

GLAAM Board of Directors

Official Minutes

April 6, 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 (11:10)	[/] Madeline Walker (11:14)	[X] Billie Lee
SFV	[X] Jerilyn Phippeny	[X] Charlie Mahoney	[X] Andrea Nolan
ELAC (11:02)	[O] Michael Wong	<i>vacant</i>	[/] Gene Schneider
Hi-Desert	[X] Lindsay Ross	[X] Bruce Smith	[O] Sandra Smith
Inland Empire	[X] Wilbert Woo	<i>vacant</i>	[X] Lee Stillman

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

Guests: Jonathan Elliott, Brian Madsen (11:02), Vickey Kalambakal (11:35)

I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order** -- by Chairman Elliott at 11:01am.
- B. **Approval of Agenda** – Moved (Albert/Nolan) to approve; carried 11/0/0.
- C. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – Moved (Lee/Albert) to approve; carried 11/0/1.

II. Reports

- A. Executive Officers
 1. **Chairman:**
 - Elliott: Billie sent me the proposed directions for dealing with Mensa Connect. I have not had the chance to get into it and forward them.
 - With the purge, GLAAM has dropped back to third place with 1702 members. Metro Washington has 1727, and Greater New York has 1787. Our high point at the end of March was 2029.
 - AMC Elections run from April 15 to May 15.
 2. **Treasurer:**
 - B Smith: Financial reporting will be done by the end of the month.
- B. Area Reports
 1. **SFV:**
 - Phippeny: we had about 6 people come out to Sizzler, and the same amount to the Thai restaurant for 4th Tuesday.
 - I will not be seeking reappointment and will not be at the May meeting, so this is my last meeting as a board member.
 2. **Hi-Desert:**

- Schneider: The Cinco de Mayo party will be in Santa Clarita following the May board meeting at 3:00.

C. Members-at-Large

1. **Elliott:**

- A loose gathering of members of the Facebook Firehouse group took place in Las Vegas at the end of March, and it was a lot of fun. We got to meet with local members of the Southern Nevada chapter, who are attempting to restart things there.

C. Committees and Coordinators

1. **Awards:**

- J Elliott: As requested by the Board, we completed on March 7, one day ahead of target, our annual listing of everyone who got at least one award point this year, and who therefore was eligible for an invitation to our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.
- We also completed our annual tabulation on March 12, and arranged for awards to be presented this day to certain selected recipients.
- In performing everybody's updates, we discovered by now, Brian Madsen's efforts on the Calendar alone would have qualified him for the Bronze level of our Hall of Fame.

2. **Bylaws:**

- J Elliott: We are all caught up with updating our Motions Catalog from recent events. For the March 2019 Minutes, we included a "Sense of the Board" during the luncheon discussion that it was okay to grant luncheon to RG Committee volunteers who got registration discounts but performed no work for GLAAM during the year. For the February 2018 Annual Business Meeting, the Minutes of which we didn't see until all other motions of the year had been recorded and numbered, we did not attempt to renumber all subsequent motions. Instead we simply recorded the ABM motions as 2018-011A, B, etc.
- We have packaged several proposals for the April Agenda, including everything needed, we hope, to bring our Bylaws into compliance with the National minimum standards, and we have participated in discussions on the CCs Yahoo list to help refine the proposals as applicable into more acceptable forms.

3. **Elections:**

- Elliott: We have precisely 6 people who will be continuing as Board Members to begin the second half of the May Board meeting, and we have a whole lot of places that need people. If you are interested in continuing on the Board but will not be at the May meeting, please email me you can be considered for the position.

4. **Gifted Youth:**

- Walker: I sent an email out to them mentioning the picnic, and dodger game, and other summer activities.
5. **Regional Gathering:**
 - Walker: We will have our post-RG meeting next Saturday at 1pm at Panera Bread in Studio City.
 - We do have a contract with the hotel for 2019.
 6. **Scholarship:**
 - Elliott: GLAAM and Region 9 scholarship entries were submitted on time.
 7. **Social Media:**
 - Mahoney: All events posted on Facebook including the public one for the Picnic.
 - Albert: We seem to be locked out of our Twitter account.
 8. **Special Events:**
 - Walker: We have the Picnic, all the Hollywood Bowl stuff, and Dodgers coming up. Pantages Theater – tomorrow night is Charlie & the Chocolate Factory.
 - We have 16 for Charlie, 16 for Fiddler on the Roof, only 9 so far for Phantom on June 23.
 - Andrea Winkler will be on hand for all four Bowl events.
 - A bunch of us went to the Hollywood Museum at the old Max Factor building.
 - Looking to arrange a hiking trip to the old LA Zoo.
 9. **Strategic Planning:**
 - Munro: Has been on hold, will be resuming this month.
 10. **Testing:**
 - Elliott: We've been testing pretty consistently, going well.
 11. **Circulation:**
 - Madsen: we got the newsletter out super early this month.
 12. **Data:**
 - Madsen: I've taken snapshots of our membership, before and after the dropoff. I've been using that to keep the Announcement list up to date. I have not yet updated the Facebook group membership; I usually give that about a month for people to renew once they find out they have lapsed.
 13. **MensaPhone:**
 - Schneider: Everything that has come in up to this morning has been spam, phishing, etc.
 - I just found out about a new, more powerful do-not-call list that I'd like to subscribe us to.
 14. **Open Forum:**
 - Ross: One of our loyal attendees, Chantelle Baier, is on the board of the National Space Society. She invited me to visit the Ad Astra academy that Elon Mush founded for his own kids, in Hawthorne.

