

GLAAM Board of Directors

Official Minutes

October 6, 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	[X] Alma Munro	[O] Madeline Walker	[X] Andrea Nolan
SFV	[X] Jerilyn Phippeny	[X] Charlie Mahoney	[X] Gene Schneider
ELAC	[O] Michael Wong	<i>vacant</i>	[O] Sandra Smith
Hi-Desert	[X] Lindsay Ross	[X] Bruce Smith	[O] 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: Brian Madsen, Jonathan Elliott, Jonathan Cole

I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order** -- by LocSec Elliott at 11:02am.
- B. **Approval of Agenda** –Moved (Schneider/B. Smith) to approve; carried 11/0/0.
- C. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – carried forward

II. Reports

- A. Executive Officers
 1. **LocSec:**
 - D. Elliott: No taxes due; waiting on packages for membership from Nat'l; Jamie Loftus articles make no comment to the media; refer to LocSec.
 2. **Secretary:** (via LocSec) Minutes to web site have been sent to correct email now.
 3. **Treasurer:**
 - B Smith: All bills are current; The general account stands at \$25,775.10. The RG account stands at \$5,911.55. So it seems we're ok.
- B. Area Reports
 1. **Coastal:**
 - Everything is fine
 2. **SFV:**
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 3. **Hi-Desert:**
 - Schneider: Petroglyph Tour canceled; not enough people
- C. Members-at-Large
 1. Andrea: Certificate of Appreciation awarded to Desiree; also there is an article on a gifted youth for Madeline.

D. Committees and Coordinators

1. **Awards:** We recently considered the question of whether the position of Finance Committee Chair continues to merit a default of 6 points per year, given that the workload and intensity of the position have reduced greatly as compared with when the position was created in the late 1990's, and agreed on Aug 9 to renorm the position at 3 points per year, which is standard for most of our committees, retroactive to May 2018.

-- Annual updates to the Hall of Fame listings still have not been posted to the website as of Sep 23.

2. **Bylaws:**-- Began going through the current Minimum Standards on Aug 18, and began to identify specific amendments which we would need to undertake in order to get into compliance, but ran into a problem when we found an apparent conflict in that document, going to the question of whether or not we actually need to list all appointive offices in our Bylaws document. Reported this point to the GLAAM Chairman (who of course is a member of the Bylaws Committee /ex officio/) with request for guidance on how we should proceed.

-- After some discussion, we concurred within committee that we could at least attempt to construct a proposed Bylaws revision which reflects our more permissive interpretation of this ambiguity in the Minimum Standards, which basically translates to our *not* needing to include every single appointive position in our Bylaws, which would be great if we could get away with that. -- Committee Chair completed review of the MSB document on Sep 22, and held a committee meeting with /ex officio/ member Desiree, who asked that those findings be summarized on the checklist template currently in use by the NatByCom. We have begun that process.

-- Also began the process of updating the Motions Catalogs from Dec 2016, in accordance with our new Guidelines, by downloading all Board minutes from that period not already in our record, but saw again that as of Oct 5 no Minutes from after 2016 appeared on the GLAAM website. However, last night, during the Dodger game, we successfully captured all the missing Minutes from the Yahoo list.

3. **Gifted Youth:**

- Walker via email: Sunday Oct 7 I will meet with four families eager to start kids' activities. One of the moms and one of the dads took the background check.

I will also have two "New Moms" there who will start discussing regular get togethers of new Mensa parents with babies.

4. **Membership Outreach:**

5. **Regional Gathering:**

- Walker: We are shaping up the web. New volunteer lunch had 10 people - 3 brand new and enthusiastic, and two more who could not come but want to be involved. I sent some info to Angie Madsen to help OC get organized for an RG. Best help was info

from Jay Friedlander a couple years ago when he found Howard Johnsons in Fullerton was reasonable charges and would let us bring in our own food (we chose DoubleTree in San Pedro instead).

- Elliott: 16 registrations or more.
 - 6. **Scholarship:** D. Elliott met with Diane Takenaka and things are progressing smoothly
 - 7. **Special Events:**
 - Walker via email: Beautiful at Pantages - 12 people, and a wonderful show!!!
 - 8. **Strategic Planning:** Munro Online meeting scheduled for 10/11/18 2pm.
 - 9. **Testing:** D. Elliott: CalTech will continue to allow testing. Number of proctors available is growing.
 - 10. **Circulation:**
 - Madsen: The newsletter got out on time.
- Funds transfer from Chase to USPS not finished but getting there.

- 11. **Data:**
 - Madsen: I sent all the reports out.
- 12. **L.A. Mentary:**
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- 13. **MensaPhone:**
 - Schneider: Scam calls only.
- 14. **Open Forum:**
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- 15. **SIGHT:**
 - Arlette Chew: No contact with visitors from Spain.
- 16. **SIGs:**
 - Madsen:
- 17. **Calendar:**
 - Madsen:

III. Unfinished Business

- A. Progress on Strategic Plan see report
- B. Meeting Dates for 2019 Jan 5, Feb 2, March 2, Apr 6, May 4, June 1, July 13, Aug 8, Sept 7, Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 12
- C. Request for pics and bio for RG committee members for the website.

VI. Closing

- A. **Good of the Order** – One of the attendees -- who asked not to be identified in the Minutes -- recently appeared to have been forwarded by a former GLAAM officer an e-mail which appeared to come from his/her old hacker from vicinity of 2011-2012, and which contained a certain vicious and false accusation which had been circulated during that time. Sent response to the original forwarding, advising the former GLAAM officer for everyone's electronic safety to ignore the message without reply. Subsequently sent a separate e-mail to the former GLAAM officer, upon suspicion that the apparent forwarding may actually have come from the

hacker as well, and received a response that the forwarding had actually happened, so that's good. We have not so far heard of anyone else having been targeted recently, but we are allowing for the possibility that other current or former GLAAM officers may be targeted for such inappropriate messages containing that same false accusation or some other one. Anyone who does receive such a message is advised both to ignore it and not to reply to it at all, because we are suspecting that sending a reply could possibly open an avenue for them to get into your e-mail and mine your archives without your consent, which we know from experience would be bad.

B. **Adjournment** -- Motion (B Smith/Munro, 11/0/0) to adjourn approved at 12:02pm.

Submitted by:
Bruce Smith
Acting Secretary