

# GLAAM Board of Directors

## Official Minutes

August 3, 2019

Pilgrim Towers, 440 N. Madison Av., Pasadena

	<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	<i>vacant</i>	[X] Gene Schneider
ELAC	[O] Michael Wong	[X] Billie Lee	[O] Sandra Smith
Hi-Desert	[X] Craig Lancaster	[X] Bruce Smith	[X] Lee Stillman
Inland Empire	[X] Wilbert Woo	<i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>

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

Guests: Jonathan Elliott, Brian Madsen, Greg Williamson

### I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order** -- by Chairman Elliott at 11:05am.
- B. **Approval of Agenda** –Moved (B Smith/Albert) to approve; carried 12/0/0.
- C. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – Moved (Schneider/B Smith) to approve; carried 12/0/0.

### II. Reports

- A. Executive Officers
  1. **Chairman:**
    - Elliott: We did requalify for the Emerald award. Last year we did not, but that was more of an issue of us reporting to National. Hopefully next year we will improve to Sapphire.
    - I don't think we are live yet on the Mensa Connect subgroups.
  2. **Secretary:**
    - Stillman: I wasn't able to get any further along with converting past minutes and agendas to PDFs. I do need to accelerate that process, because...
    - My wedding date has been pushed forward to December 10, on the cruise to Cabo San Lucas. I was already going to miss the December Board meeting, so my last one will be in November.
  3. **Treasurer:**
    - B Smith: Our General fund balance is \$24,701.96. RG fund balance is pending a lot of deposits.

- B. Area Reports
  1. **Coastal:**

- Walker: Vickey Kalambakal had the Sunday Salon, starting with the movie Casablanca in the Old Town Music Hall with 6 attendees. At dinner 2 more joined.
2. **ELAC:**
    - Lee: We are looking at a venue in Glendale for a possible trivia night.
  3. **Hi-Desert:**
    - Lancaster: We had three attendees for our event on the third Tuesday.
- C. Members-at-Large
1. **Elliott:**
    - In the July newsletter I had an announcement for Mensa members meeting for Michelin dining. I've gotten some responses and it looks like we will start in September.
  2. **Nolan:**
    - I went to the fourth Thursday gathering at Sizzler. It seems to be doing well.
- D. Committees and Coordinators
1. **Awards:**
    - J Elliott: We received and responded to a request during the month from a Board member wanting to know certain facts from our historical databases. We are always very happy to supply such information to any Mensa member upon request.
  2. **Bylaws:**
    - J Elliott: We are four months behind in updating our Motions Catalogs from recent Board Minutes. Still need to catch up with some more tasks around the house, and then do some work to update the Guidelines from recent submissions, and then next on list is to update the Motions Catalogs, then catch up on reading recent Newsletters and Bulletins, and only then can take the time to build a public webpage highlighting the biggest findings of our A2E SIG.
    - In general, even though have cut out most other Mensa responsibilities, and most Mensa social activities, as well as online chess and keyboard practice and church choir and numerous other personal activities, J Elliott still has more work to do than has time for. Therefore, looking forward to when we can get this Bylaws ballot process finalized, so that can finally retire from the Bylaws Chairmanship as well, after which either someone else is going to need to update the Motions Catalogs on an ongoing basis, or else the work must be left undone.
  3. **Gifted Youth:**
    - Walker: This last month, one of our new Gifted Youth Coordinators took a group to the San Pedro Nature Preserve.

Feedback from someone who attended was that it was “loaded with snails” at this point.

- Later this month there is a group going to the Petersen Automotive Museum. We will send out a blast to get more participation.

4. **Regional Gathering:**

- Walker: We will be having a lunch on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> to get new members on the committee, at the DoubleTree Hotel.
- I got a request from Billie for the hotel code so that people can register online, will follow up.
- Elliott: We are now at 48 registrations, 47 of them Early Bird.

5. **Scholarship:**

- Elliott: We need to send a check to the National office for \$2500.

6. **Social Media:**

- Mahoney: I finally got some stuff posted to Facebook this morning, and plan to post the remainder of this month and next as soon as possible.
- We need to create a StaRGazing 2020 event in Facebook to reach members.

7. **Special Events:**

- Walker: The three midweek Hollywood Bowl concerts are sold out. There is still a handful of tickets for the Saturday event.
- Blue Man Group is coming up on October 6. We have sold 20 of the 22 tickets I preregistered for.
- Miss Saigon is tomorrow night. We will have a dozen people.
- Frozen (January 19) and Hamilton (March or April, not yet scheduled) are upcoming.

8. **Testing:**

- Elliott: I was sick for the July testing, but Billie Lee was kind enough to step in for both sessions.

9. **Circulation:**

- Madsen: All is well. Newsletter went out on time. We have money in the USPS account.

10. **Data:**

- Madsen: All my reports went out to people. I have an item in to the National office because someone did not show up on those reports that I thought should have.

11. **L.A. Mentary:**

- Vickey Kalambakal, via email: All is well... except for the extraordinarily ill-timed (and unforeseeable) Garlic Festival cartoon on page 30. If anyone mentions this to you (someone wrote to me already, very nicely), please know that the newsletter had been printed and was already in the mail when the shooting occurred. If the Board feels that we should change the cartoon in the online version, I will ask Toni to do so. I await your request on that.

- Otherwise, I look forward to getting reports and letters about all our activities. I believe there was a children's trip to a nature preserve in San Pedro in July - would love to hear about that.

**12. MensaPhone:**

- Schneider: I've had some really funky calls. I'm thinking of writing them up for the L.A. Mentary.
- One real one was from a lady moving into the area, and I told her how to access the calendar.

**13. Open Forum:**

- Albert: I'm starting to do some research on speakers and venues. I'm thinking of focusing on Mensa's core mission.

**14. Webmaster:**

- Lee: I have an email in to the National office to redirect our old site to the new one.
- RG registration is up and working.
- The August calendar is up now.
- I have figured out a way to make event details and other sections of the website password protected.
- Please send me bios and pictures.
- Elliott: Area representatives please send welcome messages along with pictures of fun activities.

**III. Special Orders**

A. Filling of Vacant Board Positions

Greg Williamson nominated (Elliott) for Member-at-Large; approved 12/0/0.

**IV. Unfinished Business**

A. Review Status of Mensa Connect Preparation

Elliott: We have made the request to go live, but they still haven't turned us on yet.

B. Discussion Item Regarding Inviting the Public to the RG

Elliott: We do not agree with National that the ADA applies to our events. We attempt to make reasonable accommodations regardless, but do not want the potential liability involved, especially since we provide food vs the hotel doing it for us. We can continue the discussion for the 2021 RG, but we are already in the process for 2020.

Walker: we do want to publicize to potential members who would be taking the Mensa test at the RG.

Other issues raised included security and press.

**V. New Business**

A. Discussion Item Regarding Historian Position

Elliott: Most of the traditional “historian” role, such as keeping track of who served in what positions at what time, have been assumed by the Awards Committee, so it is unsure that we need an official Historian. We do need old documents to be digitized, but it’s almost a default function of the Webmaster to maintain those records once they are.

Elliott suggested adapting the position to include communicating with some of our members that had been around since the beginning of the chapter and moving forward to compile a narrative or an oral history. This would be separate from the archiving process which needs to be done.

**V. Closing**

- A. **Adjournment** -- Motion (Mahoney/Woo, 13/0/0) to adjourn approved at 12:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lee Stillman  
Secretary