15. SIGHT:

- Arlette Chew, via email: Continuing communication with Julie, who will be staying with me May 22 - 28 and planning some activities together.
- I received another request for information from Franz, a 29-year-old visitor from Germany. He seems interested in attending some GLAAM events, so the relevant info was sent.

16. SIGs:

- Madsen: Liz Cheney, who ran the Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Club, and Arvin Tseng, who ran Canter's Game Night, have both elected to let their memberships lapse, so those events will be coming off the calendar. Liz and Arvin will be continuing those events, but they will no longer be Mensa events.

17. Webmaster:

- Lee: Getting started with the website project; the first priority is downloading everything from the current site. Turns out there is a lot more there than I expected.
- I hope to have the new site up on the new server by the next meeting.

18. Young Ms:

- Lee: I talked to a bunch of people who had volunteered, and they dropped off. I tried to arrange an impromptu get-together and only two people showed up, one from out of town.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Review Status of Mensa Connect Preparation

Elliott: Hopefully within the next couple weeks we will have it out to everybody, and if we can go live by the May Board meeting it will be a good way to finish the year.

B. Hi-Desert Bank Account

Moved (Elliott/Phippeny) to add as signatories to the Hi-Desert bank account, which is at Alta One Federal Credit Union, Bruce Smith, Lee Stillman, and Gene Schneider as signatories on this account. After short discussion, moved (Elliott/Phippeny) to amend the motion by adding the following: "These signatories are selected because: Bruce Smith is both resident of the Hi-Desert Area, and Treasurer of the GLAAM Board; Gene Schneider and Lee Stillman are both residents of the Hi-Desert Area, as well as members of the GLAAM Board." Amendment carried 14/0/0. Amended motion carried 14/0/0.

IV. New Business

A. Amendment to Guidelines for Awards Committee

J Elliott: Moved (Bylaws Committee) the addition of a Paragraph C to the Guidelines for the Awards Committee, as listed in the Agenda. Carried 14/0/0.

B. Restoration of Roster Section to Guidelines

J Elliott: Moved (Bylaws Committee) to amend Motion #2018-025 by restoring a Roster section to our Officer Guidelines, containing the paragraph listed in the Agenda. Carried 12/0/2.

C. Compliance with Minimum Standard Bylaws

J Elliott: These were circulated on the CC's list and received helpful feedback and proposed changes.

Moved (Bylaws Committee) that the Board adopt proposed changes #4, 5, 6, 11, and 17 as listed in the Agenda. Carried 14/0/0.

Moved (Bylaws Committee) that the Board adopt proposed change #7 as listed in the Agenda. Carried 14/0/0.

Item #8 changed. Moved (Bylaws Committee) to change the sixth sentence of Section A of Article IX (Publication) to read as follows: "The National Ombudsman, the Regional Ombudsman, and the local Ombudsman may submit to the official publication items marked 'for publication' that relate to their official duties; such material shall be given the highest practicable priority for publication." Carried 14/0/0.

Moved (Bylaws Committee) that the Board adopt proposed change #9 as listed in the Agenda. Carried 14/0/0.

Item #10 changed. Moved (Bylaws Committee) to replace the first sentence of Section A of Article II (Identity, Affiliation, and Fiscal Year) with the following: "American Mensa, Ltd. (AML) has granted a royalty free, nonexclusive license to GLAAM for the use of the mark "Mensa" and a logo, consisting of a globe over a stylized "M" within a border, in conjunction with the non-commercial uses of GLAAM." Carried 14/0/0.

Item #12 changed. Moved (Bylaws Committee) to add the following Section C to Article V: "An officer is defined as any person whose position is specified in the GLAAM Bylaws or who is appointed by the GLAAM Board of Directors, or a member thereof, to a position with a title and specific responsibilities. All GLAAM officers, whether elected or appointed, must be current members in good standing of AML." Carried 14/0/0. Elliott noted that this does not meet the requirement of MSB 3-E.

Item #13 changed. Moved (Bylaws Committee) to change the first sentence of Section C of Article VIII (Ombudsman) to the following: "The Ombudsman shall have the primary responsibility to pursue local resolution of disputes and perform such other duties as may be required of all local group ombudsmen by AML." Carried 14/0/0.

Item #14 changed. Moved (Bylaws Committee) to add a new Section C of Article XII (Vacancies) to read as follows: “A replacement for an elected officer is considered to be an elected officer whose term of office ends with the next regular elections.”

Item #15 changed. Moved (Bylaws Committee) to remove the last sentence of Section A of Article II (Identity, Affiliation, and Fiscal Year), and add a new section to read as follows: “The GLAAM fiscal year shall begin on the first day of May in each year and end on the last day of April in the subsequent year. GLAAM shall comply with all federal and state financial reporting requirements.” Carried 14/0/0.

Moved (Bylaws Committee) that the Board adopt proposed change #16 as listed in the Agenda. Carried 13/0/0.

It was previously noted that we are not in compliance with MSB 3-E, which requires a listing of all our officers and their duties in our Bylaws, though we do have them in our Guidelines and ASIEs. The sense of the Board was to submit what we have and see if it flies.

V. Closing

- A. **Adjournment** -- Motion (Phippeny/Woo, 14/0/0) to adjourn approved at 12:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Stillman
Secretary