

# GLAAM Board of Directors

## Official Minutes

March 3, 2018

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	<i>vacant</i>	[X] Madeline Walker	[O] Andrea Nolan
SFV	[O] Jerilyn Phippeny	[/] Charlie Mahoney (11:04)	[O] Gene Schneider
ELAC	[O] Michael Wong (11:22)	<i>vacant</i>	[O] Sandra Smith
Hi-Desert	[/] Lindsay Ross (11:45)	[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: Desiree Elliott, Vickey Kalambakal (11:11), Brian Madsen, Doug Walker, Wilbert Woo

### I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order** -- by Chairman B Smith at 11:02am.
- B. **Approval of Agenda** – Moved (Walker/Albert) to approve; carried 6/0/0.
- C. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – Moved (Elliott/Stillman) to amend Treasurer’s Report, 1<sup>st</sup> Paragraph, replace “turns” with “turns out”; carried 6/0/0. Amended Minutes approved 6/0/1.

### II. Reports

#### A. Executive Officers

##### 1. Chairman:

- B Smith: Thanks to Madeline for a great RG and the team assembled.
- Missed sending to Jonathan the address to send our check to Pilgrim Towers.

##### 2. Treasurer:

- Elliott: We determined that we did not need to re-add Brian to the RG account immediately, although we probably would like to do so at some point, if only because he is the owner of the PayPal account which is linked to it, but it can wait. Plus, we probably don't really need urgently to change the debit cards which leave the key word of 'Mensa' out of our account name. Maybe the incoming Board wants to deal with all that at the same time as adding the new Treasurer to the account, whoever that turns out to be.
- As owner of the PayPal account which we use for the RG and the Hollywood Bowl, Brian successfully bypassed Chase's

requirement to input a security code which had been directed to what turned out to be our old MensaPhone, so we now have the new RG account linked to PayPal.

- As provided in the budget, we have ordered and paid for a new projector which will be used for RG's and other purposes, but which belongs to the General Fund.
- Checked the GLAAM mailbox 3 days before the RG, no new payments.
- Presented our financial highlights at the recent Membership meeting, and again announced my upcoming retirement as Treasurer, exhorting the group to come up with a successor whom I would happy to train as needed.
- We had a much easier time this year getting all the RG supplies back into storage, even without David Emery there to help us, so we must simply have had a lot less stuff than we did the previous year, maybe last time we had a lot of plastic cups or paper towels or something. In any case, we now feel that either getting a larger space within our current facility or finding a new facility is not a really high priority right now: We can wait and see whether we are willing and able to settle into the San Pedro Doubletree on a longer-term basis.
- Checked GLAAM mailbox again two days ago, no contents.
- We completed closing the RG financials last night, and we are delighted to report that -- notwithstanding a budgeted loss of \$984.70 -- we experienced only \$157.20 of net spending, which is amazing in general, but even more so considering the massively good time which this reporter had, so we offer many congratulations to Committee Chair Madeline and her entire team.

B. Area Reports

1. **Coastal:**

- Walker: We had our Sunday Salon at the Overland Cafe, and a good time was had by all.

2. **SFV:**

- Mahoney: We had a Saturday brunch at Blu Jam Café which was well attended. We did not have a Thursday dinner because of other events going on.
- Have a couple of requests for additional events – a trivia night, and a party at my house.

3. **ELAC:**

- D Elliott: We had the Gaming party in February, and a good time was had by all.

- We have dim sum, movie, and escape room events tomorrow. Escape room will be in Pomona to try and draw people from that area.

C. Committees and Coordinators

1. **RVC:**

- D Elliott: The Budget was passed, with Michael voting against. National membership is below projected average, but other cuts in Budget are encouraging.
- Enjoyed the GLAAM RG last month.

2. **Awards:**

- Elliott: Will soon make final adjustments to our annual point compilation, based on the RG and other recent data, and will submit the applicable names for award creation and invitation to the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon scheduled for the first week of April.
- Read in the Feb Bulletin that Mickie Strang had recently deceased. She was Hi-Desert Area Secretary from 1981-83.

3. **Bylaws:**

- D Elliott: The Board has now passed two proposed changes, and we have confirmed our policy on the third, which had to do with remote participation in Board meetings. The two that passed were removing the language that stated that the default status of any member was for printed publication (which brings us in line with National), and that we can vote to remove a member of the Board for cause with a 2/3 majority vote after due notice is given. The third is that we are allowing remote participation for special meetings but not for regular meetings. We are now ready to submit these to the National Bylaws Committee for their approval. They will advise us if anything needs to be changed to comply with the new Minimum Standard Bylaws requirements.

4. **Gifted Youth:**

- Walker: Yesterday sent out notice for spring picnic.
- Youth had a fabulous time at the RG. Went to the LA Maritime Museum and it was great.

