

GLAAM Board of Directors

Official Minutes

February 2, 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	[O] Alma Munro	[X] Madeline Walker	[O] Andrea Nolan
SFV	[X] Jerilyn Phippeny	[O] Charlie Mahoney	[O] Gene Schneider
ELAC	[X] Michael Wong	<i>vacant</i>	[X] Sandra Smith
Hi-Desert	[X] Lindsay Ross	[/] Bruce Smith (11:06)	[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 11:02am.
- B. **Approval of Agenda** – New Business item D moved forward to March. Moved (Phippeny/Walker) to approve as amended; carried 9/0/1.
- C. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – Moved (S Smith/Woo) to approve; carried 8/0/2.

II. Reports

A. Executive Officers

1. Chairman:

- Elliott: We are 2 or 4 members behind Metro Washington Mensa.
- We are the only chapter in Region 9 where the Boomers are not the largest demographic. Gen-X is the largest in GLAAM with 601 to the Boomers' 566. We have 1,158 members gen-X or younger, to 773 Boomer or older. Utah, Phoenix, and Orange County all have greater Gen-X and younger than Boomer and older membership as well.
- We still weight 2/3 male, to 1/3 female, yet in the officer demographics, we have 23 female to 18 male.
- This is a triple election year, so we have GLAAM, AMC, and International elections. There are Bylaw amendments at both the National and International level. Make sure when talking about the elections you are clear about which level you are discussing.

2. Treasurer:

- B Smith: The general account is \$27,072.23. RG account \$10, 874.50 as of this morning.

- Financial reports will be done by March.
- B. Area Reports
1. **Coastal:**
 - Walker: We had 17 people for the Sunday Salon at Raffaello in San Pedro.
 2. **SFV:**
 - Phippeny: Charlie led our 2nd Saturday event at Sizzlers with 7 in attendance. There was no Thursday dinner.
 - in February Charlie will again host the party and I will host the Thursday dinner.
 3. **ELAC:**
 - Wong: The movie last night was cancelled at the last minute.
 - We went to see Cold War for the Independent film.
 - Escape room tomorrow Lab Rat at Hatch.
 4. **Inland Empire:**
 - Woo: Scheduling a get together on the 10th.
- C. Committees and Coordinators
1. **RVC:**
 - Wong: Desiree is the new Region 9 Scholarship Chair
 - There is an AMC meeting in March so I will not be here.
 - We reviewed the hotel contract for the San Diego RG.
 2. **Awards:**
 - J Elliott: Made considerable further progress during the month on our project to update the historical lists of volunteer services arranged By Function. May have it finished by this upcoming week, after which we can have a conversation about which lists we would like to have appear on the GLAAM website, which I am hoping will be part of the discussion which has been scheduled in the New Business section of our Agenda.
 3. **Bylaws:**
 - J Elliott: Committee has deferred until after the RG the draft checklist which we completed in early November for compliance of our current Bylaws document with the national Minimum Standard Bylaws.
 - Committee has deferred until after the RG 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.
 - Committee Chair's personal recollection had been that Executive Sessions should be held for confidential discussions only, and that any formal motions must be offered and treated in Open Session, the idea being that we do not consider an action to have been formally taken unless the motion and its disposition are recorded in the Minutes, and we don't record in the Minutes anything which was said or done in Executive Session. However, we looked it up

in Robert's Rules, and did not find any explicit support for that position. Rather, it does seem to be permitted to take an action in Executive Session and report only the outcome of the action in Open Session. Further, it even seems to be allowed for certain actions to be taken during Executive Session which are not officially reported in Open Session at all. Therefore, the recent discontinuity in the Webmaster position has been counted for our records as a Motion Offered and an Action Taken, even though we have no details available on maker or seconder or motion language or vote count or any other parliamentary attribute which may have been pursuant to the occasion.

4. Elections:

- Elliott: Reminder that petitions are due if you have not submitted them and you are up for reelection.

5. Gifted Youth:

- Walker: I am getting my kids list updated to that I can send out letters about the Kids Track at the RG.

6. Regional Gathering:

- Walker: RG booklets are being printed now. David Ilan has done a wonderful job.
- Room nights have been a concern. As of a week and a half ago we were still 6 nights short of the 113 (80%) we needed to avoid penalty. We have 3 people that have agreed to take 8-10 nights so we will be out of the woods.
- The editor of the Mensa Bulletin has agreed to get our information in the February issue.
- Billie has done a great job on the RG website.
- Welcome letters still need to go out.

7. Scholarship:

- Elliott: Diane has done a fabulous job. They are in the final round of judging so there is no reason we will be late in submitting scholarships.

8. Special Events:

- Walker: We are settling on May 11 for the Dodger game.
- We have 3 Pantages shows that are still on (Cats, Kinky Boots, Charlie & the Chocolate Factory). I had to cancel one of the early ones – Hello Dolly – I did not get enough response for that one. There are 5 more in the season.

9. Testing:

- Elliott: We tested in January. We are scheduled to test in February at the RG.
- We are behind in testing for a local group of our size.

