

## UNCLASSIFIED ACTIONS STILL IN EFFECT

as of 4/30/2020

This document lists all ongoing main motions and other business items which were passed by the Board of Directors and other deliberative assemblies of Greater Los Angeles Area Mensa, from 1988 to current date (certain motions passed in 1988 rendered all then-current standing rules and actions-in-effect null and void as of 10/1/88), and which are still in force at the present time, AND which are not codified in either the Bylaws, the Standing Rules, the Guidelines, the Election Procedures, the Editorial Guidelines, the Webmaster's Guidelines, the SIG Policy Rules, or the ZIP Code list.

The motions are shown here in their final form, with any passed pre-passage amendments and post-passage modifications incorporated as ordered. All listed actions were passed by the Board of Directors unless otherwise indicated. Texts of all listed actions are taken directly from the Minutes of the applicable meetings unless otherwise indicated.

All subsidiary motions, privileged motions, incidental motions, and motions that bring a question again before the assembly appear in the complete list of Motions Offered, along with any main motions which failed. The list of Motions Offered also includes the original texts of all main motions and the texts of any amendments, plus the recorded parliamentary details of all motions (including maker, seconder, vote count, etc.). Any approved main motion for which all elements have been fulfilled, concluded, or superseded appears in the list of Actions Taken. The document entitled Actions Still In Effect includes both the items listed in this document and those appearing in the above-listed sections of the Board Members' Handbook.

The identifier number appearing before each item in this list corresponds with the original main motion as enumerated in the list of Motions Offered.

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1988-027 The maintenance and custody of actions still in effect shall be the responsibility of the Secretary. A master log of the actions still in effect shall be kept separate from the minutes. Copies of actions still in effect shall be furnished to all new and continuing Board members at least one week prior to the May Board meeting by the outgoing Secretary.

1988-050 That the Gifted Children henceforth be referred to as Gifted Youth.

1988-051 Adopting new "actions-in-effect":

3. All official GLAAM and Area events must state a door charge indicating an additional amount for unescorted non-members.

4. Minutes of the previous Board Meeting and detailed agenda of the upcoming meeting shall be mailed to all Board Members at least one week prior to the Board meeting. Motions and Reports

that are submitted in written form before the detailed agenda is mailed shall be enclosed with the mailing.

5. Any commercial use of the GLAAM computer system will be paid at a rate to be determined by the Board.

6. The monthly General Meeting, aka Open Forum, aka Fourth Friday Forum, is to be held on the Fourth Friday of the month and the door charge will be set by the Board.

7. The Board Meeting will be held on the first Saturday of the month unless otherwise scheduled by the Board.

8. GLAAM will support the cost of printing the Hi-Desert newsletter. The subsidy will be \$30 per month.

9. Each Area is responsible for providing a complete and accurate financial report to the Treasurer once a year, in a format to be provided by the Treasurer, if the account balance exceeds \$300 at fiscal year-end.

10. Free attendance passes given to New Members for attendance at official GLAAM and Area events will be reimbursed by GLAAM.

1989-011 That the contribution requested from "unescorted" non-members be increased from \$3 to \$4 for the General Forum.

1989-060 We transfer the second class permit back to the LA post office.

1989-077 That HiDesert's New Member Reception be a GLAAM function.

1990-089 To require a phone number and membership number (if Mensa member) when writing Letters to the Editor of [the GLAAM newsletter].

1991-076 That because we are now receiving \$4.50 per member from National for [the GLAAM newsletter], subscription rates be raised to \$10. for Mensa members.

1991-079 That no contract (verbal or written) may in the future be signed by any member of GLAAM on behalf of GLAAM in excess of \$500 without the countersignature of the treasurer of GLAAM or the LocSec. RG contracts are excepted from this rule when a person has been authorized by the RG Committee.

1991-087 That the Mini-Minutes be printed as received with no changes other than to correct spelling errors.

1992-013 To add a "Reserve for Capital Equipment" which would consist of amounts budgeted but not spent for capital equipment, starting with this fiscal year (91/92).

