

GLAAM Board of Directors

Official Minutes

December 2, 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	[X] Jerilyn Phippeny	[X] Charlie Mahoney	[O] Gene Schneider
ELAC	[O] Michael Wong	<i>vacant</i>	[X] Sandra Smith
Hi-Desert	[1] 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: Vickey Kalambakal, Brian Madsen

I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order** -- by Chairman B Smith at 11:04am.
- B. **Approval of Agenda** – Added New Business item V-A “Yahoo Groups”. Closing changed to VI. Moved (Mahoney/Phippeny) to approve as amended; carried 8/0/0.
- C. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – Moved (S Smith/Mahoney) to approve; carried 8/0/0.

II. Reports

- A. Executive Officers
 1. **Chairman:**
 - B Smith: Sent out an email blast to whole membership at the request of the SIGHT Coordinator regarding a member from France.
 2. **Secretary:**
 - Stillman: Have to apologize to Vickey for not getting the minutes and minis done before going out for my surgery.
 3. **Treasurer:**
 - Elliott: We blessedly received a reminder notice to file our biennial Statement of Information with the California Secretary of State's office, so we completed that process online in advance of the 31-Dec due date.
 - We have renewed our mailbox for another year at \$294.

- Our funding report for October noted that 1 test taker used the new promotional code. As a result, the \$15 which we would normally get for any test taker was completely deducted on our report.
- Nearly finished with the October closing, which will show that we have netted over \$5000 of gain in the first 6 months of the fiscal year. Income is tracking according to budget, but a lot of the expense categories have not been touched yet.
- Secretary Lee and I are scheduled immediately after the present meeting to visit the Chase branch which is two blocks away from Slater's, in order to get the new RG bank account established, so we are hoping that the group elects to meet at Slater's for lunch.

B. Area Reports

1. **Coastal:**

- Kalambakal: We had a lovely dinner at Abigail's in Hermosa Beach. We had 11 or 12 people.
- We are meeting in another 2 weeks at Phantom Carriage in Carson, which will be a Saturday lunch.

2. **SFV:**

- Phippeny: We had a successful party in November at an Indian restaurant. About half a dozen people were there and a good time was had by all.
- We have nothing planned for December, but plan to back on track in January.
- Madsen: Jana Bickel is having a Christmas Eve party on the 24th at her home at 4pm.

3. **ELAC:**

- Elliott: Area Secretary Wong is attending the AMC meeting today, so he is excused.
- The Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra is performing all 6 Brandenburg concertos at Caltech's Beckman Auditorium this coming Saturday 12/9. We are thinking of putting out a blast to see if we can assemble an impromptu gathering for it.

C. Committees and Coordinators

1. **Gifted Youth:**

- Walker: I was contacted by a girl in college who might be interested in taking over my spot.
- Assuming she gets approved, we will have 5 volunteers at the RG.

2. **Regional Gathering:**

- Walker: I started working on the Welcome Letter. Craig Lancaster asked me to make sure that it stated that breakfast and lunch on Sunday unless they buy into the brunch.

- The volunteer raffle is shaping up as to who gets how many tickets for what jobs.
- Last year at the Marriott, when we had to add more rooms, the hotel was very accommodating. This year at the Doubletree, they want people to pay the full price once we run out of the number of rooms that we ordered. I changed the number on our website to the local manager who will work with us to get a discount if available.
- I expect to get in touch with Nikki Smith who is running the pub crawl so that we can do a field trip of the local bars.
- Speaker scheduling is pretty much done.
- Received an inquiry about what, if any, services we are providing for deaf attendees.

3. Special Events:

- Walker: Aladdin at the Pantages on March 25.
- The Battleship Iowa tour is open to non-RG attendees and has 32 people total. We will get our own docent.

4. Mensa Testing:

- Walker: There will be testing at the RG on Saturday morning.

5. Circulation:

- Madsen: The printer did not get the newsletter to the post office until the Monday after Thanksgiving, so it may be delayed.

6. Data:

- Madsen: Now have the ability to do Zip code lookups and to generate reports on all the Zip codes in GLAAM, which Areas they belong to, and how many people reside in each one.
- Jonathan Cole's login problems referred to National office.
- Gave Jerilyn her SFV data.

7. L.A. Mentary:

- Kalambakal: Toni Hansen walks on water and is doing a wonderful job.

8. SIGHT:

- Arlette Chew, via email: We have a young woman coming from France, probably in February, who will be here for approximately a month and is hoping to rent a room from a member.
- There is also a 7-year-old member coming from Australia with her mother Jan 26 - Feb. 3. She loves to code, and would love to have an opportunity to tour one of the companies in Silicon Beach.

- Walker: The 7-year-old likes coding. I sent a blast to the GYC's and got a response back from Michelle Freeman, who has children in the same age range with similar interests. They are excited to meet.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Storage Unit (Walker)

Walker: I made a list of Extra Space Storage locations in southern California. Planning on making a visit to some of them. Looking for a general sense of where geographically it should be located. Elliott: The population center of GLAAM is in the area of Glendale. B Smith: Hours of access a big concern.

III. New Business

B. Yahoo Groups (Kalambakal)

Kalambakal: The Board uses Yahoo Groups more than any other group I know and I think it would be a disaster if you couldn't access it one day. It is unsure whether Verizon is going to support it in the future. Phippeny: Dez tried to get us all signed up for Slack some months ago. B Smith: Who would migrate the files over. Madsen: I'd like to see the files migrated to GLAAM.org. Elliott: Everything should be archived on the website. B Smith: Having all of our data available to everyone could be a problem. Madsen: The Members Only section is available to everyone in American Mensa. Walker: If we were to move to Slack we need to be educated on how it works. Elliott: Using an old technology is not necessarily a bad thing. Stillman: What guarantees do we have that Slack is still going to exist 2, 5, or 10 years from now.

Following discussion developed a consensus that a training session would be held at the RG, possibly on Sunday, not to conflict with the Iowa tour, provided that wifi is available.

V. Closing

- #### A. Adjournment -- Motion (Phippeny/S Smith, 8/0/0) to adjourn approved at 12:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Stillman
Secretary