5. **Membership Outreach:**

- D Elliott: Committee discussed some time ago that we want to put together a multimedia presentation to replace the new member handbook. Now moving forward with that, and looking to get feedback from new members. Will send email blast to solicit ideas. Doing per-production in late March and April with an intended release during the summer.

- Our membership numbers are down from last year but that is in line with all of national membership.
6. **Regional Gathering:**
- Walker: We are looking at coming back to the same hotel, as everyone seemed to enjoy it. We need to bump up the block of room nights, as a lot of people did not get the discount.
  - We had a wonderful committee, and are looking to recruit more members.
7. **Scholarship:**
- D Elliott: Last month we contacted our sitting Scholarship Chair and were assured that all was going well. This turned out not to be the case. We were contacted by Jill Beckham, the director of the Foundation, after the deadline had passed, wondering if we were submitting scholarships this year Jennifer Carter and I were able to split the chair duties, recruit judges and get 145 essays graded. The top 50 essays were sent to Regional for final scoring. We were able to preserve both the Dave Felt and GLAAM scholarships, as well as the National sponsored one.
  - The National website is very poorly designed, and the instructions are difficult to find.
  - One of the judges that has been doing this for years and stepped in at the last minute is interested in being Chair next year.
  - We have the option to recognize our scholarship winners with some sort of function.
8. **Social Media:**
- Albert: At the RG we set up a Hootsuite account, which is a platform that allows us to manage multiple social media accounts and sent out a few messages.
  - Mahoney: our joint goal is to make sure we have Facebook events for everything on the Calendar.
9. **Special Events:**
- Walker: The trip to the Pantages for Aladdin is coming up on March 25.
  - GLAAM picnic and Dodger game upcoming.
  - Hollywood Bowl events to be revealed in April newsletter.
  - D Elliott: As June has five Sundays, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday might be a good time for a picnic or luncheon.
10. **Testing:**
- D Elliott: We have 4 active proctors, and 2 more in training, which means we should have enough to test in more than one location in October which is National Testing Month.

- We had 4 people test at the RG, who all seemed to have a good time.

**11. Circulation:**

- Madsen: Got the newsletter out on time.

**12. Data:**

- Madsen: Reports are all up to date.

**13. Historian:**

- Ross: Someone informed me that they found some old Lament issues in their attic, and immediately after the meeting I am going down to their home in Monterey Park to pick them up.

**14. L.A. Mentary:**

- Kalambakal: Toni Hansen is going on vacation from mid-June to mid-July, so I contacted Karen Star to see if she can help out with layout.
- A question arose regarding member rates vs non-member rates for ads in the newsletter. I am assuming “member” means Mensan, not just those in GLAAM.
- Any pictures from the RG, or articles about it, are welcome.

**15. MensaPhone:**

- Albert: The next step is for Gene to get a new phone, and then the Google Voice can be set up.

**16. SIGHT:**

- Arlette Chew, via email: A member from Sweden will be visiting the SW US in Sept. I sent him my standard list of things to do in LA and asked for more info about his interests, dates, etc., but have not heard back.
- A member from Spain will be visiting Alaska and then the southwest in Aug./Sept. with his wife and 15-year-old daughter. We've been in fairly detailed conversations about his itinerary, lodging, etc. With his many goals, e.g., the Grand Canyon and Seq. Nat'l Park, in nine days, I don't think he'll have any time to attend any local events.
- Finally, Madeline contacted me about an RG attendee from Seattle needing only an electrical outlet for his RV the night before the RG, but by the time I got the message and responded he and his wife were camped elsewhere.

**16. Webmaster:**

- Madsen: The glaam.org domain that Andrew paid for two years ago is up for renewal, and I have agreed to take it over from him.

### III. Special Orders

#### A. Filling of Vacant Board Positions

1. **Inland Empire Secretary** – Wilbert Woo nominated (Walker); approved 8/0/0.
2. **Member-at-Large** – Desiree Elliott nominated (B Smith); approved 9/0/0.

### IV. New Business

#### A. South Bay Sunday Salon Subsidy

Kalambakal: For years we used to pay for appetizers at the monthly gatherings (no more than \$50). I would like to go back to doing that.

J Elliott: There is \$50 remaining in the Budget for Coastal events.  
Recommend using that until new fiscal year begins on May 1.

### V. Closing

- A. **Good of the Order** – Mahoney: We had intended to have a training on Slack at the RG but that didn't happen. We will look for opportunities to do that. D Elliott: The Guest Membership proposal at the AMC meeting was voted down. Also, it is Jonathan's birthday.
- B. **Adjournment** -- Motion (D Elliott/Stillman, 10/0/0) to adjourn approved at 12:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lee Stillman  
Secretary