1992-017

In the event the Editor of [the GLAAM newsletter] receives an Official Report from a Member of the GLAAM Board in their official function (hereinafter called "Member") which, in the opinion of the Editor, violates the Editorial Guidelines or may subject GLAAM to legal action, the Editor shall

attempt to negotiate with the Member such changes in content which may be necessary to bring the report into compliance.

If the Editor is unable to reach a satisfactory accommodation with the Member, the Editor is authorized to delay publication of the Official Report until the next scheduled meeting of the entire GLAAM Board. At the next scheduled meeting of the entire GLAAM Board, the Editor shall request that the GLAAM Board authorize the Editor to delete the objectionable material from the Official Report. A 2/3 majority of the GLAAM Board present and voting shall be required to authorize such action. Absent such action, the Editor shall publish the Official Report as originally submitted in the issue immediately following the GLAAM Board meeting.

Official Reports, including Area Reports, may be edited only with the permission of the Member.

1992-019 That Area Reports be limited to no more than 500 words, or such greater number of words to which the Editor and Area Secretary may agree, and adhere to the Editorial Guidelines as they may apply.

1992-043 That The Treasurer shall establish a periodic audit requirement for major GLAAM Revenue and Expense accounts such as the General Fund and the Regional Gathering. The Treasurer and Editor shall design an announcement to be published in [the GLAAM newsletter] to solicit the services of a member who is an auditor, accountant or CPA, such services to be provided gratuitously, or at a reduced fee.

1993-010 That there is nothing that the Board could do as to dress/hygiene that would be enforceable except to publicize that hosts and hostesses have the responsibility and right to maintain decorum in their homes. At functions held in public places, the Mensa host or hostess has the right to ask offending members to leave their table(s) or section. [Passed by Executive Committee.]

1993-018 That the GLAAM Standing Rules stating that *no two area open houses shall conflict* be interpreted to mean geographically conflict. Therefore two GLAAM Areas may have their open house on the same day as long as the areas are not adjacent.

1994-029 That certificates of appreciation be presented as necessary.

1995-023 To adopt the following rates for advertising in [the GLAAM newsletter]:

Member: 1 page, \$80.00 for one time  
1/10 page (business card size), \$10.00 for one time, \$8.00 each for six (6)  
½-business card ads, \$5

Non-Member: 1 page, \$100.00 for one time  
1/10 page (business card size), \$12.00 for one time  
½-business card ads, \$5

1996-033 Resolution that it is the opinion of Board of Directors of GLAAM that there should be no minimum age, and that there continue to be no restrictions at all except a minimum score on an approved standardized test.

1997-015 To go live with new GLAAM web page immediately after establishment and meeting of a Guidelines Committee, and approval by the Board of the Committee's guidelines without showing any addresses, and including only those phone numbers which are approved, and that the Webmaster should generally follow Editor's guidelines, until new guidelines set by committee, and that the GLAAM home page be linked to the national Mensa page.

1997-019 To establish position of Webmaster.

1997-089 Raising portion going to proctor from \$3.50 to \$5.

1997-090 To adopt GLAAM wristwatch project with a retail price of \$29.95, including tax (paid directly to supplier, per their offer), with a \$5 discount for second watch ordered at the same time.

1998-118 That a list be created, on one side of one piece of paper, containing everything you ever wanted to know about GLAAM Board members but were afraid to ask: Name, Title/Office, Mailing address, E-mail address, Phone numbers (home, fax, and work (if you want to admit it)), residential zip code, and to which geographical area of GLAAM this zip code belongs. This list would be maintained by the Board Secretary. A copy would be passed around the table at each Board meeting, so that people could submit changes. When there are changes, an updated list would be distributed at the next Board meeting, or it could be sent out with the agenda.

1998-121 The Secretary of GLAAM will send a copy of the current GLAAM Treasurer's report to the Board members along with the agenda of the upcoming Board meeting. The Treasurer will provide this report to the Secretary at least nine days before the upcoming meeting.

1998-129 To change the title of the L.A. Mensa newsletter from "*Lament*" to "*L.A. Mentary*", to be spelled wherever it occurs as capital-L-period-capital-A-period-space-capital-M-small-e-n-t-a-r-y, effective with the January 1999 issue.

