

# GLAAM Board of Directors

## Official Minutes

May 1, 2021

Conducted electronically via Zoom

	Secretary	Delegate	Members-at-Large
Mid-City	[X] Vesper Burnett	[X] Jordan Albert	[X] Gregory Williamson
Coastal	[X] Alma Munro	[X] Madeline Walker	[X] Andrea Nolan
SFV	[X] Jana Bickel	vacant	[X] Gene Schneider
ELAC	vacant	vacant	[/] Sandra Smith (joined by phone)
Hi-Desert	[X] Craig Lancaster	vacant	[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, Mildred Phillips, Lindsay Ross, Jay Friedlander, Dave Fenig, Charles Lindenblatt, Lindsay Ross

### I. Opening

- A. Call to Order – 10:35 am
- B. Approval of Agenda – approved as amended with comments in the chat (Schneider /Munro) 9/0/0
- C. Approval of Previous Minutes – approved as amended (Munro/ Schneider) 10/0/0

### II. Reports

#### A. Executive Officers

- i. Chair (Munro) - going through awards with stakeholders and will solidify within the next month or so. Reviewed the financial data and prepared actions for transition to the new treasurer. Membership renewals dropped because of COVID. Reviewed and developed action plan for volunteer recognition and awards as part of evaluating opportunities to increase membership engagement and recognition.
- ii. Exec Vice Chair (vacant)
- iii. Vice Chair (G. Schneider) - not present
- iv. Sec (Burnett / Albert) – (Albert) We have updated all our old minutes during Burnett’s tenure as secretary for Feb 2020 - April 2021. They are now available to view on the GLAAM website.
- v. Treasurer (vacant) – (Munro) – National was sent our annual financial report April 28.

#### B. Area Reports

- i. Mid City (Burnett/Albert) – No report
- ii. Coastal (Walker/Munro) - No report
- iii. ELAC (vacant) - No report
- iv. Hi-Desert (Lancaster) - activity should be resuming shortly
- v. Inland Empire (Woo) - No report
- vi. SFV (Bickel) – trivia night with 7 people last month. Will resume Sizzler this month.

#### C. Members-at-Large

- i. Nolan - No report
- ii. Schneider - No report
- iii. S. Smith - No report
- iv. Williamson - No report
- v. Seiter – No report

#### D. Committees and Coordinators

i. Awards (J Elliott) -- The first phase of our annual volunteer recognition was to be a Zoom meeting on April 18, with participation by invitation only according to the Calendar entry, which Elliott did not compose, but GLAAM Chair Alma decided to convert it to a committee meeting between the two of us, basically to 'go over' how we do what we do, and we actually had a very engaging and productive discussion on a variety of issues, including some which go beyond the actual awards program.

-- We still took the official opportunity to announce that Rookie Of The Year went to Editor Mildred, Member Of The Year went to GLAAM Chair Alma, and that Brian Madsen achieved the theoretical 5th level and ascended to 4th place in the historic ladder. We will write up all the details for the June L.A. Mentary.

-- One of the specific topics which we discussed at the recent committee meeting is the fact that we cut off the official Hall of Fame at 4 levels, even though a few people have earned enough points to qualify for a 5th or 6th star at the same point rate. Elliott noted in the committee meeting that he had originally argued for an infinite number of 75-point levels but that the Board at the time specified that there should be four levels only. Because that was now some 10 years ago, Alma wondered in committee whether the new Board might be interested in reconsidering that question, so we are asking the Board to feel free to let us know if you are interested at least in discussing it, in which case we can add it to the New Business agenda for some future Board meeting.

