

GLAAM Board of Directors

Official Minutes

March 7, 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	[O] Alma Munro	[X] Madeline Walker	[X] Andrea Nolan
SFV	[X] Charlie Mahoney	vacant	[X] Gene Schneider
ELAC	[O] Michael Wong	[X] Billie Lee	[X] Sandra Smith
Hi-Desert	[X] Craig Lancaster	[X] Bruce Smith	[X] Courtney Seiter
Inland Empire	[O] Wilbert Woo	vacant	[X] 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, Matt Stern, Mark Carpenter

I. Opening

- A. Call to Order — by Sandra Smith at 11:16am Vesper Burnett will be taking minutes.
- B. Approval of Agenda — Moved (Schneider/Albert) to approve; carried 11/0/0
- C. Approval of Previous Minutes — Moved to April (Nov, Dec, Feb)

II. Reports

A. Executive Officers

- i. **Chairman** (Elliott) — facilitate paying winner through National. Will make announcement that we can do electronic testing. Potential to participate in the doo dah parade.
- ii. **Exec Vice Chair** (S Smith) — na
- iii. **Vice Chair** (Schneider) — na
- iv. **Treasurer** (B Smith) — balance is \$22,901

B. Area Reports

- i. **Mid City** (Burnett) – Nothing to report
- ii. **Coastal** (Walker) — 12 people at Sunday Salon
- iii. **ELAC** (Lee) — Escape room? Probably not by Michael
- iv. **Hi-Desert** (Lancaster) — Monthly Palmdale dinner, 5 attendees. (Schneider) – Cinco de Mayo coming up
- v. **Inland Empire** (Woo) — Absent
- vi. **SFV**(Mahoney) – Starting a trivia night, buffet

C. Members-at-Large

- i. **Elliot** — Nothing to report.
- ii. **Nolan** — Offered a reminder for everyone to protect themselves against identity theft.
- iii. **Gene Schnieder** – Nothing to report.
- iv. **Smith** – Offered new guidelines and binders.
- v. **Williamson** – Met with Desiree about PR position, will accept. Writers meeting is a hit!
- vi. **Seiter** - R.G. was fabulous!

D. Committees and Coordinators

- i. **Awards** (J Elliott) – Email final reports 1. Weiss reachout for historical records. 2. Completed list of volunteers for this year. 3. Passed on March 4th Hollywood Bowl award change raise not retroactive.
- ii. **Bylaws** (J Elliott) – 1.) Addressed question about quorum. 2.) business meeting at R.G. 3. Thanks to VJ for secretary. 4. Latest bylaws sent to sec.
- iii. **Elections** (Elliott and Lancaster)— May board mtng starts at 10:30. Rundown of procedures.
- iv. **Gifted Youth** (Walker) — R.G, 20 kids. The best event was making wands. 17 new members!
- v. **Regional Gathering** (Walker) — comp report in april . Some cancellations will be at the luncheon, so made money?(Elliott) – 141 attendees 153 registered, 12 cancellations. No time and location for RG meeting, but in March
- vi. **Scholarships** — Nothing to report.
- vii. **Social Media Coordinators** (Albert and Mahoney) - Posted event and other info to Facebook.
- viii. **Special Events** (Walker and Elliott) — Picnic March 29th. *Hamilton* on 2 dates. Dodgers game on April 11. Volunteer appreciation luncheon April after board meeting. Hollywood Bowl shows coming up.
- ix. **Strategic Planning** (Albert) — Nothing to report.
- x. **Testing** (Elliott) — Electronic testing coming up. Hand testing in March. CalTech has a new person in charge, might change our relationship. Have room through rest of calendar year. Thanks to Billie did testing 2 testing sessions at R.G.
- xi. **Circulation** (Madsen) — All is well, everything got out on time.
- xii. **Data** (Madsen) — All is well. Billie will get member reports.
- xiii. **LA-Mentary** (Kalambakal) — email not redirecting but has been fixed. (yahoo issue). Please send a blurb for events! Great space fillers. Perhaps agenda item stay at home and listen to board meeting?
- xiv. **Open Forum** (Albert) — Nothing to report.

xv. **SIGHT** — Report in email

xvi. **SIGs** — Nothing to report.

xvii. **Webmaster** (Lee) — Nothing to report.

xviii. **Mensaphone** (Schneider) - Sent email. Several spam calls. 1 member asked to see calendar.