1999-005 That advertising for any Mensa activity (official or sponsored by members) be *gratis* unless conflicts with paid advertising.

1999-027 To schedule March meeting at 11:00am, and to make time permanent until further notice.

1999-046 To establish a standing Finance Committee, and for the Treasurer to be an *ex officio* member of the Committee.

1999-057 RESOLVED, That -- by the membership's passage of Proposed Change #2 -- simultaneous officership is to be permitted under the GLAAM Bylaws. [Carried by Executive Committee.]

1999-058 To adopt Selwyn's definition that Filing is completed when the document is posted and a reasonable time has passed for the AMC and the Bylaws [Committee] to review it, and that this posting can be by mail, fax, or e-mail, and to specify that filing may be considered to be completed three business days after submission. [Carried by Executive Committee.]

1999-084 To implement proposed operating agreement with Amazon.com.

1999-129 Policy statement that the Editor have discretion, within existing Guidelines, to manage the layout of the publication.

1999-144 That the Open Forum Coordinator be compensated up to \$8 per Forum for Open Forum dinners.

1999-177 That the Treasurer is responsible for filling out all other forms sent to the State of California.

1999-180 To authorize Taylor to proceed with his proposal to establish an electronic newsletter, provided that no GLAAM funds are expended.

2000-052 The Chairman of GLAAM shall actively solicit candidates for the position of GLAAM newsletter editor on an annual basis, especially in the months of January, February, March and April. This process shall include publicity in the GLAAM newsletter.

2000-209 The information packet referred to in Secretary's Guideline "P" shall be officially known as the "Board Members' Handbook".

2001-022 To provide speakers on subject of Mensa to different organizations.

2001-043 To instruct the Editor to hereinafter confine any personal or political opinions to appropriately-labeled editorial essays.

2001-058 That all Standing Rules contain dates of creation.

2001-129 That the current ASIE list be included in the Board Members Handbook.

2001-169 For the May Board meeting, that we start at 10:30 to deal with the business of the old Board and start as close to 11 as possible with the new Board, such that the total time of the meeting is 2 1/2 hours, not including extensions. [Passed by membership.]

2001-178 That we add Mensaphone Coordinator to the list of Coordinators.

2002-006 RESOLVED, That the collection of old newsletters shall be known as the "GLAAM newsletter archive", which is the property of GLAAM as a whole, under the direction of the GLAAM Board.

2002-116 To add an item to the attendance delimiter codes of "PE", to mean 'public events, not primarily for Mensans'.

2002-124 The resolution.

"RESOLVED, that the GLAAM Board's official interpretation of the phrase "entire Board" in the Bylaws is that it refers to the number of Board positions

currently filled, and not to the number of positions defined in the Bylaws, nor to the number of Board members present, nor to the number of Board members present and voting."

2002-136 That, at the October Board meeting each year, the Board of Directors plan the schedule of Board activities for the following year, and that it also be added to the Secretary's Guidelines to add this item to the draft Agenda for the October Board meeting each year.

2003-005 GLAAM shall not subsidize Internet access, through AOL or any other provider.

2003-037 To go ahead [with escrip.com proposal].

2003-048 That GLAAM join the SavvyEmployee.com program.

2003-086 To create the position of Archivist.

2004-016 That we adopt the current agenda format as a permanent one.

2005-084 To remove all personal contact information from the Website Calendar, until permission is granted to GLAAM to publish same on the Website.

2005-097 To re-assign the Official Event Days as: 2nd, SFV; 3rd Mid City/Coastal/HD; last ELAC.

2005-119 To approve the [GLAAM Charitable Giving] Guidelines, as per the italicized language of the proposal, and the items approved [in Motions 2005-108 through 2005-118].

