

GLAAM Board of Directors

Official Minutes

August 4, 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] Desiree Elliott
Coastal	[O] Alma Munro	[X] Madeline Walker	[X] Andrea Nolan
SFV	[X] Jerilyn Phippeny	[X] Charlie Mahoney	[X] Gene Schneider
ELAC	[/] Michael Wong (11:05)	<i>vacant</i>	[X] Sandra Smith
Hi-Desert	[/] Lindsay Ross (11:18)	[X] Bruce Smith	[X] Lee Stillman
Inland Empire	[X] Wilbert Woo	<i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>

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

Guests: Jonathan Elliott, Brian Madsen, Vickey Kalambakal (11:06)

I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order** -- by Chairman Elliott at 11:01am.
- B. **Approval of Agenda** –Moved (Phippeny/Mahoney) to approve; carried 11/0/0 (Chair not voting).
- C. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – Moved (Albert/S Smith) to approve; carried 9/0/2 (Chair not voting).

II. Reports

A. Executive Officers

1. Chairman:

- Elliott: I am pleased to see that the Contacts page on the website has been updated.
- I met with Madeline to discuss stuff relating to Gifted Youth and follow up on those GY Coordinators that are going to be continuing.
- Unfortunately, I failed to get Diane’s info to Vickey and Alma so that her information has not been updated on our newsletter and website.
- There were some incidents at the AG. Someone got arrested; it appears that one or more glasses of wine that had been left out by the bartenders were drugged or contaminated, affecting people that fortunately were with trusted individuals. A note went out from LaRae Bakerink on social media regarding the incidents.
- Board members that witness troubling events are encouraged to report them (at least to me) so additional people are not victimized.

2. Secretary:

- Stillman: I got the approved Agenda and Minutes to Alma so that she can put those up on the website. I need to work backwards to capture changes for previous months, but that process is now started.

3. **Treasurer:**

- B Smith: Checks are being written; bills are being paid. I have all the information I need to do the accounting and haven't done it yet.
- Elliott: I received a statement of account regarding our scholarship fund from National that I meant to give you. For some reason we are sitting on \$500 that we have not awarded somewhere.

B. Area Reports

1. **SFV:**

- Phippeny: We did not have our Second Saturday party due to the fact the fact that both Secretary and Delegate were traveling, however we did have Thursday dinner and we had about 15 people attend.
- I will no longer be hosting the Saturday party, and Charlie has agreed to take it over.
- Received the email list from Brian and will be contacting new members this weekend.
- Mahoney: We continue to do our Trivia Nights and they seem to be popular.

2. **ELAC:**

- Wong: We had our first Friday AMC movie yesterday; after that we went to the Meet the RVC dinner.
- We had 13 for the Gaming party.
- We will be having the Escape Room tomorrow.
- The Tuesday movies are cancelled.
- Will miss the October meeting.

3. **Inland Empire:**

- Woo: I scheduled a dinner on the 12th at the Yard House in Riverside.
- Elliott: Most of Riverside is in the Orange County chapter, so if you are going to continue meeting there you should let them know so it can go in their calendar as well.

4. **Hi-Desert:**

- Schneider: 1st of the Mensth was exceptional in that we got someone who saw our sign and had taken the test long ago but had never signed up.
- We have 2 signups for the Petroglyph tour.

5. **Coastal:**

- Kalambakal: There were 8 people for the Sunday Salon.

C. Members-at-Large

1. **Elliott:**
 - I will be missing the September meeting so someone else will have to run it.
2. **Stillman:**
 - Reminder that I too will be missing the October meeting, so someone will have to take the minutes.

