

# GLAAM Board of Directors

## Official Minutes

January 5, 2019

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	[/] Alma Munro (11:03)	[X] Madeline Walker	[X] Andrea Nolan
SFV	[O] Jerilyn Phippeny	[/] Charlie Mahoney (11:06)	[X] Gene Schneider
ELAC	[X] Michael Wong	<i>vacant</i>	[X] Sandra Smith
Hi-Desert	[O] Lindsay Ross	[O] 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, Vickey Kalambakal, Brian Madsen

### I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order** -- by Chairman Elliott at 11:00am.
- B. **Approval of Agenda** – New Business items A & B moved to B & C, respectively, added New Business item A Hi-Desert Bank Account. Moved (Walker/S Smith) to approve; carried 7/0/2.
- C. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – Moved (B Albert/Woo) to approve; carried 5/0/4.

### II. Reports

- A. Executive Officers
  1. **Administrative Vice-Chair:**
    - Schneider: We had a gentleman from the IE come all the way to Bakersfield for 2th Tuesday. He is interested in trying to make things happen in the IE but is disappointed at the attempts in the past.
  2. **Treasurer:**
    - B Smith, via email: The Hi-Desert account may be a burden to the Treasurer, but electronic access makes it manageable. Gene has been the heart and soul of Hi-Desert for many decades; leaving the account in place is much easier than starting a new one. I'd suggest leaving the door open to a more active Hi-Desert (and IE) if we can and continue campaigning for volunteers.
    - Current balance on main account is \$24,832.93 (including outstanding checks). RG account states \$9,248.35 (but I defer exact balance to RG Treasurer)
    - I am committed to full reconciliation and reporting but fighting a recent bad cold has delayed me.

B. Area Reports

1. **Coastal:**

- Walker: We had our dinner, with 14 people.

2. **ELAC:**

- Wong: We had a new member come out from Chino for the movie event.
- We have an escape room planned for tomorrow here in Pasadena.
- There were 5 of us for the ELAC party.

3. **SFV:**

- Mahoney: I am going to be covering the Saturday party.
- Elliott: you hosted a fabulous Christmas party.

4. **Inland Empire:**

- Woo: Scheduled an event at a Denny's in San Bernardino. When I showed up it was closed for remodeling. Ended up with 3 people at a different Denny's up the street.

C. Members-at-Large

1. **Nolan:**

- Jana Bickel had a very nice Christmas party with about 25 people.

D. Committees and Coordinators

1. **RVC:**

- Wong: We are looking for a new Regional Scholarship Chair, as the previous one has resigned.
- The AMC is meeting again at the beginning of March, so I will be missing that board meeting.

2. **Awards:**

- J Elliott: We are continuing to update our By-Function list, some positions last being updated in 2012, and others not having been updated since 1999. Even the ones updated in 2012 contained only the names without any of the contemporary descriptions, because we were simply getting certain lists updated for the Memory Book which we were preparing for our 50th Anniversary. So anyway, the job of updating By-Function is turning out to be a lot bigger than we expected, but we will get it done swiftly, because I am very eager to get all these miscellaneous items off my to-do list so that I can spend more time focusing on the 'Answers To Everything' project.
- The process of updating the By-Function list is revealing some errors that we had made in our previous tabulations. Two of the errors found so far involve people getting more point credits than they should have received, but one involved an extra point needing to be awarded, because we had failed to credit Gowen a point for being ELAC Delegate for a few months in mid-1998. That one missing point places her at 375, which is the theoretical equivalent of a 5th star, now one of 4 people having reached that level.

- Our historical reconstruction is helped tremendously by the fact that the Bylaws Committee has updated the Motions Catalogs through current date, so that we can locate exact appointment dates to replace our previous approximations, also resulting in some more points getting awarded retroactively.
  - We have determined that 115 people have held the position of Board Member-at-Large, and that of those 115 only 2 have ever vacated the position through non-attendance. One of those 2 people has actually done it 3 times (and some present may know who that is!!!), the other one goes back to 1970.
3. **Bylaws:**
- J Elliott: Committee is still considering the draft checklist which we completed in early November for compliance of our current Bylaws document with the national Minimum Standard Bylaws.
  - Committee is still considering the draft motion which would restore a Roster section back into our Officer Guidelines, showing the national requirements which would pertain just in case we ever produce a roster again.
4. **Elections:**
- Elliott: There was a pretty extensive elections report in the newsletter that everyone should have seen. This is a gentle reminder to most of you on the Board to get your petitions in so we do not have to appoint a lot of people in May.
5. **Finance:**
- Elliott: Bruce had indicated that he was getting things updated because we are getting to the point where we have to submit our midyear report to the newsletter.
6. **Gifted Youth:**
- Walker: David Ilan, Nikki Frey and I attended and spoke at a Gifted Youth event put together by LAUSD. We handed out a lot of materials, and David taught a class on pointillism.
7. **Membership Outreach:**
- Munro: We are looking to do more advertising and I talked about different sites to do that for testing at the RG.
8. **Regional Gathering:**
- Walker: Last year we were short on room nights so we increased our room night pledge to 142. We are obligated to fill 80% which is 113. We are currently at 70. One possible reason we are so short is that our RG did not make it in to the Mensa Bulletin. I sent a message to nonlocal attendees from last year and have gotten some response. Vickey did send info to the editors of other regional chapters.
  - We are still working on getting speaker information online.
  - The AG being in Phoenix this year may be affecting attendance.