#### GLAAM Charitable Giving Guidelines

*The purpose of GLAAM shall be to carry out the principles of American Mensa, Ltd. In the assigned geographic areas, and to coordinate, assist and represent its component groups and its total individual membership to the community and to American Mensa, Ltd.*

*Mensa is a not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to conduct research in psychology and social science, identify and foster human intelligence for the benefit of humanity and serve as a means for stimulating intellectual and social contacts among its members. Mensa per se holds no opinions, champions no causes and is not affiliated with any other organization.*

*In consideration of the above principles, 'fostering human intelligence for the benefit of humanity' and serving as a means for 'stimulating intellectual and social contacts' among our members can be the foundation for permitting and even encouraging charitable giving and charitable giving activities.*

*GLAAM's charitable giving shall conform to the following guidelines:*

- F. *Philanthropic efforts shall be targeted in nature and conform to specific, discrete projects that are consistent with the Purpose of Mensa.*

- G. *Preferences shall be for activities or giving opportunities within the geographic area of GLAAM.*
- K. *Even if an established charitable organization has religious affiliations it shall not be excluded from consideration as a means of GLAAM donations.*
- L. *A donation of cash to other Mensa chapters of disaster struck areas is an appropriate use of GLAAM funds.*

2005-123 To make the [Postal Mileage] reimbursement equal to the IRS Business Mileage allowance.

2006-018 That GLAAM asserts that ADA is not applicable to Gatherings, based on information transmitted by National Executive Director Pam Donahoo, and that Gatherings are private events for members and their guests.

2006-039a To adopt:

WHEREAS, Greater Los Angeles Area MENSA is a non-profit private social club within the meaning of 26 USC 503, 42 USC 2000a and 42 USC 12187; and WHEREAS, as a non-profit private social club all of Greater Los Angeles Area MENSA's functions have been, are, and will continue to be open only to members of MENSA and their invited guests; NOW, THEREFORE: The Calendar Editor shall, prior to the inclusion of any event in the monthly Greater Los Angeles Area MENSA calendar, require that the sponsor of every event, excluding events not run by Greater Los Angeles Area MENSA but listed solely to inform members of events which may be of interest to them, to submit an original signed statement that states: "I understand that participation in every Greater Los Angeles Area MENSA event is limited to MENSA members and their invited guests. I will enforce this restriction at events which I host." The Calendar Editor shall transmit each original signed and dated statement to the Secretary, who shall maintain the original for a period of for [sic] as long as that host continues to host events, or seven years, whichever is longer.

2006-039b The Calendar Editor and the Webmaster shall each include the following sentences in the calendar section: "Every Greater Los Angeles Area MENSA event is limited to MENSA members and their invited guests. Events marked PE are public events not run by Greater Los Angeles Area MENSA. They are listed solely to inform members of events which may be of interest to them."

2006-039e Effective immediately nonmember subscriptions to L.A.Mentary [sic] shall no longer be available. Any nonmember subscriptions currently in effect shall continue until they expire and shall not be renewed.

2006-070 To set up password-protected web access for Minutes and Agenda.

2006-155 That on an ongoing basis we pay our D&O insurance premium when it becomes due.

2007-076 That we get a Costco business account for \$50/year. Approved on 6/2/07.

2007-118 To leave “wall calendar” public, and put event details behind password.

2007-129 To adopt [Ad] rates and policies as [orally] presented, and to include a slug saying “Paid Advertisement” near every paid ad in 7 point font.

2008-090 To allocate \$600.00 each year to each area for area party or parties.

2009-033 To adopt the following usage guidelines for e-mail distribution lists:

1. The Webmaster and Chairman have exclusive control of administrative settings;
2. Each area list will be configured so that the secretary and delegate of each area will be able to post to that area’s list;
3. The Chairman and Secretary may post to the chapter-wide list without being moderated;
4. Area secretaries and delegates shall be responsible for moderating messages.

2009-063 To reconstitute the Awards Committee and name Jonathan Elliott as chair of the same.

2009-076 To reactivate the Open Forum program, incorporating previous functions of the Fourth Friday Forum, and appoint Jonathan Carr as coordinator thereto.

2009-080 To create a Data Officer Position for the chapter.

2009-082 That electronic distribution shall include both a link to the newsletter and the file as an attachment.

2009-097 To employ the services of News Publishers’ Press to mail the newsletter.

2009-102 [To cancel the Board meeting previously scheduled for November 2009, and to return Board meetings to the first Saturday of each month unless otherwise scheduled, beginning in December 2009].

2010-014 To use Paypal.

