget on 5/15 to Madeline, Jay, and Desiree for their evaluation.
- Checked mailbox on 5/26, no contents.
- Issuing another \$1000 check to the Circulation Manager. We seem to be on a pretty steady schedule of \$1000 every four months, or

\$3000 annually, consistent with our budgetary rate of the last several years.

- Submitted second pass of the RG2018 budget on 5/27 to Madeline, Jay, and Desiree for their evaluation.
- Tried again to get into the Hi-Desert account, still couldn't get into it, even with my updated password, because they wanted to send a Secure Access Code, and could do so to only a certain phone number (probably Gene's) and Gene's e-mail address, and remembering that they expired after like 15 minutes, so we will need to coordinate with Gene at some point.
- Completed the closing financial statements for the fiscal year ended 30-Apr-2017, and posted to the CC's list, with request to the Editor that they also be printed in the July newsletter in accordance with the Bylaws. Net spending for the year (inclusive of some late expense reporting) was \$9,831.65, which was 19% over our budgetary target.
- Recent postings to the CC's list have included the 6-year graph of our Consolidated Net Holdings as of each month-end. Report generated one request to look more closely to identify the causes of the larger loss segments; did look and found that the largest losses related to the RG and the Quiet Cannon.
- After adjusting the 2016-17 financials for some late expense reports, submitted the revised financial statements to outside tax accountant Enrique by e-mail on 1-Jun, with copies to a bunch of people, and with request that he assemble our tax returns for us as applicable. Have not yet received an acknowledgement of the submission.

B. Area Reports

1. **Mid-City:**

- Burnett: Apologies for not sending the email stating Albert's interest in continuing on as Delegate.

2. **Coastal:**

- Emery: Had a break this month for school related reasons but back on schedule this month.
- Walker: Sunday Salon went to the HopSaint Brewing Company at the end of May and had 9 people.

3. **SFV:**

- Phippeny: There was no Happy Hour. The party was attended by 4 people – forgot to send an email out to the listserv because we had changed weekends.
- Mahoney: Dinner had 4 people. There was only outside seating and it was windy, so elected to go to the restaurant catty-corner across the street.

4. **ELAC:**

- Wong: Had a new attendee to the Gaming Party. Movie event did not happen as it did not get added to the calendar.

C. **Members-at-Large**

1. **Elliott:**

- As the immediate past Bylaws Committee chair, submitted to current chair Desiree at her request on 5/15 the status of all the sections of the proposed Guidelines update, rather than directly soliciting further feedback on the CC's list.
- Also sent to new Bylaws Committee chair Desiree a copy of the Election Procedures as recently ratified by the Board, with suggestion that it be forwarded to the Election Committee and the Webmaster.
- Also sent to new Bylaws Committee chair Desiree a copy of the two Bylaws-amendment proposals recently approved by the Board, so that she could add any new proposals which the Board may approve in the near future, and then shepherd the ballot the rest of the way through the process.
- Sent to the Webmaster certain documents from my paper archive to help fill in the empty spots in our historical record, specifically the Mini-Minutes from Jul2012, Aug2012, and Sep2012, the Agenda for Oct2014, and the disapproved draft of the Minutes for Dec2014.

2. **Frey:**

- I hope you like my picture that's on the cover of the newsletter; it's much prettier in color.

3. **Nolan:**

- Now on the Scholarship committee at UCLA. Some of the awardees may like to join Mensa.
- [Inquired of Walker the best way to approach them. Walker suggested bringing brochures.]

4. **S Smith:**

- Now caught up on handbooks.

D. **Committees and Coordinators**

1. **RVC:**

- D Elliott: This is my last report as RVC9. It has been a true pleasure serving in this role for the last 4 years.
- I visited our struggling Southern Nevada chapter. Met with several members over the course of 6 meetings. During that time we filled out their Board, and got 6 proctors into the pipeline, 3 of which have already submitted their applications. I will be returning next

weekend to conduct the first testing they have had since October, and meeting with the new Board.

- Upcoming RGs: Hawaii, Phoenix, Los Angeles.
- National election results not due for another week, but at least one GLAAM person will be on the AMC.
- International results due June 15.
- [B Smith inquired about the legality of proctors in other chapters to help us with our testing needs. D Elliott assured it was okay, but since we are such a far flung chapter, getting proctors to come to where they are needed is difficult, and locations are also needed.]

