

GLAAM Board of Directors

Official Minutes

June 1, 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	[O] Desiree Elliott
Coastal	[X] Alma Munro	[/] Madeline Walker (11:07)	[X] Andrea Nolan
SFV (11:04)	[O] Charlie Mahoney	<i>vacant</i>	[/] Gene Schneider
ELAC	[/] Michael Wong (11:02)	[O] Billie Lee	[X] Sandra Smith
Hi-Desert	<i>vacant</i>	[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)

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

I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order** -- by XVC S Smith at 11:00am.
- B. **Approval of Agenda** – New Business item B added. Moved (B Smith/Munro) to approve as amended; carried 9/0/1.
- C. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – Moved (Albert/Woo) to approve; carried 9/0/1.

II. Reports

- A. Executive Officers
 1. **XVC:**
 - S Smith: Desiree is not here; I understand she has a new family member and look forward to seeing pictures.
 2. **Secretary:**
 - Stillman: My June project is to begin to get approved minutes and Agendas submitted for uploading to the website.
 3. **Treasurer:**
 - B Smith: Our balance in the GLAAM general account is \$24, 277.53. I had a meeting with Gene; we made progress on getting the full financial status developed. I should have that posted in the next month or so.
 - I sent out last year's budget on the CCs list for consideration.
- B. Area Reports
 1. **ELAC:**
 - Wong: We had our Gaming party.
 - The rest of the regular event will start back up in June.

2. **Hi-Desert:**

- Schneider: We had our Cinco de Mayo party and it was absolutely fabulous. Craig has said he will do it again next year.
- We have a new monthly event in Lancaster at the Baracoa Cuban Restaurant on the 3rd Tuesday.

C. Members-at-Large

1. **Nolan:**

- Checked in with Perry Lanaro after not seeing his normal column in the newsletter; he simply missed the deadline.
- Was interested in reading about dual citizenship in J Elliott's recent 'Answers to Everything' SIG column.

2. **S Smith:**

- I am all caught up on handbooks; I don't have enough people to give them to.

D. Committees and Coordinators

1. **Bylaws:**

- J Elliott: We printed out a fresh copy of the National Bylaws Committee's checklist for compliance with their Minimum Standard Bylaws, we entered on the checklist all the applicable citations from our draft Bylaws as recently approved by the GLAAM Board, and we submitted the checklist and the draft bylaws to the National Bylaws Committee for their approval to ballot.
- Respectfully reminding the Treasurer of the Bylaws provision reading "The Treasurer shall provide for an annual review of the books and records, to be conducted during the month that the executive officers take office". We have determined that submitting the financial statements to the outside accountant for tax reporting satisfies this requirement, but according to the Bylaws it was supposed to have happened last month, so at this point the closer we can get to that target the better.
- Question arose about another provision in the Bylaws, the one reading "The Treasurer shall prepare a budget for approval by the Board no later than two months following the start of each Board term." Question was whether the expression about 'no later than two months' refers to the Treasurer's preparation or the Board's approval. Proximity to the latter expression suggests that it might refer to the Board's approval, which would be why we typically schedule the budget approval for the month of June, and in which case the corporation would be out of compliance if those two things did not happen by the present month. However, the phrasing is still ambiguous, and D Elliott feels that it refers to the Treasurer's preparation, in which case we would not be out of

compliance, since the Treasurer did prepare the draft before the end of the present month. Pending further consideration, we are construing in favor of permissivity, so we are not asserting non-compliance at this time. Woo responded that it would be unreasonable to require the Board to pass a budget if it does not wish to, so the Bylaws provision probably does pertain to the Treasurer's action; J Elliott concurred that this assessment sounds "sound and reasonable". Schneider added that the Board may require more than one month to evaluate the budget, so it is unreasonable to require them to do it by a certain time, so again the Bylaws provision probably does refer to the Treasurer's action.