2011-062 Awards Committee Proposal

- 1) To maintain an ongoing Awards Program within Greater Los Angeles Area Mensa (GLAAM), for the purpose of recognizing those GLAAM members who have gone ‘above and beyond’ in providing volunteer service to the Mensa organization at all levels;**
- 2) To establish the special Awards Committee as a standing committee to manage the program;**
- 3) To amend the Guidelines to include the provisions for the standing Awards Committee presented in Appendix A;**
- 4) To instruct the Awards Committee to produce nominations each year for Mensan of the Year and Rookie of the Year, based primarily on application of the ‘points schema’ presented in Appendix B to those volunteer functions performed during the preceding 1-year Board term,**



but with discretion on the part of either the Awards Committee or the full Board of Directors to override the strict point count by majority vote, and with candidates for Rookie of the Year needing to have belonged to Mensa for less than 24 months as of the end of the preceding Board term in order to qualify;

- 5) To accept as certified the historical record presented in Appendix C of functions from 1962 to 1999, along with the point credits previously calculated for those years by the special Awards Committee, and the point cutoffs suggested for the different levels of permanent recognition in our 'Hall of Fame', subject to modification of any element at any time by majority vote of the Board of Directors;
- 6) To instruct the Awards Committee to update the historical record and annual points table to include functions performed through May 7, 2011, to nominate a Mensan of the Year and a Rookie of the Year for the 2010-11 term, and to produce an updated list of 'Hall of Fame' enrollees, all in time to prepare physical awards for ceremonial presentation at the 50<sup>th</sup>-anniversary GLAAM Regional Gathering in February 2012;
- 7) To authorize the 'Hall of Fame' to be printed on an annual basis in the GLAAM newsletter, and to appear as a permanent page on the GLAAM website, to include links by name to biographical information on the different enrollees.
- 8) To appropriate \$500 to be spent on physical awards during the fiscal year of 2011-12, with approximately \$75-175 to be appropriated in each future year, subject to future modification by the Board of Directors.

## APPENDIX A

### AWARDS COMMITTEE

- A. Consult with and assist the GLAAM Chairman as requested toward the nomination of GLAAM members for any applicable regional, national, or international awards.
- B. Maintain an ongoing local awards program, whereby GLAAM members are more formally and permanently recognized among the entire membership for their current and past contributions of service to the Mensa organization at all levels, by performing the following functions on an annual basis:

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- 1) **Tabulate volunteer data** – Record all volunteer functions performed by GLAAM members during the preceding Board term, defined as the 1-year interval between May Board Meetings. Primary source of information is the GLAAM newsletter, supplemented as desired by Board Minutes or the national *Mensa Bulletin* or other official documents. Looking for Board offices occupied, Executive Officer elections, Committee/Coordinator positions held, SIGs managed, general parties or Open Houses hosted, national/international officer appointments, and basically anything else that we can find of any value to the Mensa organization at any level. Include notations as applicable for partial-year service or officially-acknowledged exceptional performance.
- 2) **Assign point credits** – Using the previously-adopted 'points schema' (to be updated when necessary for new positions as they get created), create spreadsheet or other table where each volunteer who performs the stated service for the entire May-April term of the Board (if no official documentation of exceptional performance) receives the full point value indicated in the schema. Prorate as applicable for partial-year service, but always round to whole numbers. When adjusting for documented exceptional performance,

obtain consensus of entire Awards Committee, in order to mitigate the effects of personal favoritism, and refer any disputes up to the full Board of Directors for final decision.

