

GLAAM Board of Directors

Official Minutes

February 1, 2020

Pilgrim Towers, 440 N. Madison Ave., Pasadena CA

	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Members-at-Large</i>
Mid-City	[X] Vesper Burnett	[X] Jordan Albert	[X] Desiree Elliott
Coastal	[X] Alma Munro	[X] Madeline Walker	[X] Andrea Nolan
SFV	[O] Charlie Mahoney	<i>vacant</i>	[O] Gene Schneider
ELAC	[O] Michael Wong	[X] Billie Lee	[X] Sandra Smith
Hi-Desert	[X] Craig Lancaster	[X] Bruce Smith	
Inland Empire	[X] Wilbert Woo	<i>vacant</i>	[O] Greg Williamson

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

Guests: Jonathan Elliott, Brian Madsen, Vickey Kalambakal, Courtney Seiter

I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order** — by Chairman Elliott at 11:11am
Billie Lee will be taking minutes.
- B. **Approval of Agenda** — Moved (Smith/Albert) to approve; carried 10/0/0
- C. **Approval of Previous Minutes** — Minutes were not available

II. Reports

- A. Executive Officers
 - i. **Chairman** (Elliott) — Mensa Connect communities are up for the Board and the CCs (Committee Chairs & Coordinators) list which includes the board members and the appointed positions. Going forward, we will be using these for the official business of the chapter. The main GLAAM community has also been getting some activity. I encourage everyone to please use that to communicate with members. It's a great place to send reminders about events. The mailman GLAAM announce lists are now gone. Please use Mensa Connect from now on. If you have something that you want to send via an email blast, please contact Desiree so that

we can use the Email Your Members tool. Please send her the final text for the email.

Albert suggests using the Email Your Members tool to inform members about Mensa Connect.

- ii. **Vice Chair** (S Smith)
We have printed copies of the new guidelines for the board members.
- iii. **Treasurer** (B Smith)
Current balance of the main GLAAM account is \$23,675.51. However \$640 from the Hollywood Bowl went to the RG account that should be moved to the main account.

B. Area Reports

- i. **Mid-City** (Burnett) — Did a hello world post on Mensa Connect. The Mid-City meetup had 6 people attend. We will be looking for a new quieter venue soon.
- ii. **Coastal** (Walker) — Sunday Salon had 12 people.
- iii. **ELAC** (Lee) — Nothing to report.
- iv. **Hi-Desert** (Lancaster) — Palmdale dinner had 7 people.
- v. **Inland Empire** (Woo) — Nothing to report.

C. Members-at-Large

- i. **Nolan** — Nothing to report.
- ii. **Smith** — Nothing to report.
- iii. **Williamson** - There were 3 new people at the writers group meeting. Something's afoot at the writers group!

D. Committees and Coordinators

- i. **Awards** (J Elliott) — We have been discussing further the question of whether we should be making any retroactive adjustment to our points schema, in light of the change which recently occurred in our volunteer ladder's #1 spot. One argument for leaving things as they are is that other volunteers are beginning to approach that same level, so maybe we just need to get used to it. However, another idea has been suggested to award credit for positions held within the national Mensa Foundation. We

had always ignored any Foundation work in our schema because we had been told repeatedly that Mensa and its charitable arm were separate organizations, at least for tax purposes. But, on the other hand, they do present consolidated financial results on a recurring basis, so maybe it is appropriate after all to consider the two organizations as being one, in which case maybe it is appropriate after all to include volunteering within the Foundation as part of what we recognize in our Awards program, in which case Dave Felt would get quite a few more points for his extensive time on the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Board members with any thoughts on the matter one way or another were again requested to express them on an expedited basis. At this time, Albert suggested that we should yes go ahead and award credit for Foundation service, and no objection was stated, so that will be the action.

- ii. **Bylaws** (J Elliott) — We have reviewed the 12 changes mandated by the National Bylaws Committee, and we have composed specific amendments for all of them. We have also reviewed the 17 optional adjustments, and composed remedies for those suggestions which we are recommending to accept. We have posted our current proposal to the new CC's list. After our active volunteers have had a couple of weeks to digest and discuss the proposals, we expect to be ready to present our final proposal to the Board for formal approval.