## **2. Awards:**

- Elliott: We presented the awards for the 2016-17 Board term at the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon following the May Board Meeting.
- We submitted summary reports on recent award activity for both the newsletter and the website. Inspected the website on 5/30, and requested the Webmaster to place the Hall-of-Fame names alphabetically by last name within each of the four award levels.
- Checked our records for the Gifted Youth Committee on 5/30 from a spreadsheet received from Madeline on 5/18, because it had been suggested that we might be missing something, but it turns out that we already had all the points credited which were applicable from the indicated timeframes, still good to double-check.
- Recollection is that we had discussed it before, but in any case we had a fresh discussion this past month about whether or not the Awards section of the GLAAM website should eventually be rolled into the Members-Only module. Current feeling still is that it should, the two reasons being generally that content relating to what members do within the organization is more relevant for other members than it is for the general public, and specifically that we are afraid of spooking potential members by once giving them a glimpse into the amount of work which needs to be performed by member volunteers. It's not the highest priority, but at some point please.
- We did not mention it during the Volunteer Luncheon, or in the newsletter or on the website, and should not be reported in the Mini-Minutes, but for the internal official record Desiree advances to the theoretical 5th level, and Jonathan to the 6th. Dave Felt still is in front, but the margin has narrowed to 42 points.

## **3. Bylaws:**

- D Elliott: Requested all current materials from previous ByCom Chair. Should have current Bylaws proposals by August for the Board to consider, plus thoughts and suggestions for further action. Request July Agenda item "Bylaws Discussion" for that purpose.

- Over next year, setting up Google Docs for review and commenting, with the intent to present items to the Board one or two at a time instead of all at once.
4. **Gifted Youth:**
- Walker: Michelle Freeman will be scheduling a Getty Center outing on the 11<sup>th</sup>. This is the first trial of having a non-GYC host with a GYC in attendance.
5. **Membership Outreach:**
- D Elliott: Membership at 1813. Still behind Metro Washington.
  - Committee working on multimedia alternative to new member handbooks that nobody reads.
  - Gifted Youth membership 260, 14% of our organization. About \$3000 of our national subsidy comes from GY. Minus newsletter expense, it leaves us with \$1400 for budgeting purposes.
6. **Regional Gathering:**
- Walker: Jay Friedlander has found us a hotel that will allow us to bring in our own food, the Doubletree by Hilton in San Pedro. Cost \$6000 for conference rooms. \$159 for guest rooms per night. Projected income \$1900 behind costs.
  - Moved (Stillman/Walker) to amend the Agenda to add Special Orders item III-C, “RG Contract”. Carried 12/0/1.
7. **Social Media:**
- Phippeny: No items posted last month.
8. **Special Events:**
- Walker: From Jonathan Cole – weekday Hollywood Bowl dates sold out. Moody Blues has 22 of 70 tickets available. Muppets 9 of 70 left.
  - June 10 Dodger game, all 20 (minimum) tickets sold.
  - June 17 Long Beach cleanup did not make it on calendar, will reschedule.
  - Sept 23 picnic coming up.
  - Hamilton group tickets sold out at 47 with short waitlist.
  - San Diego RG in Palm Springs got 12 GLAAM members attending.
9. **Circulation:**
- Madsen: Newsletter got out in time.
10. **Data:**

- Madsen: Announcement lists updated. Facebook group membership current.
- Need to know what Area reps need for membership reporting.

#### 11. **L.A Mentary:**

- Kalambakal: Toni Hanson new layout editor.

#### 12. **MensaPhone:**

- Schneider, via email: The phone is dying, and refuses to accept a charge. We need to buy a new one. I know there are other ways to communicate with the community; I also know that many people prefer to use the telephone to ask questions. The MensaPhone serves an important purpose and must be continued.

#### 13. **Open Forum:**

- Ross: Nancy Murphy, professor of Christian Philosophy and Theology at Fuller Seminary spoke to us and presented a research paper. About 20 attendees.
- Looking at picnic style events over the summer.

#### 14. **SIGHT:**

- Arlette Chew, via email: We had a visitor from Mexico, Eugenia Argomodo, who was here to visit her son. By the time I saw the email and wrote to her, her plans were already set, but it sounded like she got info on some of our events, maybe from Brian?
- Adrian Sicart from Paris is coming tomorrow through June 5 for a trade show at Paramount Studios. He's staying with me for the first two nights and then vacating my guest room for my stepson.

#### 15. **Webmaster:**

Madsen: Reached out to Andrew to see if he had any expenses that need to be reimbursed. Response was yes, but that he neglected to save receipts and it would be more trouble than it is worth to obtain them.