- 3) **Select award recipients** – Use the point totals as a guideline to help determine a Mensan of the Year and a Rookie of the Year. Recipients shall generally be those qualifying GLAAM members with the highest point credits for the preceding Board term, but the Awards Committee may decide by consensus to override the strict point count for some particular reason. When in doubt, refer up to the full Board of Directors for decision by majority vote. Candidates for Rookie of the Year must have belonged to Mensa for less than 24 months as of the end of the Board term for which award recipients are being selected.
- 4) **Update master database** – This is where we keep track of everybody’s credited point totals, year by year, so that we can view lifetime point totals to tell us who qualifies for the different levels of the ‘Hall of Fame’, which is a permanent listing of all those GLAAM members (living and deceased) who made exceptionally large lifetime contributions of service to the Mensa organization, to be displayed as a permanent feature on the GLAAM website, and also to be printed on an annual basis in the GLAAM newsletter. The Awards Committee will update this master database each year with the points calculated in Step 2 above, and determine from the lifetime totals whether anyone new should be added to the Hall of Fame (based on specific criteria documented separately), or whether anyone should be moved up to a higher level. Best for the master copy of this database to reside online for access by multiple Committee members, but with offline backups as appropriate. Notify the Editor and Webmaster of the updated Hall of Fame listing.
- 5) **Arrange for physical awards** – Select vendors, obtain price quotes, submit annual budgets for Board approval. Upon determination of award recipients (including new enrollees and/or advancing ‘graduates’ in the Hall of Fame), submit names to vendors for preparation of physical awards. Must be completed in time for ceremonial presentation of the awards at the Regional Gathering in February.
- 6) **Prepare biographies for Hall of Fame** – Each name on the Web version of the Hall of Fame should link to a short biography of why that person is there. The biography should at least list the main offices held, including any notations as to exceptionally good performance, but can also be expanded as desired to include photographs and/or the narrative recollections of other GLAAM members who knew the enrollee personally.

#### COMMITTEE CHAIR:

- 1) **Assign jobs to committee members** – Sustainability of the Awards Program is fostered best when we set achievable goals for getting all the jobs done. It is therefore recommended that the Awards Committee generally comprise 5-6 members in addition to the Committee Chair and GLAAM Chairman, so that no one individual has to do too much work. New committee members generally should be initiated with the 1<sup>st</sup> job listed above (i.e., tabulating volunteer data for the year), and then proceed sequentially over some period of years to learn the subsequent steps in the process. However, the Committee Chair has discretion to assign the different jobs in some other manner, according to the particular interests and talents of the various committee members.
- 2) **Provide training and backup as needed** – The Committee Chair should be prepared to personally handle all the tasks in the award cycle, both for training purposes and to fill in as needed when the Committee is at less than full strength.
- 3) **Generate and/or process nominations for Certificates of Appreciation** – These may be awarded at any time on a discretionary basis by either the Awards Committee or the full Board. (For, no matter how much objectivity we may wish to introduce into the other award categories, we still would like to reserve the option to make a spontaneous award presentation based simply upon our own subjective judgment.) It is independent of whether or not the subject has been the recipient of any other award. It can apply either following completion of a specific project, or in recognition of a long period of service.
- 4) **Make annual awards presentation at Regional Gathering (RG)** – Awards for Mensan of the Year, Rookie of the Year, advancement within the Hall of Fame, and possibly other achievements as well (possibly to include the Certificates of Appreciation discussed above, though not necessarily), are to be presented in a ‘plenary session’ of RG attendees, as scheduled by the RG Committee. Have fun with it!!
- 5) **Recruit committee members** – It is further recommended that the Committee Chair try to recruit and initiate no more than 1-2 new committee members each year. Maintain a steady inflow of volunteer help, and thus allow the senior committee members to eventually move on to other challenges if they so desire. Best spot for this to happen is directly after the annual awards presentation, when the highest number of

potential new members are already gathered in one place. Tout it to new members as a way of getting involved and getting to know the 'in-people' quickly. Tout it to older members as a way to share their historical knowledge, especially when it comes to editing the biography section. If we fail to pick up anybody at the RG, then work with the Membership Outreach Committee to 'beat the bushes' as needed.

2011-066 To create a Special Events Committee. The charge of this committee is to help coordinate and plan Special Events that are targeted at the entire chapter membership and arranged for by the Board of Directors and/or individual members seeking to put together an event that takes advance planning due to ticket sales or space reservations.

2012-006 Whereas Dave Felt's exceptional and sustained service to Mensa generally and GLAAM specifically warrants a truly special form of recognition, the Awards Committee moves that the GLAAM Scholarship be renamed the Dave Felt Scholarship.

2012-040 To add Sagray to have authority to post to the announce lists events which are New member events.

2012-073 To change the name of the position of Archivist to Historian and to appoint Ross to that position.