2. Regional Gathering:

- Walker: We put together a flyer to hand out at the San Diego and Houston RGs. The San Diego group is new and a number of them intend to come to our RG to get ideas for theirs.
- We will make revisions and bring a stack to the AG.
- An anonymous donor is offering a drawing for a life membership for one RG attendee.

3. Gifted Youth:

- Walker: I sent a note to the people who have passed background checks and they said they would plan activities.

4. Testing:

- S Smith: We scheduled testing last month and three different people stood us up.

5. Special Events:

- Walker: Pantages – 6/23 Phantom of the Opera; 7/14 Rent; 8/4 Miss Saigon. New shows Frozen in January, Hamilton in March or April.
- Hollywood Bowl – 7/18 Rachmaninoff; Saturday 8/10 Tchaikovsky with picnic beforehand; 8/27 Beethoven; 9/5 Mozart.
- Ed You will be on stage 6/6 at the Stephanie Feury Studio Theater on Melrose.
- Madsen: Andrea Winkler reports slow sales of Hollywood Bowl tickets.

6. Circulation:

- Madsen: Newsletter went out on time.
- I am going to miss the July board meeting, and we have enough in the USPS account for one more mailing, so I need a check from the Treasurer to replenish.
- My latest instructions are for an extra 25 copies for the AG. [Walker corrected to 50.]
- Reminder to everyone to really pull out all the stops for the July issue.
- Until and unless we get a new Historian who wants file copies, I am no longer providing them.

7. **Data:**

- Madsen: All the things that the Data Officer does has been done. I talked to Charlie about taking over the reports I used to give to Jerilyn. Facebook and Announce groups are up to date.

8. **L.A. Mentary:**

- Kalambakal: We don't have an RG flyer in this month's edition. We absolutely need one for July.
- If you want to give me an update on what shows for the Pantages still have tickets available – we have a two-page spread for the Hollywood Bowl, but nothing for the Pantages shows.

9. **MensaPhone:**

- Schneider: I got two more calls from the guy asking if Mensa accepts the BSI. I called him again, and told him to talk to the National Office.

10. **SIGHT:**

- Arlette Chew, via email: Our visitor from England had to cancel her trip due to health issues; hopes to reschedule later.
- Our visitors from Germany and Denmark have come and gone. Other than minor requests for additional information I haven't heard more from them.
- We're still expecting a visit from a French woman who will be here for her job and also plans to go to San Francisco, so I don't know how much, if any time she'll have for socializing.
- No new requests.

11. **SIGs:**

- Madsen: If there are Griffith Park picnics that are scheduled at the July meeting please let me know when they are so I can get them in the Calendar as I will not be at the meeting.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Review Status of Mensa Connect Preparation

Elliott, via text: We're not live yet, and I'll deal with it when I get back.

IV. New Business

A. Budget Discussion

B Smith: Items to be decided are things like the RG subsidy, Hollywood Bowl tickets, and Picnics. We continue on the course of spending down our surplus at a rate of 10% per year. Dez would like to solicit ideas that would help to generate more member participation. The Volunteer Luncheon is one such program.

Walker suggested revising the Gifted Youth budget, and inviting the scholarship winners to dinner. J Elliott noted that the numbers for the RG are projected to be significantly higher, both in income and expenses, than for the past one in February.

- B. Resolution to Remove Sara Hamel and Jeffrey Hathorn as signers on the Hi-Desert bank account

Schneider: I want to also add Lee and Bruce as signers so that I only have to take one set of minutes to the bank.

Moved (Stillman/Albert) that Lee Stillman and Bruce Smith be added as signers to the Hi-Desert bank account, and that Sara Hamel and Jeffrey Hathorn be removed as same. Carried 9/0/2.

J Elliott noted the name on the account, “Hi-Desert Mensa”, is technically out of compliance with the GLAAM Bylaws.

V. Closing

- A. **Good of the Order** – I have a ticket to WhedonCon next week and I can’t go. I paid \$75 for it but I’ll take \$50.
- B. **Adjournment** -- Motion (B Smith/Stillman, 11/0/0) to adjourn approved at 12:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Stillman
Secretary