

GLAAM Board of Directors

Official Minutes

May 4, 2019

Pilgrim Towers, 440 N. Madison Av., Pasadena

	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Members-at-Large</i>
Mid-City	[/] Vesper Burnett (10:34)	[/] Jordan Albert (10:34)	[X] Desiree Elliott
Coastal	[O] Alma Munro	[X] Madeline Walker	[O] Billie Lee
SFV	[O] Jerilyn Phippeny	[O] Charlie Mahoney	[/] Andrea Nolan (10:34)
ELAC	[X] Michael Wong	<i>vacant</i>	[X] Gene Schneider
Hi-Desert	[O] Lindsay Ross	[X] Bruce Smith	[X] Sandra Smith
Inland Empire	[/] Wilbert Woo (10:44)	<i>vacant</i>	[X] Lee Stillman

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

Guests: David Fenig, Jay Friedlander (10:58), Jonathan Elliott, Vickey Kalambakal (11:02), Brian Madsen

I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order** -- by Chairman Elliott at 10:30am.
- B. **Approval of Agenda** – Moved (Schneider/B Smith) to approve; carried 7/0/0.
- C. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – Changes proposed by J Elliott:
 - Remove first h from first name of first guest.
 - In bylaws paragraph 1, replace 'seven' with 'other'
 - In new biz c:
 - item 13 refers to article VII, should be VIII
 - item 15 adds new section C, but we had already added C and D, so should just say adding new section
 - item 15 incorrectly capitalizes 'fiscal year' within the text of the amendment, but it is ok as is in the title of the article
 - item 15 also capitalizes 'federal' and 'state', but 'federal' is not capitalized in the MSB's, so probably should decapMoved (Schneider/S Smith) to approve as amended; carried 9/0/1.

II. Closing Reports

- A. Executive Officers
 1. **Chairman:**
 - Elliott: It has been my distinct pleasure to serve as your LocSec this past year. Thank you everyone for the work that you have done.
 - In regards to Mensa Connect, you were all sent the link to the handbook that Billie Lee prepared for us. We will probably go live with that shortly.

- National has posted the new Jewel requirements. To avoid having staff have to review 130 newsletters every month, they are now having, when we upload the newsletters, a series of boxes to check that confirm certain things to comply with the Jewel requirements. It will be in place when we upload our June newsletter.
 - Under the new criteria, if we max out all possible points, and also remain consistent with other regular things we do, like monthly testing, it's not enough to even get us to the threshold of the Emerald award. When I pointed this out, I was told that if we tested every week, it would put us solidly in the Sapphire range.
 - They are going to be launching electronic testing, so they do not have to go through the local groups and proctors.
 - After the dropoff, we did go back to third behind Metro Washington Mensa. Nationally, we did have one of the fewest drop-offs in years.
2. **Executive Vice Chair:**
 - S Smith: I have current handbooks for everyone, and two extras.
 3. **Administrative Vice Chair:**
 - Schneider: I would like to be able to do more for Area support.
 4. **Secretary:**
 - Stillman: It has been a pleasure serving as your Secretary, and I am looking to repeat for one year only as, toward the end of the next term I will be moving to New Jersey.
 5. **Treasurer:**
 - B Smith: If Gene is willing to help, I would be happy to accept it as I have been running into trouble keeping the bookkeeping entries current.
 - The report got submitted to National in a timely manner, also to the L.A. Mentary.

B. Area Reports

1. **Coastal:**
 - Walker: We keep having our Sunday Salons. We will also, in a couple weeks, have the International Dinner in Manhattan Beach.
2. **ELAC:**
 - Wong: I'm back from Hong Kong after a five week trip. I have not scheduled anything for this month.
 - We had the Area party, which was attended by five people.
4. **Hi-Desert:**
 - Schneider: Today is the Cinco de Mayo party at Craig Lancaster's house.
5. **Inland Empire:**
 - Woo: We had five people for our Area party. I keep thinking that it's a low number, but it's more than last time.

C. Members-at-Large

1. **Nolan:**

- Thanks to Madeline for her efforts with the picnic.
- Congratulations to Brian for his appearance in the Mensa Bulletin in the first Volunteer Appreciation column.
- I was introduced to a 16-year-old British Mensan linguist who was very impressive.

