

GLAAM Board of Directors

Official Minutes

July 1, 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	[X] Jonathan Elliott
Coastal	[O] David Emery	[O] Madeline Walker	[/] Nikki Frey (11:25)
SFV	[X] Jerilyn Phippeny	[X] Charlie Mahoney	[X] Andrea Nolan
ELAC	[X] Michael Wong	<i>vacant</i>	[O] Gene Schneider
Hi-Desert	[/] Lindsay Ross (12:00)	[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: Desiree Elliott, Vickey Kalambakal, Brian Madsen, David Stillman, Gerald Stillman, Ron Talkov (12:00)

I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order** -- by Chairman B Smith at 11:00am.
- B. **Approval of Agenda** – Moved (S Smith/B Smith) to approve 3rd draft; carried 9/0/1.
- C. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – Moved (Elliott/B Smith) to approve 2nd draft; carried 9/0/1.

II. Closing Reports

A. Executive Officers

1. Treasurer:

- Elliott: Made a big announcement at the Dodger Stadium about the need for a new Treasurer, no takers.
- Still have not received an acknowledgement from outside tax accountant Enrique as to receipt of our completed financial statements.
- I have mentioned before that we cannot afford to buy two Saturday-night shows in one Hollywood Bowl season going forward, but I am awfully glad that we did it this time, because the Moody Blues were totally awesome, and I would not have wanted us to miss that amazing experience.
- Made a big announcement at the Hollywood Bowl about the need for a new treasurer, no takers.
- Turns out that Michelle Freeman received some gross income from the parents whose children were participating in recent gifted-

youth activities, but did not report it to Madeline until recently. The new information changes what we had ledgered as having been spent by her group, and also changes the math on the proposed budget for the new fiscal year. Generally asking everybody coordinating an Area or other chapter program to always report any income received from any participants, even if you are simply keeping it for a full or partial reimbursement.

- Checked mailbox on 6/29, only content was a notice from the new storage place that our monthly rental rate will increase from 122 to 127 effective on 7/13.

B. Area Reports

1. **Mid-City:**

- Albert: Talked with Emery about doing a combined Mid-City/Coastal event.

2. **Coastal:**

- Emery, via email: Things have been moving along in Coastal. Had a new person show up to the social hour this month. Phantom Carriage is a very very different type of brewery. Definitely worth a visit, especially if you like listening to metal and watching 80s movies while having a beer. Go carting went off as normal as well. For July, we're joining mid-city for a couple events. Should be fun.
- I have fulfilled all but one requirement to become certified to proctor the Mensa exam. Hope to have that last thing taken care of by mid-July so I can join the LA proctor team and we can get some testing down here in the South Bay/coastal area.
- Walker, via email: David Emery wrote on Facebook on Saturday, June 24 – “I had my proposal defense today (aka oral arguments). I passed. :) I'm now a doctoral candidate.”
- The Coastal Speed Freaks are scheduled for Weds June 28 for go-kart-driving in Torrance. The Coastal Social Hour is July 22, starting with a trip to the Museum of Jurassic Technology, followed by an invite to Mid-City to join Coastal Area at Oldfield's Liquor Room on Venice Blvd.
- The South Bay Salon hosted by Vickey Kalambakal met at Hop Saint Brew Pub in Torrance in late May to sample home brews, barbecue, chili, gumbo, and more. On hand were Pete and Claudia Carian, Kendal Copperberg, Gordon Glattenberg and Elyse Ruth, newcomer Mike Herrin, and Martin and Mary Hochman (also new to GLAAM).
- The South Bay Salon met on June 25 at Rock and Brew in El Segundo. This was a return trip, since it rained the last time we tried it. In attendance were Pete and Claudia Carian and their son Alex with his friend Leslie, Joyce Francisco and Kendal

Copperberg, Gordon Glattenberg and Elyse Ruth, Edward Ryan, and the host, Vickey Kalambakal.

3. **SFV:**

- Madsen: Had a dinner at Barrel & Ashes on June 10. Four of us showed up. The food was fantastic.
- Mahoney: Had a dinner party at the wood-fired pizza place.
- Phippeny: Had two additional people for the Happy Hour.

4. **ELAC:**

- Wong: Five people came to the escape room last month, and we are having another one tomorrow.
- Had five for the Gaming Party.

C. Committees and Coordinators

1. **RVC:**

- Wong: Did a testing session in Las Vegas. Got a room scheduled at the MGM corporate office. There were 11 test takers and 2 proctors in training. There were 8 others interested, so there will be another testing session with a proctor from Hawaii.
- Hawaii has satisfied most of their room nights for their RG. Printed out flyers and registration forms to be distributed at the AG.

2. **Bylaws:**

- D Elliott: I am retaining my position on the National Bylaws committee so can help our bylaw process moving forward.
- We will start bylaws discussions this coming month.

3. **Gifted Youth:**

- Walker, via email: Gifted Youth (GY) went for an Architectural Tour of the Getty Center. The 30 reservations were filled. This was a free tour (other than the parking fee.) This was organized by Stephanie Vollowitz along with Michelle Freeman, a Parent Volunteer. This was a test run of pairing a background checked adult with a non-checked adult. Desiree caught the error of letting Stephanie collect RSVPs, since she is not cleared to get the email addresses, so we corrected that. Madeline will do a write-up of this new procedure and announce it to our families so they can become involved with planning activities, and will send it to Jamie Uphold, national GY and Leadership Coordinator, to share with other chapters.
- Michelle Freeman is requesting more funds for the new fiscal year. She thought that all the dues paid by the GY could be used for activities, but after Mensa administrative and L.A. Mentary costs, we get a very small percent from GY dues (approx. \$1,400). Desiree has been planning a Youth Board to “shadow” our board

members during the year, which will need \$1,000. We will ask for \$600 budget for this year for the younger GY activities.