10. Circulation:

- Madsen, via email: February's issue was distributed on time.
- We have enough money left in our USPS account to mail out March's issue too, and then we'll need to replenish. Because I'm

not at this Board meeting, I can't get a check from Bruce, but I can get that either at the RG or at March's Board meeting unless he won't be attending either one -- in which case, I would like to ask him to mail that to me. (Also, we should continue to look into enabling electronic funds transfer -- which isn't absolutely necessary as long as I ! can continue to get checks from him, but which I mention just so that research into making that happen doesn't fall off the table.)

11. Data:

- Madsen, via email: Everything's up to date, to the best of my knowledge -- reports distributed, Facebook group membership and Mailman announcement lists are current, etc. If you're missing a membership report that you think you should have, please let me know.

12. L.A. Mentary:

- Kalambakal, via email: All is good. I look forward to seeing a few area reports or SIG reports or reviews, hopefully before we all get sidetracked by the RG. Please send them along! Deadline os February 11 at noon.

13. Calendar:

- Madsen, via email: Toni Hansen has started a Bridge SIG, with a first event this month on the 23rd.
- I've been asked to discontinue the monthly Korean movie night.
- Vickey floated the idea of a trip to the Hollywood Museum in December's L.A. Mentary. That trip is planned for Saturday, March 30th.

14. SIGHT:

- Arlette Chew, via email: Our May visitor from England will be staying with me the whole week she's here. Hopefully we'll make it to a GLAAM event.
- We got an inquiry from another Korean member visiting this past month. I wrote back welcoming him, but didn't hear any more from him.

15. Young Ms:

- Elliott: I submitted a request to National for an email blast to all the 21-40 year old members to try and get the young Ms stuff going again.

III. Special Orders

- A. Filling of Vacant Board Positions
1. Member-at-Large – Billie Lee nominated; approved 10/0/0.

IV. Unfinished Business

- A. Review Status of Mensa Connect Preparation
- Elliott: National has a draft of a welcome letter it will send out to everyone that is pretty comprehensive and looks like it will be sufficient to answer most

questions that people will have. We might want to send out an email blast warning everyone it will be coming.

As of yet there are no formal moderator guidelines but there is supposed to be something perhaps as early as next week. All moderators will have delete powers on all posts.

We will probably go live by the beginning of March.

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

Elliott: Area officers are expected to be ambassadors for the chapter in their areas and publicize events. Everyone is encouraged to do write-ups of their activities in the newsletter to help increase visibility.

We have approximately 240 new members who have joined since April 1 of last year, and about the same number who have lapsed. I have a list of lapsed members from each area. Please try to get in contact over the next month or so and let them know that if they renew now, it will be good through the next full term.

C. Hollywood Bowl

Walker: With Jonathan Cole now in Paris, we started looking for someone to take over. Andrea Winkler has agreed to be at the weekday events and hand out tickets.

Elliott: The Bowl is going to announce their lineup on February 5. Between the 5th and the 10th, we are going to send out a survey and get feedback from the membership. We will announce the results at the ABM.

V. New Business

A. Website Proposal

Lee: I propose to convert the website to a content management system. It separates the website content from the design, so that anyone, without knowledge of HTML or website design can put information up. WordPress is the one I propose to use; it is the most popular in use, is free, and is customizable. We would have to buy storage at about \$5/month.

Lee solicited input on what they would like the design to include. Elliott wanted the ability for area representatives to be able to upload their own content, including pictures, and wanted a section for testing times and locations to be made available. She also wanted to build in the ability to have a section devoted to Hall of Fame members' biographies, etc., and a volunteer portal, with short videos on things like how to create your own event. J Elliott noted that much of the current and future content of the website has come from various offices which he has held over the years, and so he is interested in making it easier for people to locate the documents which he worked on; he

then suggested having around 8-12 top-level menu options listed alphabetically along the left-hand side of the home page, rather than maintaining a separate 'members-only' module, and that the headings could include Awards, Bylaws, Calendar, Contacts, Finance, History, Minutes, Newsletters, Regional Gathering, Special Interest Groups, Testing, and Volunteering; it was also suggested at this time to add an Areas heading.

B. Storage Unit

Walker: We have found a new storage place in Torrance called Storage Etc. on 190th St. near Crenshaw Blvd.

A discussion about what size storage unit to obtain ensued; it was agreed that a 7' x 10' unit would be best. Moved (Burnett/Albert, 10/0/1) to rent a 7' x 10' storage space for \$125/month.

C. SIGHT

Chew: The national SIGHT Coordinator Community Digest caused me to wonder if I should expand the distribution of information on SIGHT travelers beyond my current communication with them and monthly reports.

Apparently, some countries' SIGHT coordinators share traveler information with their whole local membership, and the travelers then are contacted, invited places, etc., by individuals in the groups. Would the Board be interested in weighing in on whether it would be a good idea for me to do something like that and, if so, how?

Elliott suggested using the Announce lists and Mensa Connect to better communicate with the chapter membership and said she would help to coordinate that.

VI. Closing

- A. **Adjournment** -- Motion (Stillman/Albert, 11/0/0) to adjourn approved at 12:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Stillman
Secretary