2. **Schneider:**

- I never got my ballot, so I wrote to the Elections chair and got a temporary ID and password so I could vote.

D. Committees and Coordinators

1. **Awards:**

- J Elliott: We had our award presentation at the Volunteer Luncheon after the April Board meeting.
- We completed the profile updates for all active members of the Hall of Fame, and arranged with our Webmaster for them to be posted to the Awards section of the GLAAM website.

2. **Bylaws:**

- J Elliott: Because of work with the Awards Committee, and because of closing the accounting for the 2019 RG, and because of developing a draft budget for the 2020 RG which includes a unit-cost analysis for each line of expense so that we can price our various registration categories according to how much they actually cost us, so that we can have a more balanced budget going forward in the new higher-cost environment, and because spending a lot more time these days promoting the Answers-to-Everything agenda on Twitter, as well as continuing with the Second Pass of our SIG's agenda, did not get a chance to begin packaging our recent amendment proposals for submission to the national Bylaws Committee until two days ago, but we managed to complete it yesterday anyway. We now have a redline version for our internal reference, a draft version to be submitted to national, and fresh citations compiled for entry on their long checklist of required elements. We need only to enter those citations on a fresh printout of their checklist, scan it, and then our LocSec needs to send it in.

3. **Gifted Youth:**

- Walker: We had about half a dozen kids at the picnic.
- I still need to put a fire under those who have taken the background checks and get them doing what they said they would.

4. **Regional Gathering:**

- Walker: We got the information about the 2020 RG to the editor of the Mensa Bulletin to be included in the June edition.
- Requesting 25 copies of the July newsletter to take to the AG.
- Think about possible speakers to bring.

5. **Social Media:**

- Albert: Charlie and I have figured out the Twitter situation so we have control over the account again.
6. **Special Events:**
 - Walker: This Sunday we have 17 people to go see Fiddler on the Roof at the Pantages.
 - On Saturday, May 11, about 27 people are going to go to the Dodger game.
 - A bunch of us are going to the San Diego RG.
 7. **Testing:**
 - Elliott: We continue to test every month out of CalTech.
 8. **Circulation:**
 - Madsen: We got the latest edition out in plenty of time.
 - Our USPS account is good for another two issues.
 9. **Data:**
 - Madsen: All reports and Facebook group are up to date.
 10. **L.A. Mentary:**
 - Kalambakal: Everything is fine.
 11. **MensaPhone:**
 - Schneider: I have 47 visual voice mails that I cannot figure out how to access.
 12. **SIGHT:**
 - Arlette Chew, via email: Julie from England is still coming and staying with me and we've been exchanging information.
 - Franz from Germany is here now, and has an ambitious schedule. He might show up at the GLAAM Cinco de Mayo event in Santa Clarita.
 - A Danish member, Maria, arrived 4/25 and leaves tomorrow. She might have come to the picnic, but I haven't heard from her since she requested directions.
 - A French member, Melanie, will be in CA for a week in June. She also has an ambitious schedule.... I sent her the link to our calendar and list of things to do in LA, but haven't heard back.
 13. **SIGs:**
 - Madsen: Nothing has changed, except the writeup to Answers to Everything is a bit different.

III. Special Orders

A. Requirements of Bylaws Section XIII-B:

1. Installation of the new Board by the Election Chairman or designee:

- Elliott yielded the Chair to Election Chairman Fenig at 11:11.
- Fenig: Non-continuing board members are excused from the table.
- Lee is to continue taking the minutes for the duration of the minutes.
- Incoming and returning Board members are encouraged to read the Guidelines for their respective positions.