2012-074 That recording of board meeting shall not be approved excepting that the Secretary or Ombudsman can record meeting for the purposes of taking minutes. If this occurs, those recordings should not be retained after the meeting minutes have been approved. If another need or desire to record meetings should arise, a unanimous approval of the board members present (not including abstentions) shall be required.

2012-082 That:

- i. GLAAM is choosing to adopt electronic voting procedures.
- ii. The cost of this shall not exceed \$300 per year.
- iii. This option will be implemented for the 2013 year voting cycle.

2013-005 The board shall authorize the expense for a change in Mensaphone to be a burner phone to be added to an existing line, best deal to be determined but not to exceed \$60 per month.

2013-015 That the following language be accepted as verbiage to define the term 'residence' for the purpose of establishing candidacy qualifications and for Bylaws revisions.

'In order to clarify the Bylaw residency requirements for Area Representatives, GLAAM observes the following definition and analysis:

A. An Area Representative is considered to "reside" in any Area where they maintain a factual place of abode of some permanency that is more than a mere temporary sojourn.

B. GLAAM recognizes that it is possible for Area Representatives to have more than one place where they "reside", providing that at least one of those locations is within the geographical boundaries of the Area that they represent or seek to represent.

C. GLAAM further recognizes that if someone has no place of residency according to A and B above, then the location which is considered their "domicile" under California Tax Law or "residence" under California Government Code Sec. 244 is considered to be the place where they "reside" for purposes of GLAAM Area representation.'

2013-069 To restore the original limitation of the Dave Felt Scholarship to an undergraduate candidate.

2013-070 To create the position of Social Media Coordinator.

2013-072 To change the membership of the GLAAM Facebook group to include only members of Mensa.

2013-085 To set [\$17,500] as the lower limit of the spending account. Board approval will be required for the Treasurer to write checks which will take the amount in the bank account under that balance.

2013-091 The GLAAM Board hereby ratified the actions taken by the RVC to create a new Area of GLAAM, the Inland Empire Area, pursuant to the reassignment of sections of the former Inland Empire Mensa chapter to GLAAM's geographical boundaries.

2015-003 For \$1.40 to send each issue to Fong, who receives first-class mail but not from the periodical bin.

2015-035 [To change the first sentence of the Calendar entry for the monthly Board meeting to] 'All Mensa members and their invited guests are welcome to observe GLAAM's elected representatives at work and to participate in the decision-making process.'

2015-063 To adopt the quoted [investment policy] material[, as amended].

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In order to maximize safety, the policy of GLAAM is to maintain all assets in local bank accounts until such time that cash balances meet or exceed one year's operating budget, excluding the Regional Gathering.

At that time, the finance committee will consider another conservative investment policy strategy for board approval.

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2015-071 That it is the sense of the Board that we support having a 'recent events' page on the GLAAM website.

2016-055 "GLAAM, as part of the National Mensa and Reach Out and Read Partnership, formally adopts the Northeast Valley Health Corporation facility and will continue to participate in the national pilot program."

2016-112 To take a wait-and-see approach and revisit [Adult Oriented Special Interest Groups] if problems occur.

2016-114 That the following language be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Greater Los Angeles Area Mensa Board is committed to maintaining in perpetuity the health of the organization at all levels; and

WHEREAS, the health of the organization is directly dependent upon the participation of the membership in volunteer roles; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the board to set a new Strategic Plan for each business year;

THEREFORE, let it be RESOLVED that:

The Strategic Goal for the 2016-2017 Board year is to create a detailed and sufficient Succession Plan for all volunteers to follow as a regular duty in the course of their tenures.

SUCCESSION PLAN.

INTRODUCTION.

The same small pool of volunteers has consistently performed the majority of the workload, and it is rarer than is to be desired that a new volunteer steps forward. It is the opinion of this Committee that it is possible to reverse this trend through concerted effort on the part of the existing volunteers.

The best place to recruit new volunteers is from new membership, while they are still energetic and looking forward to the benefits that their memberships can afford them. It is a psychological fact that people are more likely to become involved when they are made to feel welcomed and needed. It is a proven tenet of organizational membership and recruitment that new members or visitors are more likely to return and to increase their involvement level, if they are awarded a position and given a responsibility. This gives them a reason to return.