Whenever we are ready to proceed with what will be hopefully be our last round of Bylaws amendments for a while, it will be critically important that we have an actual Secretary in place, who will assume the responsibility of recording all the specific decisions which get made, and promptly compiling them in a set of Minutes for the Board to approve. Without that, it would be too easy for someone on the Bylaws Committee to either deliberately alter the Board's ruling or else make an honest mistake. If someone even suspects that such a thing may have happened, then how else could we prove that it did not? The approved Minutes are a critical step in the audit trail which assures that we followed the Bylaws in seeking to amend the Bylaws. Someone on the Board needs to step forward and be the GLAAM Secretary for the remainder of the present Board term, at least so that we can get this Bylaws procedure advanced to the next phase. Further, it really should be someone other than Desiree or Madeline, both of whom are already carrying numerous heavy burdens for the chapter, especially now during RG season, and who cannot be expected to find the time or energy to cover all the jobs which remain to be done. If they continue to try, then at some point something's going to suffer, something's going to give, and the Bylaws Committee

does not want it to be the Secretary's duties, so it really needs to be someone else.

We sent a fresh copy of the officer Guidelines to two of Sandra's new e-mail addresses.

- iii. **Elections** — Deadline is 02/20/2020 at 12:00pm. Very important!
- iv. **Gifted Youth** (Walker) — We have a dozen kids registered for the RG Kids Track.

We had an escape room event with 18 kids around 7-12 years old.
- v. **Regional Gathering** (Walker) — All info is up on the website. We are at about 100 registrations. Brunch is sold out. Almost done with the welcome letter, program booklet, and an ad for the chapter.
- vi. **Scholarships** — We have 555 entries. We need judges. Diane is still working on how to address that many essays.
- vii. **Social Media Coordinators** (Albert) — Nothing to report.
- viii. **Special Events** (Walker) — Will be meeting with Andrea Winkler and her replacement Matt Stern for the Hollywood Bowl.
- ix. **Strategic Planning** (Munro) — Nothing to report.
- x. **Testing** (Elliott) — We currently have 5-6 inquiries about March testing.
- xi. **Circulation** (Madsen) — All is well. Got a \$1k check for the post office.
- xii. **Data** (Madsen) — All is well. We will no longer be maintaining the old mailman lists. If you require membership reports, please contact Brian.
- xiii. **LA-mentary** (Kalambakal) — Looking for covers, pictures, drawings, articles, reports, essays.
- xiv. **Open Forum** (Albert) — Nothing to report.
- xv. **SIGHT** — Nothing to report.
- xvi. **SIGs** — Nothing to report.

- xvii. **Webmaster** (Lee) — The RG schedule is up on the website. Will be posting the updated guidelines for board members.

III. Special Orders

- A. Filling of Vacant Board Positions
 - i. Chair Elliott nominates Courtney Seiter as Member-at-Large for the remainder of this term. Passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

- A. Motion by the RG Committee: Spend \$120 for AV equipment for the Regional Gathering.

Randall Mills did an audit of our equipment. We need a microphone and some connectors and cords.

Passed 12/0/0

- B. Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
The luncheon will be held on April 4th, 1:30 pm at Buca di Beppo in Pasadena

V. Closing

Moved (Walker/B Smith) to adjourn, approved at 12:07pm.

**GLAAM Board of Directors
Mini-Minutes**

Board Meeting – February 1, 2020

Meeting called to order at 11:11am at Pilgrim Towers in Pasadena, with Board members Albert, Burnett, Elliott, Lancaster, Lee, Munro, Nolan, B Smith, S Smith, Walker, and Woo present, in addition to guests Jonathan Elliott, Brian Madsen, Vickey Kalambakal, Courtney Seiter. Lee took minutes at the meeting. Executive officers, area secretaries, coordinators and committee chairs gave updates. The board appointed Courtney Seiter to serve as Member-at-Large for the remainder of the term. A motion to spend \$120 on RG A/V equipment was passed. The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for April 4th in Pasadena. Meeting adjourned at 12:07pm.