- Elliott: We have 71 registrations to date; at this time last year we had 86. We do have 20 brunches sold, 11 pub crawls, and 9 cheese tastings.
9. **Scholarship:**
- Elliott: I will follow up with Diane, but essays are due Jan 15, and Diane will need readers for them.
10. **Social Media:**
- Mahoney: I'll try to get some stuff up on Facebook tonight.
11. **Special Events:**
- Walker: I had to cancel one of the Pantages events (Cats) because we had not enough people, but the we got a family of 5 wanting to go so it is back on the schedule.
  - Wicked, and Charlie & the Chocolate Factory are coming up and I should have no trouble with those, and after that there are 5 more shows. Kinky Boots will be one of them.
  - After this year, I will pick a few and not every one of them.
12. **Strategic Planning:**
- Munro: We had a very productive meeting; unfortunately, we missed Lee and Bruce. We spent a couple hours on ways to improve membership and the goals we have. We are in the process of writing everything up and should have the Plan by the end of next month.
13. **Testing:**
- Elliott: We have discounted testing this month. Instead of just knocking \$20 off, they discounted it 33% and so it is \$39.99 this month. We already have registration for testing in January.
  - We will of course be doing testing at the RG. They will need to pre-register, but they will get the day for free.
14. **Circulation:**
- Madsen: All is well, newsletter got out on time. There is money in the USPS account for the next couple issues.
15. **Data:**
- Madsen: All reports are up to date.
16. **L.A. Mentary:**
- Kalambakal: Everything is fine. I am open to ideas about the February cover.
  - Elliott: We usually use the RG booklet cover photo.
17. **MensaPhone:**
- Schneider: We got thirteen calls – 1 was in Chinese, 1 was music, and the rest wanting us to add them to our Do Not Call list.
18. **SIGHT:**
- Arlette Chew, via email: Our May visitor from England will be staying with me at least part of the time and we'll do some exploring together.

- We received an inquiry directly (not from the National SIGHT) from a Korean member, a student graduating soon, who is traveling with three friends between Christmas and early January. His main interest was obtaining introductions to people from a variety of occupations he listed, though he said he wasn't looking for leads on jobs. (See below.) Since I'll be out of town while they're here, I suggested that his best bet would be to attend some GLAAM events, and gave him instructions on accessing our site, in addition to my usual list of things to do in LA, and link to the Metro site. If someone would like to make some introductions, I can forward his contact information.
- Occupations of interest to the Korean traveler:
  1. Electrical engineer or related researcher
  2. Broadcast, movie
  3. International organization
  4. Baseball player or related company like Wilson.
  5. Logistics like FedEx, Walmart.
  6. Solider, and if he or she is officer that would more great and someone can help to look around UCLA is also welcome.

**19. Webmaster:**

- Munro: I got an email that there was an evaluation of the position. We went through requirements such as deadlines back in June. While everything has been on time, based on what has been provided, there is still a request that anything sent to the newsletter editor be also provided to the webmaster if they desire to be on the website.

**III. Special Orders**

- A. Removal of Current Webmaster Pursuant to Article VII, Sec. D of the GLAAM Bylaws  
 Moved (Schneider/Walker 12/0/0) to enter into Closed Session at 11:49am. Guests removed from meeting. Returned from Closed Session at 12:39pm. Guests readmitted. Chairman Elliott reported that Munro was removed as Webmaster, and nominated Billie Lee as Webmaster in addition to her duties as RG Webmaster; approved 10/0/2.

**IV. Unfinished Business**

- A. Review Status of Mensa Connect Preparation  
 Mensa Connect moderators selected – Mid-City, Burnett; ELAC, Wong; Coastal, Munro; Hi-Desert, Schneider; Inland Empire, Woo; SFV, Madsen; main GLAAM group, Stillman.

**V. New Business**

- A. Hi-Desert Bank Account  
 Elliott: GLAAM actually has three bank accounts – the main chapter account, the RG account, and a separate Hi-Desert account that is used for things like

the Petroglyph Tour and other events. Currently, 2 of the 3 signers on the account are inaccessible. Wonder if it would be better to fold the account into the main one under a different fund so that, in the event that the signers on the account become inaccessible/incapacitated, the chapter still has the ability to get to those funds.

Schneider explained that reservations need to be made and paid in advance for the different events and having to go through the Treasurer adds unnecessary delays in doing this.

Carried forward to next month.

Moved (Walker/Munro 10/0/2) to extend meeting 10 minutes at 1:00pm.

- B. Review of Obligations and Responsibilities of Board Members and Chapter Officers

Carried forward to next month.

- C. Hollywood Bowl

Elliott: Jonathan Cole has moved to Paris. Someone else is going to be needed to organize the events.

## VI. Closing

- A. **Good of the Order** Stillman: I will be heading to San Antonio in two weeks to meet two half-sisters that I found through DNA.
- B. **Adjournment** -- Motion (Albert/Mahoney, 11/0/1) to adjourn approved at 1:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lee Stillman  
Secretary