III. Special Orders

A. Filling of Vacant Board Positions

i. **Secretary** – Nominated Vesper Burnett for the remainder of this board's term.

Motion passed unanimously. Burnett explained that Albert will be assisting her with editing and delivering draft minutes for review.

B. Filling of Vacant Committee / Coordinator Positions

i. **PR Coordinator** - Elliott nominates Greg Williamson. No objections were made. Welcome Greg!

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Compliance with Minimum Standard Bylaws. No objections to changes of first 12 items. Motion to approve this as our submission of reply to the National Bylaws Committee – (12/0/1)

Special thanks from the entire board for J. Elliott's tireless work on bylaws compliance!

V. New Business

A. Hollywood Bowl – (D. Elliott) Thanks again to Matt Stern for taking on the role of Hollywood Bowl Coordinator! Bowl prices have gone up again. D. Elliott asked M. Walker to purchase more weekday tickets than usual for the *Amadeus* movie night and *Rhapsody in Blue* concert because she anticipated increased interest. She thought the weekday ticket price was \$1, but the new price turned out to be \$8. Saturday tickets have increased from \$17 to \$25.

Amadeus Live in Concert – 50 weekday tickets bought / \$8 per ticket

Rhapsody in Blue – 40 weekday tickets bought / \$8 per ticket

Rachmaninoff - 40 weekday tickets bought / \$8 per ticket

Because so few people showed up for the picnic before the Bowl Saturday concerts last year, it has been suggested that for this year we opt out of reserving a picnic spot for \$60, and instead have people meet at our reserved seats and picnic there.

Elliott was concerned about being able to afford price increases, so she consulted with B. Smith about last year's Bowl expenditures. \$2069 was spent last year, and we recouped \$1097.05 from member's contributions, amounting to a net expense of \$971.95

With these numbers, not accounting for PayPal fees for those who chose to pay online, Looking at an initial outlay expense of \$2460, and recouping around \$1200-\$1260, assuming members pay half the ticket price. This would mean an estimated net expense of

around \$1300, including PayPal fees. A few hundred dollars more seems manageable and affordable.

(Walker) – to be clear, we're asking members to cover \$4 of the \$8 ticket price.

Dates:

7/16/20 – Rachmaninoff

8/20/20 – Amadeus live in concert

9/8/20 - Rhapsody in Blue

9/5/20 - John Williams / Maestro of the Movies

It was decided at the Sept. 2019 board meeting to reduce the Saturday ticket purchases from 70 down to 60. It wasn't a formal motion, simply an understanding amongst those handling ticket purchases. Tickets are refundable with 6 weeks advance notice, so we might be able to save some money if we don't reserve all 60 seats.

(Elliott) A new motion is not necessary. The aforementioned numbers were officially approved in the June 2019 board meeting budget discussion. Just wanted to make the board aware of the \$300-\$400 increase in Hollywood Bowl ticket outlays.

For \$25 Saturday tickets, instead of having members pay exactly half (\$12.50), we are going to round it up to \$13. Any member can reserve up to 4 tickets for any event.

(B.Lee) suggested selling tickets on the GLAAM website by installing a PayPal button. Report can be sent to Matt Stern.

Matt Stern is working on an advert for LA Mentary and website.

V. Closing

A. Good of the order – (J Elliott) At latest count, we have 400,000 words comprising Answers To Everything!

(Elliott) – Please be patient and send gentle email reminders to join Mensa Connect. We have 1444 total members on Connect so far.

(Walker) – Can we do something to get more members active on social media?

B. Adjournment - Moved (Charlie/ B Smith) to adjourn, unanimously approved at 12:42pm.

**GLAAM Board of Directors
Mini-Minutes**

Board Meeting – March 7, 2020

Meeting called to order at 11:16am at Pilgrim Towers in Pasadena, with Board members Albert, Burnett, Elliott, Lancaster, Lee, Mahoney, Nolan, B Smith, S Smith, Walker, Seiter, Schneider and Williamson present, in addition to guests Jonathan Elliott, Brian Madsen, Vickey Kalambakal, Matt Stern, and Mark Carpenter. Burnett took minutes at the meeting. Executive officers, area secretaries, coordinators and committee chairs gave updates. The board appointed Burnett to serve as Secretary for the remainder of the term. Greg Williamson was appointed PR Coordinator. A motion to resubmit bylaws to National office after changes were passed. Discussed this year's Hollywood Bowl events. Meeting adjourned at 12:42pm.