### III. **Special Orders**

#### A. **Filling of Vacant Board Positions**

1. Mid-City Delegate.
  - Albert nominated (Phippeny); elected 13/0/0.
2. ELAC Delegate
  - D Elliott nominated (Phippeny); declined.

#### B. **Approval of 2107-2018 Budget**

Treasurer Elliott opened the discussion by reporting that he had prepared a Third Pass of the 2017-18 budget based on recent suggestions offered on the

CC's list; the Third Pass had not been circulated, but showed that we were projecting \$7,970.46 in Net Spending; before looking at the specific line items, Elliott offered his general opinion at this time that he supports some Net Spending, but not quite to that level, because we could sustain it this year but could have a problem 3-5 years down the road if we continue to spend at that rate, so better to get in the habit of spending less. Elliott then reviewed all the line items on the Income page, with no additional changes offered from those in attendance, resulting in \$39,473.20 of projected Gross Income, exclusive of any unreported activity from the Hi-Desert. Elliott then reviewed all the line items on the Expense page, and recorded the following suggestions for modification: On the line for Community Service, D. Elliott requested \$100 in case we want to buy additional T-shirts to present to member volunteers. On the line for CultureQuest, group agreed that we should authorize funding for only two teams going forward instead of five. On the line for Gifted Youth, D. Elliott summarized her recent analysis that the mock Youth Board could need up to \$1000 of support for the year. The Treasurer reported that \$220, a carryover from last year, was being spent by Michelle Freeman this fiscal year on another GY activity, and Walker suggested that we should allow only \$200 further. The total is \$1420 for the year. On the line for Open Forum, the Treasurer noted that only \$215.95 had been spent during the previous fiscal year, but Ross yet requested the full \$1200 previously authorized by the Board for the program, Treasurer Elliott responding that we may need to come back to this. On the line for Picnics, the Treasurer reported that only \$293.08 had been spent for the most recent event, and Phippeny noted that significant amounts of food were leftover, suggesting that we drop the subsidy to \$250 for each of the two planned events. On the line for Volunteer Luncheons, Phippeny suggested that the two-year average be rounded down to \$1000 even. On the line for Website, agreed to enter \$15 to cover possible domain-name registration. On the line for Young Ms, agreed to drop the previous \$1200 budget to \$200, in consideration of the fact that we currently do not have an active Coordinator. In the section for Area Funds, the Treasurer noted Schneider's e-mail that Hi-Desert does not require any subsidy for the current year (because unreported Incomes are covering their unreported Expenses), and that we still have not heard anything from Inland Empire so that amount could be cut as well; the Area Reps present for Mid-City, Coastal, and SFV all acknowledged that their \$600 subsidies could be cut to \$100 each; Wong requested that the ELAC subsidy be raised by 10%. Before discussing the Scholarships section, Treasurer Elliott noted that the above suggestions reduced our Net Spending projection to \$5,378.55, which of course is a big improvement, but there was general agreement that we would still like some further trimming. Emery noted that nearly one-third of our Gross Expense relates to printing and mailing the newsletter, and asked whether we might have an opportunity for trimming there, by reducing either page count or publication frequency; some discussion, including that each print run requires a minimum of 1000 copies, that the actual print run is closer to 1100, that no vendors are available which could process our newsletter for

any less, that we are required to distribute at least a Calendar at least quarterly, and that extraneous features such as Movie Reviews could be published in an online supplement in order to reduce our page count; Walker suggested the possibility of bimonthly publication, but Madsen responded that some members already complain about the amount of advance notice currently required to submit entries for the monthly Calendar; agreed that we should conduct research into the pricing for various specific alternatives. General agreement that we should carry the budget deliberation forward to the July meeting, in order to allow all the questionable categories to be examined further; in the meantime, Treasurer Elliott will post the current projection as a Fourth Pass to the CC's list.

C.     **RG Contract**

Moved (Phippeny/Walker) “That we accept the contract as proposed, with the caveat that slight changes will be made, and we grant the authority to the RG Committee to incorporate those changes as necessary.” Carried 12/0/1.

**IV.     Unfinished Business**

A.     **Filling of Vacant Chairs and Coordinators**

Moved (Phippeny/Elliott) to appoint David Fenig as Elections Chair, Arlette Chew as SIGHT Coordinator, and Desiree Elliott as Mensa Testing Coordinator; Carried 13/0/0.

**V.     Closing**

A.     **Good of the Order** – Phippeny announced she is in a play. D Elliott mentioned that she has a submission in the June Bulletin.

B.     **Adjournment** -- Motion (Stillman/Phippeny, 13/0/0) to adjourn approved at 1:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lee Stillman  
Secretary