

GLAAM Board of Directors

Official Minutes

November 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] Desiree Elliott
Coastal	[X] Alma Munro	[X] Madeline Walker	[X] Andrea Nolan
SFV	[O] Jerilyn Phippeny	[X] Charlie Mahoney	[X] Gene Schneider
ELAC	[X] Michael Wong	<i>vacant</i>	[X] Sandra Smith
Hi-Desert	[X] Lindsay Ross	[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)

Guest: Johnathan Elliott

I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order** -- by Chairman Elliott at 11:17am.
- B. **Approval of Agenda** –Moved (Schneider/Walker) to approve; carried 12/0/2.
- C. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – September: Moved (Schneider/Albert) to approve; carried 11/0/3. October: Moved (Schneider/Mahoney) to approve. Corrections submitted by J Elliott; carried as corrected 9/0/5.

II. Reports

A. Executive Officers

1. Chairman:

- Elliott: We agreed at the last meeting to submit head shots and 2-3 sentence bios to Alma for the website; please do so.
- We were approached by National to be a test case for using Mensa Connect with all the subgroups enabled.
- National has appointed Regional Young Adult Coordinators. The two for Region 9 are Taylor Profita and Jennifer Morris. They are reaching out to the local groups to get coordinators, plan events, and so on. An email blast will go out to the approximately 200 members in the 21-40 age group looking for volunteers.

2. Secretary:

- Stillman: Thanks to Bruce for stepping up on my behalf last month.

3. Treasurer:

- B Smith: General account balance \$22,644.16. Bills are current.
- We transferred funds so the RG account is back up to a \$5911 balance.

- Check request from Brian Madsen for the Post Office will be taken care of.

B. Area Reports

1. **Coastal:**

- Walker: The December Sunday Salon is being rescheduled to Dec. 30.

2. **SFV:**

- Mahoney: Second Saturday party went well; we had about 10 people show up.
- We didn't have anyone show up for the Fourth Thursday unfortunately.
- Due to lack of interest, after the next couple months we are no longer going to do the Trivia Night.
- Full day escape rooms scheduled for tomorrow. Midweek escape room nights start in December on Second Wednesdays.

3. **ELAC:**

- Wong: We had 9 people for the Gaming Party. Because we had canceled the previous couple, we increased the food budget and went to a Chinese food place that everyone seemed to like.
- Had no attendance for Movie Night.

4. **Hi-Desert:**

- Ross: We need another signer on our bank account, preferably in the AV or Bakersfield.
- Scotty's Castle is offering recovery tours from the 2015 flood. That would be our Death Valley expedition tentatively scheduled for March 19.
- Elliott: Let's put on next month's Agenda a discussion about rolling the HiD account into the main GLAAM account.

C. Members-at-Large

1. **Elliott:**

- I will be attending the Phoenix RG.

2. **Nolan:**

- I have an affair at UCLA so I will be missing the December meeting.

3. **Stillman:**

- I went to Weem last weekend, and a good time was had by all. There were about 450 attendees.

D. Committees and Coordinators

1. **RVC:**

- Wong: I was in Hong Kong, so I missed the September Planning meeting.

- Last week we had a teleconference, some of which had to do with the establishment of a Committee for Membership Safety.
- There was a motion to put on the membership ballot a measure to extend the terms of National officers to three years, but it did not get the required 2/3 vote.
- There will be an RVC-only teleconference regarding the Jewel Awards on Monday.

2. Bylaws:

- J Elliott: While updating the catalog of Motions Offered from Dec2016, we discovered that we had not sent reconstructed Election Procedures to the Webmaster for posting to the Members-Only module of the GLAAM website as we reported in the Jun2017 Minutes, and as prescribed in the new Guidelines, so we will want to take care of that at some point, but we first want to make sure that all the other website content is updated as planned before we start producing more content for posting.
- We have updated through Sep2018 the catalogs of Motions Offered, Actions Taken, Actions Still In Effect, and Unclassified Actions Still In Effect, and plan to keep updating them on a monthly basis going forward, as recommended in the new Guidelines.
- The process of updating the catalog of Actions Taken revealed that a certain item had been referred to the Bylaws Committee via Motion #2017-049 for motion drafting, and never acted upon, concerning national's policy on roster publication, which we apparently need to have in our rules even though we have agreed that we are not interested in publishing any more rosters within the foreseeable future. We therefore are planning to introduce a motion to restore a Roster section to the new Guidelines, so a specific motion will be coming soon.
- Among the various actions which were retired from the lists of Actions Still In Effect for no longer being in effect, we retired Motion #1998-121, which called for the Treasurer to provide each month's financial report to the Secretary at least nine days before each Board meeting. That motion was adopted at a time when the Agenda packages were still going out by postal mail, and at least a week before the meeting in accordance with the Secretary's Guidelines which were in effect at the time. The current Treasurer's Guidelines call for the financial statements to be posted to the electronic CC's list, and do not specify any particular time of month, except that it needs to be after all the necessary bank statements have been produced and all other financial information for the month has been reported to the Treasurer for tabulation.
- Just last night, we completed the draft checklist provided by American Mensa for compliance with its Minimum Standard Bylaws. We have marked the checklist with the citations for those

minimum standards which we believe are already satisfied, and it also includes the details on the approximately 15 amendments which we are figuring will be needed in order to achieve compliance. We will review the checklist within the Bylaws Committee over the upcoming few weeks, and decide upon a specific set of measures to propose for Board consideration, pursuant to the pending item of Unfinished Business.