PLAN.

Therefore, this Committee recommends the following courses of action:

That each volunteer shall henceforth be responsible for the recruitment and training of his successor as part of his regular volunteer duties, from the outset of his term as a volunteer, no matter the capacity in which he serves;

That each volunteer shall make an active effort to reach out to new and reinstating members as they are added, within 30 calendar days of their initiation or reinstatement, for the purposes of welcoming them, inviting them to meetings, and encouraging them to be actively involved from the outset of their membership;

That each member who attends an event shall be approached, welcomed, encouraged, and gently recruited to accept the honor and excitement of performing a small duty to help the existing volunteer;

That the current volunteers shall henceforth nevermore complain or comment on how difficult it is to volunteer, how overworked they are, or in any other way disparage the act and idea of volunteering, with the result of scaring away new volunteers;

That every volunteer should plan from the INCEPTION of his volunteer career, to train an assistant and potential successor, so that in the undesirable and unfortunate possibility that accident or other event prevent him from carrying out his responsibilities as a volunteer, there is a replacement who is able to fill in temporarily or permanently, until a new regular volunteer can be recruited or trained, or the assistant decides to accept the duties of the volunteer office for the foreseeable future.

By April the current LocSec is responsible for ensuring that all chair and coordinator positions have a proposed successor to be appointed at the May Board meeting.

2016-121 That the tax-return filer does count for the Bylaws requirement of having our financial records reviewed by someone not associated with the collection or disbursement of funds, so no further action needed at this time. Concluded by the Bylaws Committee.

2016-141 To sign a lease with EZ Storage in Burbank, and to authorize overlapping storage units through February 2017. Carried on 12/3/2016.

2017-008 "GLAAM Facebook Membership Guidelines" referred to [unidentified] committee.

2017-018 A proposed Bylaws amendment which would allow the Board to remove a Board member in the middle of a term, provided that one or more causes are specified in the motion to remove. Agreed by Bylaws Committee.

2017-028 To continue including Agenda items which are proposed by officers who are not Board members, subject to case-by-case approval by the Board Secretary. Resolved by Bylaws Committee.

2017-031 Bylaws amendment proposal.

Section B of Article XI (Removal From Office) reads as follows:

"If any Board member fails to attend three (3) consecutive Board meetings without prior excuse that has not been disapproved by a majority vote of the Board, he/she shall be considered to have resigned, unless he/she shall have petitioned the Board to be retained as a Board member, prior to the end of the third consecutive meeting. Said petition shall be adjudged on a case-by-case basis, but must be approved by a majority vote of the Board in order for the petitioner to remain a Board member."

Also, the first two sentences of Section A of Article XVII (Recall Elections) read as follows:

"For any given position on the Board or the position of Ombudsman, recall proceedings may be initiated by two-thirds of the entire Board. Recall for a Board position may also be initiated by petition of 10%, or 100 members, whichever is less, of the electorate for that position."

In order to provide an easier and faster alternative for the removal of a Board member whom the Board has collectively found to be overly problematic, IT IS PROPOSED to add the following new Section C to Article XI:

"C. Any Board member may be removed from office by a 2/3 majority of the entire Board, regardless of whether the subject Board member was elected or appointed to office. The motion to remove must specify one or more causes for the proposed action."

AND to add the following new Section D to Article XI:

"D. Board members may also be removed from office by the procedure of Recall Elections detailed in Article XVII."

2017-049 That we record it somewhere in our procedures that for any roster activity that we must request the data directly from National, and may not use any of the data mining tools available to Area reps or other officers. Item referred to Bylaws Committee on to draft the appropriate motion.

2018-009 To add the phrase, "or other remote participation" after the phrase, "There shall be no proxy voting" in Paragraph XII[I]-C-2 of the Bylaws. Carried on 2/3/2018.

2018-044 To create a Strategic Planning Committee to create a plan for GLAAM, taking into account the National Strategic Plan.

2019-018 It is acceptable to grant a compensated Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon even to a member of the RG Committee who got a registration discount but performed no other volunteer work for GLAAM during the year.