2. **Election of the Chairman by the members of the newly seated Board of Directors, under the supervision of the Election Chairman or designee:**
 - Elliott nominated (Stillman); elected 6/0/0.
3. **Election of the other Executive Officers by the members of the newly seated Board of Directors, under the supervision of the Election Chairman or designee:**
 - For Executive Vice-Chair, S. Smith nominated (Elliott); elected 6/0/0.
 - For Administrative Vice-Chair, Schneider nominated (Elliott); elected 6/0/0.
 - For Secretary, Stillman nominated (Elliott); elected 6/0/0.
 - For Treasurer, B Smith nominated (Schneider); elected 6/0/0.
2. **Installation of the new Chairman of the Board:**
 - Elliott assumed the Chair at 11:20.
3. **Filling of any vacancies on the new Board, in accordance with procedures:**
 - For Mid-City Secretary, Burnett nominated (Albert); approved 6/0/0.
 - For Inland Empire Secretary, Woo nominated (Stillman); approved 7/0/0.
 - For ELAC Secretary, Wong nominated (Elliott); approved 8/0/0.
 - For SFV Secretary, Mahoney nominated (Elliott); approved 9/0/0.
 - For Coastal Secretary, Munro nominated (Elliott); approved 7/0/2.
 - For ELAC Delegate, Lee nominated (Elliott); approved 9/0/0.
 - For Mid-City Delegate, Albert nominated (Burnett); approved 9/0/0.
 - For Coastal Delegate, Walker nominated (Stillman); approved 10/0/0.
 - The positions of Hi-Desert Secretary, SFV Delegate, Inland Empire Delegate, and one Member-at-Large position remain vacant.
4. **Appointment of committee chairmen and other appointees in accordance with procedures:**
 - Elliott: Jay Friedlander continues with year 2 of a 6-year term as Ombudsman
 - David Fenig nominated for Elections Chair, Jay Friedlander nominated for Elections Deputy; approved 10/0/1.
 - Committee Chairs and Coordinators: Awards: Jonathan Elliott; Bylaws: Jonathan Elliott; Regional Gathering: Madeline Walker; Scholarship: Diane Takenaka; Social Media Coordinators: Jordan Albert, Charlie Mahoney; Special Events: Madeline Walker; Strategic Planning: Alma Munro; Mensa Testing: Desiree Elliott; Circulation Manager: Brian Madsen; Data Officer: Brian Madsen; Editor: Vickey Kalambakal; MensaPhone: Gene Schneider;

SIGHT: Arlette Chew; SIGs: Brian Madsen; Webmaster: Billie Lee; slate approved 10/0/1.

- For Gifted Youth Coordinator Madeline Walker appointed without objection.
 - For Open Forum Coordinator, Jordan Albert appointed without objection.
 - Finance, Membership Outreach, Historian, Public Relations, and Young Ms positions remain vacant.
 - Guidelines are currently being updated for Board and CC positions. Please review those when possible.
5. **Approval of the remaining agenda by the new Board:**
- Motion (Schneider/Walker) to approve the Agenda; carried 10/0/1.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Review Status of Mensa Connect Preparation, cont'd

Elliott: Everyone should have gotten the link for the Mensa Connect instructions. If not, we will send it out again. List of Area Moderators as follows: MC – Burnett, ELAC – Wong, Coastal – Munro, HiD – Schneider, IE – Woo, SFV – Madsen, Main GLAAM group – Stillman, Elliott, Lee. When they are about to go live, National will send an introductory email to everyone. We won't know until we go live how many people are signed up for Mensa Connect.

VI. Closing

- A. **Good of the Order** – Schneider: We should have a tear apart party to dispose of unused newsletters after the AG. Walker: Ideas for RG speakers – teachers, experts in any subject matter, actors/Hollywood types, scientists, doctors, someone who can handle an hour of children's activities. Elliott: The July L.A. Mentary is going to be taken to the AG, so let's make it impressive. The elections are ongoing; please make sure you vote. The main AG hotel is booked up, but there is an overflow hotel for \$10 cheaper. J Elliott: As reported in the April newsletter, the Answers to Everything SIG is converting from Monday-meeting format to correspondence-only, effective at the end of the recent Board term, so Monday evenings will now be empty in the Calendar after over 20 years of weekly SIG meetings. Kalamakal: the deadline for submissions to the July newsletter is June 11, so don't wait until June or July to submit items – do it now!
- B. **Adjournment** -- Motion (Stillman/Albert, 10/0/1) to adjourn approved at 11:57am.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Stillman
Secretary