-- Now that Gene Schneider has volunteered to take over the ongoing maintenance of the Motions Catalogs, which originally was a function of the Secretary's office, we figure that it may now be best to roll that function officially into a separate position of Archivist, which we have had in our structure before, and which would now get one point per year, and to renorm the Secretary credit from 7 to 6 as a result. This would be consistent with the philosophy which we have heard several of you express, that we should consider segmenting some of our jobs to make them less burdensome and more attractive to new volunteers, so unless anyone has a strenuous objection that is how we will proceed going forward.

ii. By-laws (J Elliott) -- We inspected the GLAAM website yesterday, and found that several new sets of Board Minutes have been posted, but still not Dec2019 or Jan2020, without which we cannot maintain a continuous record, so we're afraid that that's all that the present Bylaws Committee can do with the Motions Catalogs before we rise. We understand from the recent Secretary's report that Desiree had taken notes for those two missing meetings, so we have made a note to follow up with her.

-- Most of the recent Bylaws amendments only codify what we already have been doing, or else comply with the national Minimum Standards, but we are reminding the Board of one substantive change which we did recently make, unanimously ratified by the Membership, and that is that we are no longer distinguishing between 'excused' and 'unexcused' absences from Board meetings. Any time that someone is absent for three consecutive meetings, they must be reappointed by Board motion in order to retain their seat. Primary responsibility for tracking absences lies with the GLAAM Secretary, who takes the attendance and records the details in the Minutes, and who therefore is in the best position to notice any consecutive absences, but anybody can do it.

-- With all missions having been completed to the maximum practical extent, and with the ongoing maintenance of the Motions Catalogs having been devolved to separate volunteer effort, we are now out of things to do, so after 11 years of off-and-on service dating back to 1997, the GLAAM Bylaws Committee officially rises at this time.

III-A-6: Motion (Awards Committee) to recreate the position of Archivist, at award credit of one point per year, with the mission to perform ongoing maintenance of the Motions Catalogs, removing that function from the role of the Secretary, and correspondingly to renorm the Secretary credit from 7 to 6 points per year.

III-A-6: Nomination (Awards Committee) of Gene Schneider as initial appointee to the recreated position of Archivist.

- iii. Elections (Fenig / Friedlander) – (Fenig) 5 people are continuing on the board.
- iv. Ombudsman (Friedlander) – no report
- v. Gifted Youth (Walker) - event in OC later in May
- vi. Regional Gathering (Walker) - tried a few times to get a hold of hotel with no success, but will continue trying. Last year’s virtual RG was attended by a couple hundred people.
- vii. Scholarships (Takenaka ) - no report
- viii. Social Media Coordinators (Albert) – thanks to Williamson again for PR graphics. Please send content to post on GLAAM social channels to Albert if you have any.
- ix. Special Events (Walker) - Dodgers not allowing group scheduling yet. 44 people signed up to see Hamilton.
- x. Strategic Planning (Munro) – reviewed objectives in February.
- xi. Testing (vacant) – (Munro) – testing requests have been deferred to National.
- xii. Circulation (Madsen) - newsletter went out fine. Currently do not have enough money for the next issue.
- xiii. Data (Madsen) - Facebook group has been updated. 3 members of the group are international and national has been asked for verification of membership.
- xiv. LA Mentary (Phillips) - Usually we have a scholarship report around now, also request an elections report. We now have a proofreader.
- xv. Open Forum (Albert) - Thanks to Lindsay for volunteering to help with Open Forum.
- xvi. SIGHT (Chew ) - no report
- xvii. SIGs (Madsen) – no report
- xviii. Webmaster (vacant) – no report
- xix. Mensaphone (Schneider) - No longer getting calls from the number.
- xx. PR (Williamson) - no report
- xxi. Membership (Williamson) – 1649 members as of yesterday, with 73 new members. “Knives Out” had 5 attendees. Looking into Discord as a future platform for virtual events (thanks to Albert for helping getting it set up). Next Presents Screening is “Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan”.
- xxii. Finance (vacant) – No report
- xxiii. Historian (Ross) – No report
- xxiv. Young Adults (vacant) – No report