- In mid-July, GY will do Rolling Robots. They will practice with remote controlled robots, build robots that they can take home, then battle with their own robots, and have a pizza lunch. Parents pay \$15 for Mensa kids, GLAAM subsidizes \$10 for each for up to 22 kids, and non-Mensa kids pay the full amount.
- There will be a Teen game night at the Joffe home in the Hollywood area on July 30.

4. **Membership Outreach:**

- D Elliott: Membership at 1861.
- Listed as Gifted Youth Coordinator but not Testing Coordinator on National listing. Change needs to come from LocSec.
- No current info due to an issue at National.

5. **Regional Gathering:**

- Walker, via email: The RG will be at the DoubleTree by Hilton in San Pedro, Feb 16-19. Early Bird pricing of \$99 for July might be extended. We will have a meeting after returning from the AG in Florida. We will take flyers to the AG to announce the GLAAM RG.
- [Elliott noted the Early Bird rate will be extended to end of August.]

6. **Social Media:**

- Phippeny: Will start doing a better job.

7. **Special Events:**

- Walker, via email: Jonathan Cole sent the following regarding the Hollywood Bowl. I thought we should discuss whether to let people invite more of their friends than whatever the limit is when it appears there will be lots of empty seats. Ask Jonathan Cole.
- The Moody Blues: 58 tickets (of 70) sold; 53 people attended (5 cancelled outside of the permissible refund period). Jonathan Elliott has been made aware of the details and has confirmed that the finances have been properly received.
- The Muppets: 53 tickets (of 70) sold as of 24 June 2017. Jonathan Elliott has confirmed that the proper funds for 53 tickets have indeed been received, via one method or another. I have had inquiries from 2 folks regarding an additional 7 tickets, but no funds have been received yet. With luck, this show will sell out, or come close.
- Tuesday Evening Concerts: All 3 concerts remain completely reserved. I have been able to accommodate at least one person on the wait list for each of the 3 concerts due to cancellations, but as

of 24 June 2017 nothing additional is available for any folks remaining on the wait list.

- Dodgers Game on June 10 was started with the Old Timer's game and then went into the real game, which the Dodgers won against the Reds, 5-4. The teams were tied 4-4 from the 6th inning on, broken at the bottom of the 9th by Corey Seager driving in Yasiel Puig. We needed a minimum of 20 people, which is exactly what we got.
- I am putting together a trip to the Magic Castle on August 13 from 10-3. We will split the groups into two brunch times. Cost will be \$72 per person (door entry fee, brunch, group hosts, taxes and gratuities)
- We have 24 people on Sept 14, and 23 people on Oct 3 to see Hamilton at Pantages Theater.
- We will see Aladdin at the Pantages Theater on Jan 21. The minimum is 10 people, we have 18. We will order extra seats for late reservations. Seats can be returned until a month ahead.

8. Testing:

- D Elliott: We had the Standard examination in June. In July we are scheduled to have both Standard and Culture Fair.
- We are increasing our number of proctors to be set up for National Testing Month.
- We are still looking for a new primary testing location.
- Testing cost has increased to \$60, but in July there is a promotion for \$30.

9. Circulation:

- Madsen: Newsletter went out in time.

10. Data:

- Madsen: Would like Area reps to let me know what kind of data they need.
- [D Elliott encourages reps to do so.]

11. L.A Mentary:

- Kalambakal: Everyone got their things in on time.
- This was the first edition with Toni Hanson as layout editor.

12. SIGHT:

- Arlette Chew, via email: Other than a brief visit from our Parisian friend Adrien Sicart, there was no activity this month.

III. Special Orders

- A. Filling of Vacant Chairs and Coordinators
1. Scholarship Chair

- Stillman nominated (Elliott); appointed 11/0/0.
2. Webmaster
- Alma Munro nominated (B Smith); appointed 9/0/2.

B. Approval of 2107-2018 Budget

Treasurer Elliott opened the discussion by reporting that he had put out a Fifth Pass of the Budget with \$4769.32 of net spending which is more than 10% of our consolidated net holdings. The net spending factor for this year includes that fact that we are doing a second Hollywood Bowl show which is not expected in future years. Net holdings - \$36,699.80. GY net spending \$1500, reduced after discussion to \$1100 after moving dates of youth board activity. Young Ms budget zeroed out from \$200. Open Forum budget reduced to \$600 from \$1200. Newsletter budget reduced \$640 due to reduced printing and mailing cost of September edition no longer containing a printed roster. Storage Unit budget increased \$60. New net spending \$2899.32. Moved (Phippeny/Mahoney) to reduce the ELAC budget to \$500 from \$660; motion failed 4/8/0. Moved (Elliott/Phippeny) approval of the Budget as amended; carried 12/0/0.

C. Bylaws Discussion

D Elliott noted there are options to do a full restructuring of the Board if so desired, pointing out there are few chapters that have indirect election of executive officers, and solicited opinions from the Board. Elliott spoke in favor of two representatives per Area, and keeping indirect election. Ron Talkov worried about politicization. Wong noted problems with National officers under a direct format. Stillman spoke in favor of maintaining continuity under the current rules. D Elliott noted that politics were inevitable.

D Elliott brought to the Board's attention that National bylaws changes require a statement from local groups regarding their policy of remote attendance to Board meetings.

IV. Closing

- A. **Good of the Order** – Frey volunteered to serve as layout editor.
- B. **Adjournment** -- Motion (Phippeny/S Smith, 13/0/0) to adjourn approved at 12:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Lee Stillman
 Secretary