

GLAAM Board of Directors

Official Minutes

July 13, 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	[X] Andrea Nolan
SFV (11:24)	[X] Charlie Mahoney	<i>vacant</i>	[/] Gene Schneider
ELAC	[X] Michael Wong	[X] Billie Lee	[X] Sandra Smith
Hi-Desert	<i>vacant</i>	[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)

Guests: Jonathan Elliott, Vickey Kalambakal (11:15), Craig Lancaster, Doug Walker

I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order** -- by Chairman Elliott at 11:02am. Immediately went into recess to allow people to get settled. Returned from recess at 11:08am.
- B. **Approval of Agenda** –Moved (Walker/Albert) to approve; carried 10/0/1.
- C. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – Moved (Albert/S Smith) to approve; carried 8/0/3.

II. Reports

A. Executive Officers

1. Chairman:

- Elliott: I attended the AG and the AMC meeting. A motion to exclude expelled members from private parties, where the host specifically invited them, was referred back to committee.
- Reminder to pass on all critiques, suggestions, constructive criticism to me instead of to the volunteer it was aimed at. I will decide whether it is appropriate to pass on.

2. XVC:

- S Smith: I have three handbooks ready in case we put three new people on the Board.

3. Secretary:

- Stillman: I have begun the process of generating PDFs of the approved minutes and agendas and uploading them to the CCs list. Working backwards, I have gotten through February of this year.

B. Area Reports

1. SFV:

- Mahoney: Jana has been doing regular events at Sizzler.
 - I have been out due to health issues. Will begin second Saturday events next month.
2. **ELAC:**
- Wong: We visited the Stash House escape room. It was awesome.
 - No escape room this month.
 - Gaming party was awesome.
 - Lee: Thinking of doing a trivia night.
- C. Members-at-Large
1. **Nolan:**
- Went to the Sizzler event in Van Nuys. It was very well done.
2. **Stillman:**
- I went to the AG and had a great time!
 - I was one of seven Mr. Mensa contestants. For my Talent I got up on stage and made a singing proposal of marriage to my new fiancée, who very graciously accepted. I finished as first runner-up.
- D. Committees and Coordinators
1. **Bylaws:**
- Elliott: While I was at the AMC meeting I spoke to Rick Magnus who is the new Chair of the National Bylaws Committee. We submitted our Bylaws and the committee did start reviewing them. It was then discovered that Rick was temporarily ineligible to be the Bylaws Chair until a change was made to the ASIE to allow him to serve.
 - We hope to have an answer soon as to if our bylaws are acceptable.
2. **Gifted Youth:**
- Walker: after hoping for some time that someone would make an event, yesterday I sent out three. One of them is from Dr. Jenny Rankin, who is the new Orange County Gifted Youth Coordinator, who this Sunday is coming up with a Bolsa Chica Wetlands tour.
 - Next on July 20 is a geolocation game in a park in San Pedro.
 - On August 24 is the Peterson Automotive Museum. Those 10 and older can get separate admission to the vault.
3. **Regional Gathering:**
- Walker: We put newsletters and RG flyers on every table in Hospitality at the AG. We have had a number of responses already.
 - We are in the process of updating the flyer.
 - Elliott: The RG Volunteer Luncheon will be on August 11. Location TBD.
4. **Scholarship:**
- Elliott: I have been in contact with Jill Beckham at the Foundation; we are sitting on an extra \$600 in our fund.
5. **Social Media:**

- Albert: We have been keeping up with Facebook posting of events.
6. **Special Events:**
- Walker: The three midweek Hollywood Bowl concerts are sold out. There are still some tickets available for the weekend one. Andrea and I are thinking of requesting less tickets for the Saturday one.
 - For the Pantages, we have Rent tomorrow, Miss Saigon later, and after that we will do Frozen, Hamilton, and possibly Blue Man Group.
 - On Sunday July 28, the Sunday Salon will start ahead of time at the Old Town Music Hall with Casablanca.
7. **Testing:**
- Elliott: I need to get better about updating the National calendar, but we have people signed up for this month, both Standard and Culture Fair.
8. **Circulation:**
- Madsen: Newsletter was released on time and was displayed at the AG.
 - Our USPS account is fully funded.
9. **Data:**
- Madsen: Member data reports are up to date.
10. **SIGs:**
- Madsen: I have no information about future GLAAM picnics and would like to know once dates are chosen. [Picnic dates determined during budget discussion: Saturday November 23, 2019, and Sunday March 29, 2020.]
11. **L.A. Mentary:**
- Kalambakal: I would love to get any great photos you have of the AG.
12. **MensaPhone:**
- Schneider: Five calls, all reminding us to update our Google listing.
13. **Open Forum:**
- Albert: I have some ideas that I want to get down in writing first.
14. **SIGHT:**
- Arlette Chew, via email: Our visitor from France had only 6/24 free, which happened to be a fully scheduled day for me, so we didn't connect.
 - We have five visitors from Singapore in town right now, who don't seem to be planning to attend any Mensa events. I sent them my usual list of things to do here and offers for additional info as needed.
15. **Young Ms:**
- Lee: I have someone who was at the AG, her first event ever, who is very excited and planning a picnic/barbeque thing. I don't know

if she wants to be in charge, but I will see if she wants to make it official.

15. Webmaster:

- Lee: I have a new version of the website up on my own server for viewing. I am looking for a lot of photos to include, to make it very reflective of the LA area.
- I am working with Brian to get the Calendar information on there.
- Registration is set up under my PayPal because I haven't yet worked out permissions for the GLAAM PayPal account.
- Members Only section is not set up yet since it needs to live on the National server.
- We have space for member contributions, such as reviews, escape rooms, etc.
- I'd like to get pictures and bios of Board members.

III. Special Orders

- A. Filling of Vacant Board Positions
Craig Lancaster nominated (Schneider) for Hi-Desert Secretary; approved 12/0/0.
- B. Approval of 2019-2020 Budget
Previous year's budget adapted to current needs. Budgeted Income \$45,881.90. Budget Expense \$47,391.74. Approved 12/0/1.

IV. Unfinished Business

- A. Review Status of Mensa Connect Preparation
Elliott: GLAAM main community live, for testing purposes. Discussions not yet live.

V. New Business

- A. Discussion Item Regarding Inviting the Public to the RG
Elliott: Some RGs, such as SynRG, allow members of the general public to register for the event.
- Concerns about ADA compliance, and other pertinent regulations were raised by the Board.
- B. Discussion Item Regarding publicity of events/RSVP/and Membership Numbers
Elliott: We used to be able to search on the National database by email address; we can no longer do this. Due to names not always matching, it is sometimes difficult to know if a specific member has replied to our communication.
- Consensus solution is to request member number for verification purposes.

V. Closing

A. **Adjournment** -- Motion (S Smith/Albert, 12/0/1) to adjourn approved at 12:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Stillman
Secretary