### III. Special Orders

#### Requirements of bylaws

1. Installation of the New Board by the Election Chair (Fenig)
  1. All outgoing Board members are thanked and excused
  2. All new and continuing board members are welcomed (Craig Lancaster, Gene Schneider, Alma Munro, Gregory Williamson, and Courtney Seiter)
2. Election of Executive Officers
  1. Chair of Greater Los Angeles Area Mensa- (Lancaster) nominated Munro. Approved.
  2. Executive Vice-Chair – (Williamson) nominated Seiter. Approved.
  3. Administrative Vice-Chair - (Lancaster) nominated Schneider. Approved.
  4. Secretary – vacant with no successful nominations
  5. Treasurer – (Munro) nominates Lancaster. Approved.
3. The Election Chair returns control of the meeting to the newly-elected Chair (Munro)
4. Filling of vacancies on the Board of Directors in increasing order by Area population: Hi-Desert; Inland Empire; East Los Angeles County; Mid-City; San Fernando Valley; Coastal.
  1. Filling of vacancies for Area Secretaries
    - a. Inland Empire – Woo Volunteers. Lancaster nominates Woo. Approved.
    - b. ELAC – no nominations and remains vacant

- c. Mid-City – Burnett volunteers. Munro nominates Burnett. Approved.
    - d. SFV - (Lancaster) nominates Bickel. Approved.
  - 2. Filling of vacancies for Area Delegates
    - a. Hi Desert – (Lancaster) nominates Ross. Approved.
    - b. Inland Empire - no nominations and remains vacant
    - c. Mid City – (Burnett) nominates Albert. Approved.
    - d. SFV - no nominations and remains vacant
    - c. Coastal – no nominations and remains vacant
  - 3. Filling of vacancies for Member-at-Large positions
    - a. (Schneider) nominates Walker. Approved.
    - b. (Munro) nominates Nolan. Approved.
    - c. (Munro) nominates Smith. Approved.
    - d. (Munro) nominates Schneider. Approved.
- 5. Committee Chairs and coordinators appointed by the GLAAM Chair with the approval of the members of the Board
  - 1. Circulation - Phillips
  - 2. SIGS – Bickel
  - 3. Awards – Elliott
  - 4. Elections - Fenig (chair) / Friedlander (deputy)
  - 5. Ombudsman – Friedlander
  - 6. Gifted Youth – Walker
  - 7. Regional Gathering – Walker
  - 8. Scholarships - Takenaka
  - 9. Social Media Coordinators - Albert
  - 10. Special Events -Walker
  - 11. Strategic Planning - Munro
  - 12. LA Mentary - Phillips
  - 13. Open Forum -Albert / Ross
  - 14. PR- Ross
  - 15. Historian – Ross
  - 16. Calendar – Phillips
  - 17. Membership – Seiter and Munro
  - 18. Archivist - Schneider
  - 19. SIGHT – Chew
  - 20. By-laws – open
  - 21. Motions Archive – Schneider
  - 22. Finance Committee - Munro
  - 20. Testing - Munro
  - 21. Data - Munro
  - 22. By-laws – open
  - 23. Webmaster - Gililand
  - 24. Mensaphone – Schneider
  - 25. Young Adults - open
- 6. Chair announces to all officers that they should familiarize themselves with the Guidelines for their positions
- 7. The new Board of Directors approves the remaining agenda including Unfinished Business and New Business (approved)

#### IV. Unfinished Business

#### V. New Business

- A. Discuss website domain(s) – (Ross) – not a priority right now.

VI. Closing

- A. Good of the Order – (Munro / Madsen) – Must figure out Postal Service issue soon.
- B. Adjournment – (Munro) Approved 10/0/0 at 12:31 pm.

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Mini-Minutes

Board Meeting – May 1, 2021

Meeting called to order at 10:35 am over Zoom, with Board members Burnett, Munro, Bickel, Lancaster, Woo, Albert, Walker, Williamson, Schneider, Smith, Seiter, and Nolan present, in addition to guests Jonathan Elliott, Brian Madsen, Mildred Phillips, Jay Friedlander, Dave Fenig, Charles Lindenblatt, and Lindsay Ross. Executive officers, area secretaries, coordinators and committee chairs gave updates. The board appointed Executive officers, area secretaries, coordinators and committee chairs for the next year. Meeting adjourned at 12:31pm.