

GLAAM Board of Directors

Official Minutes

August 1, 2020

Conducted electronically via Zoom

| | Secretary | Delegate | Members-at-Large |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Mid-City | [X] Vesper Burnett | [X] Jordan Albert | [X] Greg Williamson |
| Coastal | [X] Alma Munro | [X] Madeline Walker | [O] Andrea Nolan |
| SFV | [X] Jana Bickel | vacant | [O] Gene Schneider |
| ELAC | [X] Billie Lee | vacant | [] Sandra Smith |
| Hi-Desert | [X] Craig Lancaster | [X] Bruce Smith | [X] Courtney Seiter |
| Inland Empire | [/] Wilbert Woo | vacant | |

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

Guests: Jonathan Elliott, Brian Madsen, Vickey Kalambakal, Charles Lindenblatt, Toni Hansen, Jay Friedlander

I. Opening

- A. Call to Order – 11:16am
- B. Approval of Agenda - (Lancaster /Albert) approved 9/0/2
- C. Approval of Previous Minutes – November 2019 (Lancaster / Woo) approved 8/0/3. May 2020 (Munro/ Woo) approved 11/0/0. June 2020 (Lancaster / Woo) approved 11/0/0. July 2020 (Albert / Lancaster) approved 8/0/3

II. Reports

A. Executive Officers

- i. Chairman (Munro) - representation of RVC9 is open. Look to address tech issues for BOD members
- ii. Exec Vice Chair (S Smith) - not present
- iii. Vice Chair (G. Schneider) - not present
- iv. Sec (Burnett) - n/a
- v. Treasurer (B Smith) – \$26443 GLAAM, \$6423 RG. Latest budget has been posted

B. Area Reports

- i. Mid City (Burnett/Albert) - n/a
- ii. Coastal (Walker/Munro) - n/a
- iii. ELAC (Lee) - received an escape room credit that may be used in the future.
- iv. Hi-Desert (Lancaster/ B. Smith) - n/a
- v. Inland Empire (Woo) - n/a
- vi. SFV (Bickel) – Zoom book discussion will convert to a SIG. 2 meetings in July, 17 attendants. Will continue twice a month. August topics are time travel and California history.

C. Members-at-Large

- i. Nolan - not present
- ii. Schnieder - not present
- iii. S. Smith - not present
- iv. Williamson - writers group still meeting virtually.
- v. Seiter - n/a

D. Committees and Coordinators

i. Awards (J Elliott) - As an update on the report which the Committee presented in September 2019, Board member Gene observed this past month that the Region 9 website still had not been updated to reflect the officer changes since the time that Greg Tomich was the GLAAM Treasurer. We have since learned (as reported by the Chair this morning) that the most recent Regional Vice-Chair has resigned, so it is even less likely that the problem will get fixed anytime soon. Chair Munro asked at this time whether that's the RVC's job; Elliott responded probably not, with all the other responsibilities which that position has. There used to be a Regional Webmaster, but after Brian retired from the position nothing much has happened with it, so it appears to be nobody's job. Chair Munro stated that she would follow up on it in her capacity as LocSec, since that listing reflects us a chapter.

ii. By-laws (J Elliott) - We have begun to package the entire set of recently-approved Bylaws amendments into a formal submission to the National Bylaws Committee, for evaluation of compliance with the national Minimum Standards. If they confirm that the revised Bylaws do comply, then we will have permission to ballot the package to the Membership.

iii. Elections (Fenig / Friedlander) - n/a

iv Ombudsman (Friedlander) - n/a

v. Gifted Youth (Walker) - new game day this month

vi. Regional Gathering (Walker) - looking more likely we will not have a physical RG.

vii. Scholarships (Takenaka) - Alma submitting names to American Mensa

viii. Social Media Coordinators (Albert) - n/a

ix. Special Events (Walker) - working on \$750 Hollywood Bowl donation. Refunds for Hamilton.

x. Strategic Planning (Munro) - n/a

xi. Testing (D. Elliott) - n/a

xii. Circulation (Madsen) - everything well

xiii. Data (Madsen) - all reports up to date

xiv. LA-mentary (Kalambakal) - please send in contributions and suggested covers! SF Mensa has proposed shared events via Zoom!

xv. Open Forum (Albert) - hope to connect with Greg for some of his proposed projects

xvi. SIGHT (Chew) - no report

xvii. SIGs (Madsen) – Jana has created a new SIG.

xviii. Webmaster (Lee) – good conversation with Greg about website updates.

xix. Mensaphone (Schneider) - no report

xx. PR (Williamson) - approval for survey has stalled at national. Created mock-ups for website redesign. Proposed budget adjustments added to Mensa Connect last month for review of budget today.

xxi. Membership (Williamson) - n/a

III. Special Orders

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Budget (including Hollywood Bowl) – new budget incorporating Greg’s adjustments has been reviewed. Many areas left in in case we can get back to life as normal, such as picnics. Much discussion about discretionary funds. (B. Smith / Albert) Move to approve 11/0/0 as amended in v. 3.

V. New Business

A. Profanity on Facebook (Friedlander) – nothing against AMC bylaws, but other groups have been “de-certified”. Do we need to have mods take a more active role? (Madsen) – historically this has happened and has been reported to mods, sometimes by easily offended people. This page was created years ago by a non-GLAAM member and therefore has no specific purpose.

B. Discuss RVC9 replacement – Something to keep an eye on, no new discussion needed at this time.

VI. Closing

A. Good of the Order – (Elliott) –Elliott reported that he enjoyed the stories appearing in the August L.A. Mentary; offered thanks to all the contributors and the editorial team.

B. Adjournment – (Munro/ B. Smith) – Adjournment at 13:17 11/0/0

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Mini-Minutes

Board Meeting – August 1, 2020

Meeting called to order at 11:16 am over Zoom, with Board members Burnett, Munro, Bickel, Lee, Lancaster, Woo, Albert, Walker, B Smith, Williamson, and Seiter present, in addition to guests Jonathan Elliott, Brian Madsen, Vickey Kalambakal, Charles Lindenblatt, Toni Hansen, and Jay Friedlander. Executive officers, area secretaries, coordinators and committee chairs gave updates. The board continued to discuss the budget, which was approved. We also discussed the use of profanity on the private Facebook page. Meeting adjourned at 13:17pm.