

GLAAM Board of Directors

Official Minutes

November 4, 2017

Pilgrim Towers, 440 N. Madison Av., Pasadena

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

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

Guests: Jonathan Cole, Desiree Elliott, Vickey Kalambakal, Brian Madsen

I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order** -- by Chairman B Smith at 11:06am.
- B. **Approval of Agenda** – Moved (Walker/Mahoney) to approve; carried 7/0/0.
- C. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – Moved (S Smith/Nolan) to approve; carried 6/1/0.

II. Reports

A. Executive Officers

1. Treasurer:

- Elliott: Forgot to mention in last month's report that the RG bank account is still open for deposits, but closed only for deductions.
- We have completed a card-authorization form for the Doubletree San Pedro, using my debit card for the GLAAM-general account, so again we will settle up between the funds later, but in the meantime the RG can move forward.
- In discussion following last month's Board meeting, we agreed that it would make more sense to file the police report without notifying the subject whose name and contact info appear on the recent false check, basically because we don't want to let her know that we know until the police decide to take some action if they do, so that is what we did.
- We do have a refund in our bank account for the \$143.95 which had been deducted for Victoria's Secret either erroneously or fraudulently.
- Have closed the consolidated financials through the end of September.

- Checked GLAAM mailbox on 11/2, no RG registrations, couple of documents from insurance and storage to be addressed later.
- We are now counting 78 paid RG registrations.

B. Area Reports

1. **Coastal:**

- Kalamakal: We had 10 people at the Local Kitchen in Torrance, with one person who had never been to an event before.

2. **SFV:**

- Phippeny, via email: I was unable to attend my own party last month, due to my work schedule. Fortunately, Jana Bickel was hosting at her house so a host was available. It seems to have gone well. I do not know how many attended.
- I should be able to make or foray to Indian food next Saturday, but I will probably not arrange anything for December.
- I am passively looking for a successor.
- Mahoney: As for the Thursday lunch, I didn't receive any RSVPs, and I ended up getting stuck at school, and so I hope nobody showed up.

3. **Hi-Desert:**

- Schneider, via email: The people who planned to host our Christmas party had to back out. We are desperately flurrying around to find a new venue.

4. **ELAC:**

- D Elliott: The ELAC party had four people total, games were played, and a good time was had by all.

5. **Inland Empire:**

- Walker: Received a call from a gentleman in the IE who commented about the lack of activities there. When asked lightly about volunteering, he said that he is going to be moving out of the area.

C. Members-at-Large

1. **Elliott:**

- We figured out a way to expand participation in the A2E SIG, by inviting attendees at other GLAAM events to let me know by e-mail that they wish to discuss A2E business there, in which case if time permits I will make a point to attend and to bring my notebooks and laptop, so that we can have a 'special SIG meeting' there, the results of which would be subject to ratification at the next weekly 'regular SIG meeting'.
- Webmaster Alma has responded to the retransmission of my note originally sent to her predecessor Andrew, reporting that she

expects to have some time over the next two months to redesign the website, so that's good.

2. **Stillman:**

- I went to WeeM in Chicago, and a good time was had by all.

D. Committees and Coordinators

1. **Awards:**

- Walker: Bought a bunch of crystal awards for Platinum Award recipients.

2. **Gifted Youth:**

- Walker: Have people lined up to run Kids Track activities at the RG.

3. **Membership Outreach:**

- D Elliott: We are up to 1942 members. We are still trailing Metro Washington Mensa by about 28.
- GLAAM will be the home of both 2VC and RVC9 as Billie Lee and her husband are moving into the area.

4. **Regional Gathering:**

- Walker: Next RG meeting on November 18 at Panera Bread in Studio City.
- We have 78 paid attendees.
- Have to work with the hotel regarding room availability.

5. **Social Media:**

- Phippeny, via email: I have not gotten out the events on Facebook for the last two months, but I did recruit Jordan as a helper. I am also now (finally) an admin on the public-facing GLAAM page (not our private group, where I post the events). This is just in time for me to resign. I hereby tender my resignation as SocMed. I will recruit for a successor but do not have one lined up at this time.

6. **Special Events:**

- Walker: Went to the Hawaii RG and had a fun time. One of the key people there, Allison Barrett, will be coming to our RG to see how we do things.
- Maybe we should have a welcome event for Billie Lee's arrival.
- Copper Black Award winner Natalie Hampton was listed in People Magazine's "25 Women Who Are Changing the World" at #3.
- Cole: Thanks to the Board members for their support of the Hollywood Bowl events this year.

7. **Mensa Testing:**

- D Elliott: October testing was fairly successful. Dave Felt handled the testing for GLAAM this month, as I was in Nevada helping them with their testing.
- We have uploaded our testing schedule to the National testing calendar and have gotten more response.
- We are scheduled to test on the 3rd Saturday of the month, but need to find a replacement proctor for that day.
- The last two people in GLAAM that have gone through the process to become proctors have moved to New York, so we are still in need of additional proctors. We are trying to get more trained.

8. Circulation:

- Madsen: We got the newsletter out on time.
- The problems we had last month with getting it in a format that the printer can read seem to be resolved.

9. Data:

- Madsen: The National “Email Your Members” feature does not work for us because we have separate Areas within the group. I have expressed my concerns to the NO and asked them not to shut down our Announcement lists until it is fixed, but they haven’t gotten back to me.

10. SIGHT:

- Arlette Chew, via email: We had one visitor this month, a 36-year-old MD who was visiting from Berlin Oct. 8-11 only. I was able to let him know what events we had during that period, as well as give him tips about places he was interested in visiting, but didn't get a chance to meet him, since my first grandchild was due to be born during that period and I didn't want to make any commitments.

11. L.A. Mentary:

- Kalambakal: Everything went smoothly with Toni and I hope it continues. I welcome Area reports.
- I have not heard anything from Nikki regarding cover art. Feel free to submit something going forward.

III. New Business

A. Hollywood Bowl

Cole: I would be happy to continue to do the Event. The goal going forward is to have seats in seats. Maybe we do not want to have two Saturday night events, and maybe not 70 tickets. The Board may want to look at the practice of using the Annual meeting to select events.

B Smith noted that the Annual meeting would have little content were it not for the HB selection. D Elliott stressed that we should be careful to keep track of dates of the weekday events so that they do not compete with each other or with other chapter events. Cole noted that the biggest draw for the Saturday shows was the Muppets, with 68. Walker said that she sent email reminders to her family groups, otherwise we would not have gotten that many. Elliott stated that the chapter cannot sustain two Saturday shows and we should go back to one. He also noted that the timing works better if the shows are selected at the ABM, after the dates have been published. The concept of charging a nominal fee for tickets to encourage attendance was explored, as was getting better seats to get our choice of events, and allowing extra guests if there are unsold seats. Further discussion and budgetary concerns deferred until the January or February Board meeting.

B. Storage Unit

Walker: We have two options: to get a bigger room at the same place, or go to a whole new place.

B Smith strongly advocating getting a bigger unit at the same location. Stillman expressed his extreme dislike for the current building. The need for climate control was emphasized. Item carried forward to a future Board meeting following investigation of other locations.

V. Closing

- A. **Good of the Order** – D Elliott: I reached out to Billie Lee during the previous discussion and she responded that she is looking forward to meeting us.
- B. **Adjournment** -- Motion (S Smith/Stillman, 7/0/0) to adjourn approved at 12:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Stillman
Secretary