3. Gifted Youth:

- Walker: I met in Redondo Beach with a couple new parents who passed their background checks and want to organize activities.
- We have a bunch of new moms so I am encouraging them to have some sort of get together.

4. Membership Outreach:

- Munro: I now have permissions from National to receive membership information; I could not before because I had to sign an NDA.

5. Regional Gathering:

- Walker: Working with Bruce on payments to the hotel.
- Had a meeting on October 20 in the Valley. The next meeting will be on November 10 in San Pedro at the Think Café.
- We set 24 hours of volunteer time as the threshold for a discount on registration. Some portion of that must be helping to load in/out.
- Elliott: We have 44 registrations, 12 brunches, 4 pub crawl, and 4 cheese tasting. We are behind where we were last year.

6. Social Media:

- Mahoney: I've been busy with school so I have had time to get a lot of Facebook stuff done, but I hope to soon.

7. Special Events:

- Walker: We just had our Fall Picnic with 56 people plus 3 babies.
- There's a chance Jonathan Cole will not be here to do the Hollywood Bowl stuff as he may be reassigned to Paris for work.
- We went to see Beautiful at the Pantages and it was beautiful. We got the required 10 people for A Bronx Tale on Sunday the 11th. One of the people who got 4 of the tickets had to back out so those are available. The following show is Wicked, and we have plenty of people for that.

8. Strategic Planning:

- Munro: We had a meeting remotely and we came up with some target areas that we are going to expand on after this meeting.

9. Testing:

- Elliott: We ended up having just one testing session in October. It would have been both the standard battery and the Culture Fair battery, but no one showed up for the standard battery and we had 5 or 6 people for the CF battery. Those tests have been received and they are being scored at this time.

- National has implemented a program that automatically notifies the proctor when tests are being scored, but they have not set it up so that the Testing Coordinator is also notified.
- I've had two people contacting me; the first was from a clinical psychologist looking for information on how to submit prior evidence for a child, and I was eventually able to help her. The second was a series of calls from a man in Compton looking for information on becoming a member.

10. Circulation:

- Madsen, via email: November's newsletter delivered on time. USPS account needs funding, because we don't have enough to mail out December's. The Treasurer and I have made progress this month toward setting up electronic funds transfer into that account, but not to the point of transferring funds. We agreed that if that hasn't happened by now, he would mail a check to me so I can replenish at a post office in person. I now request that ASAP. Please make the check payable to USPS for \$1,000 and mail to my home address..

11. Data:

- Madsen, via email: All reports delivered, and our Facebook group and announcement lists are up to date.

12. MensaPhone:

- Schneider: I also talked to the man from Compton. He was trying to input his old Mensa number to get into the website and it wasn't working. I explained that he needed to use the email address he signed up with, so just maybe his problem is solved.
- I got a call from a woman with three daughters in Mensa. I invited them to the picnic and they came.

13. Open Forum:

- Ross: I'm still looking for a venue to host our speaker Tom Nehrer.

14. Public Relations:

- Elliott: The packet of materials from National to coincide with testing month in October never materialized.

15. SIGHT:

- Arlette Chew, via email: I visited Venice Beach and downtown LA with our visitors from Hamburg on 10/20. They had visited the Grand Canyon, Vegas, Yosemite, San Francisco, before driving down the coast. High points of their trip were the friendliness of Americans and the varied vegetation.
- Visitors from the Czech Republic currently living in Gibraltar will be arriving Nov. 17 for four days. They are particularly interested in attending Mensa events while here and in San Diego. I gave them info on accessing our Calendar and, of course, offered assistance/info as needed.

15. Webmaster:

- Munro: There was a request for photos and short summaries for the website that went out last month; I have received one.

III. New Business

- A. Discussion Regarding Mensa Sub Groups and Activating Mensa Connect
Out of approximately 1800 members only about 680 do not have email addresses on file; by default, everyone else would be added to a Mensa Connect forum. People would not start getting messages until they activated their account Moderators will be necessary. Area reps are encouraged to serve as mods for their subgroups.

VI. Closing

- A. **Good of the Order** – Walker: I received a phone call from Brenda Manuel at LAUSD who is organizing an activity for disadvantaged gifted youth on Dec 1. David Ilan will be assisting me in presenting. Stillman: I will also be attending the Phoenix RG at the end of the month. Walker: I will be at the SF RG.
- B. **Adjournment** -- Motion (Stillman, 14/0/0) to adjourn approved at 12:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Stillman
Secretary