D. Committees and Coordinators

1. **RVC:**
 - Wong: Lisa Maxwell has resigned as National Secretary and wrote a letter citing transparency concerns as the reason.
2. **Awards:**
 - J Elliott: Following last month's Webmaster report, which suggested that maybe my accessing the website in some alternate way has been resulting in my accessing the older versions of certain pages, I tried an experiment during the month to type the web address in my browser field instead of clicking my bookmark icon, and encountered same result, which was that we saw updates only through the award year ending 2017.
 - We also tried asking Chairman Desiree to open the page on her mobile, in the hope that she might be using some path which I am not, but she observed the same results, no updates appearing with 2018 dates, so we speculated that maybe some of the backup archive pages have been updated instead of the live version which people can actually see.
 - When Dez reported to me on 7/27 that she observed on her mobile that the officer listing had been updated, I tried an experiment to view that page on my laptop, and it worked, so we now know that there's nothing wrong with my 'path'.
 - Hall of Fame still has not been updated as of today, but the Answers To Everything pages have been, so that's good, many thanks, hoping that this means enough repairs having been made to the code that those updates will be easier going forward.
 - Elliott: At the AG I did an LDW report that was basically about GLAAM's award program and got a positive response. People from other chapters asked for additional details.
3. **Bylaws:**
 - J Elliott: I am intending to review the latest Minimum Standards more thoroughly for their latest definition of an 'officer', and to figure out whether or not we have a realistic chance of salvaging a proposed amendment which hopefully would get us into compliance on that point, which currently appears to be the trickiest element standing between us and the approval to ballot our desired changes. It is not an urgent priority, because the whole process will take a long time in the best-case scenario, and because we may ultimately determine that we cannot take any action at all,

so this task has been relegated to the bottom of my medium-priority list, which is actively decreasing these days but where there still are 9 items ahead of it. Hopefully will get to it within the upcoming month, but not guaranteed.

4. **Membership Outreach:**

- Elliott: Reminder to Area Secretaries, you can still get email lists from Brian.

5. **Regional Gathering:**

- Elliott: We are busy contacting new speakers.
- Waiting on flyer from Nikki.
- Do not have a budget yet, but Jonathan has sent us the numbers from last year's budget so that we can review the numbers and confirm prices.
- We anticipate having a volunteer recruitment luncheon the fourth weekend of September in San Pedro.
- We are almost to the point where we can start publicity.

6. **Social Media:**

- Mahoney: I got a chance to post a bunch of stuff on the Calendar on Facebook. Probably posted too much, as I have received some complaints.

7. **Special Events:**

- Walker: Jonathan Cole sent information about the most recent Hollywood Bowl on tickets and last minute cancellations.

8. **Testing:**

- Elliott: We did test in July; we had one taker for the regular test, and three for the Culture Fair test. We will test again in August.
- We are one observed administration away for Sandra to become a certified proctor.

9. **Circulation:**

- Madsen: All is well, we got the newsletter out on time, and there is money in the account.

10. **Data:**

- Madsen: All the reports went out, and the Facebook groups and Announcement lists are up to date.

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

- Kalambakal: Toni is back from her vacation. I got the newsletter done in her absence, but do not want to have to do it again.
- Michael is encouraged to submit an RVC report for the newsletter.

12. **SIGHT:**

- Arlette Chew, via email: The family from Spain will be here 8/23. Their trip is essentially finalized, so the only thing they're likely to need is help if questions arise.
- The group from Sweden arrives in the states 9/10. Their trip is less well-defined, but they seemed to be well on their way.

- Both groups plan to explore a fairly broad section of the southwest.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Decision Regarding Bylaws Process

In light of the Bylaws report requesting more time for research, moved (Phippeny/Walker) to refer the item back to the Bylaws Committee. Approved 12/0/1 (Chair not voting).

VI. Closing

A. **Good of the Order** – S Smith: I read the report of what happened at the AG, and it was very clear as to whom problems should be reported to. We should implement this for our RGs. Albert: There was an article in a national press organization (Inverse) regarding the incidents at the AG.

Discussion about vetting potential members and having a code of conduct followed. Current national and international Mensa rules state that the only criterion for membership is performance in the top 2% on an intelligence test.

B. **Adjournment** -- Motion (Phippeny/Albert, 9/2/1) to adjourn approved at 11:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Stillman
Secretary