

GLAAM Board of Directors

Official Minutes

September 7, 2019

Pilgrim Towers, 440 N. Madison Av., Pasadena

	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Members-at-Large</i>
Mid-City	[/] Vesper Burnett (11:07)	[/] Jordan Albert (11:07)	[O] Desiree Elliott
Coastal	[X] Alma Munro	[X] Madeline Walker	[X] Andrea Nolan
SFV	[/] Charlie Mahoney (11:09)	<i>vacant</i>	[O] Gene Schneider
ELAC	[/] Michael Wong (11:39)	[O] Billie Lee	[X] Sandra Smith
Hi-Desert	[X] Craig Lancaster	[X] Bruce Smith	[X] Lee Stillman
Inland Empire	[X] Wilbert Woo	<i>vacant</i>	[O] Greg Williamson

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

Guests: Jonathan Elliott, Vickey Kalambakal (11:42), Brian Madsen

I. Opening

- A. **Call to Order** -- by XVC S Smith at 11:00am.
- B. **Approval of Agenda** –Moved (Stillman/B Smith) to approve; carried 8/0/0.
- C. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – Moved (Walker/B Smith) to approve; carried 7/0/1.

II. Reports

A. Executive Officers

1. Chairman:

- Elliott, via email: I have not had a chance to add people to the various yahoo groups as there were questions about email addresses and work was kind of ridiculous but will try and get that done today sometime.
- We did go live with Mensa Connect and the original numbers were extremely low and then it looked like it was fully populated. I have asked for clarifications from the national office but none have been forthcoming. I will follow up with Billie to see how it is going, but they do not look very active yet.
- I am not seeing pictures and biographies on the website yet, so this is your reminder for all Board members to submit to Billie a headshot with a brief bio.
- ALSO—all area reps need to draft a “welcome” paragraph to use for their Area pages. Please try and get that done this month.
- Finally, we have another Copper Black winner in GLAAM and will be doing the presentation. Unfortunately, we were going to do the presentation at the Sunday Southbay Salon in October, but the

recipient just advised me this week that he had been invited to a conference in New Zealand for that date. Another date will need to be selected. I am working on that now.

- S Smith: The Amazon portal link seems to be missing from the website.
2. **XVC:**
 - S Smith: I'm doing this again.
 3. **Secretary:**
 - Stillman: I spent a few long nights this week and got the back Minutes from May of 2016 to the last approved Minutes from July stripped of watermarks and any changes recorded, converted to PDF, and I threw them up on the CCs list, and Billie supposedly has those up on the website.
 - Agendas are going to take a little bit longer, because they have frequent changes; about one every two or three months someone has things they want to talk about at the meeting and couldn't tell me before. I hope to have them up by the end of this month.
 - As a reminder, I have two more Board meetings that I will be at, and then I will be in the wind and putting California in my rear view mirror. So, you all are going to have to pick someone to take minutes and do all this stuff – be thinking about it.
 4. **Treasurer:**
 - B Smith: Our current balance is \$23,079.07 in the general checking account. Bills are being paid, and I'm on top of requests coming in.
 - I'm down to my last three checks, so I am going to spend about \$150 to order new checks.

B. Area Reports

1. **Coastal:**
 - Walker: We had 13 people for the Sunday Salon.
2. **Hi-Desert:**
 - Lancaster: I'm still not on the email lists so I don't get Agendas or Minutes.
 - I did get my picture and bio to Billie for the website; Gene is working on the welcome message.
 - B Smith: The third Tuesday Palmdale event had three attendees. This month I will be out of town but Craig has agreed to host.
3. **Inland Empire:**
 - Woo: We had six people for our event and a good time was had by all.

C. Members-at-Large

1. **Nolan:**
 - The fourth Thursday dinner at Sizzler is coming along nicely. We are now up to 12 people.
2. **Stillman:**

- Cate and I went to Pandemic in DC and had a wonderful time.

D. Committees and Coordinators

1. **Awards:**

- J Elliott: Finally got enough other items off my list that I was able to pick up where I had left off on updating our historical list of volunteer services arranged by function. Specifically, we have updated all sections through 5/2019, so we are now finally current in all databases. When the Board is ready, we should have a conversation about which exact positions should be historically listed in the History section of the GLAAM website.
- Also created draft of updated narrative for GLAAM history section which currently appears on AML website, and which may with some adjustment also be appropriate for the History section of the GLAAM website. Happy to post the draft to either the CC's list in Yahoogroups, or whatever equivalents may eventually be set up in Slack or Mensa Connect or other platforms.
- While performing the narrative update, looked around in various places to find the year when Harbor Area rejoined us. The effort including searching on the expression 'Harbor Area Mensa', which took me to the Region 9 website, which still has an entry for Harbor Area not showing any closure date, but yes showing a web address, which ended up linking to our GLAAM website.
- To give you an idea of how up-to-date the Regional website is, it still shows Greg Tomich as the GLAAM Treasurer.

2. **Bylaws:**

- J Elliott: Updated motions catalogs from Minutes of April Board meeting (which had all the big motions regarding Bylaws and Guidelines), and updated our Bylaws ballot with amendments approved in Apr meeting. Current draft of Bylaws ballot would take up 7 pages of the newsletter.
- The updates through April 30 of Motions Offered, Actions Taken, Unclassified ASIE's, and Guidelines have been sent to the Webmaster for posting in the Bylaws section. We are flex as to whether the Guidelines should be password-protected, but all the other documents definitely should be, because they contain people's names and certain historical decisions which we probably don't want broadcast to the general public.
- Also have updated motions catalogs from May, Jun, Jul, & Aug meetings. While updating from May, noticed that there must have been a misidentifier of a Board nomination. Specifically, the current version of the Minutes show that Albert nominated Burnett as Mid-City Secretary, and that Burnett nominated Albert as Mid-City Delegate. Both those statements can't be true, so -- while this does not invalidate either nomination -- we have included a note in the list of Motions Offered that the first nomination was not clearly

identified, so that the Secretary does not need to check his notes unless he happens to have time and feel like it.

- Reviewed suggestions offered by Desiree and Jerilyn to a certain Google Docs version of our Guidelines document. We find them all to be generally excellent. Looking at a couple of detail points. Planning to package all the amendments for approval at the October Board meeting.

3. **Finance:**

- J Elliott: Because a successor RG Treasurer had not yet been appointed, RG registrar Desiree requested in early August that I deposit the RG checks which she had received so far. When I did so, the ATM took some of the checks without registering them on the deposit slips. I therefore promptly initiated a deposit claim with Chase Bank, upon which they posted a temporary credit to our account pending investigation. We resolved the matter earlier this week, and confirmed by telephone that they had identified the exact number of checks and total amount which we had shown as missing from our record, so they posted a reduction to our account to restore the balance to what it would have been if the deposit had happened normally, so all is now well.

4. **Gifted Youth:**

- Walker: This last month we had a small group go to the Petersen Automotive Museum. We paid extra to go to the vault in the basement; some of the cars down there are truly amazing. Organizers for the event were Nick Garrity and his wife Azadeh Khatibi.
- Organizer for last month's Geolocation event was Wendy Price Rosenbaum.

5. **Regional Gathering:**

- Walker: We had the recruitment lunch on the 11th, and got three or four new volunteers.
- Next meeting is on Sunday, September 22 at Panera Bread in the Valley at 2:00.
- A number of people do not want to be full committee members, but want to take care of speaker recruitment.
- Elliott, via email: Following the last meeting, we made a deposit unfortunately, not all checks were recorded by the bank. Jonathan Elliott has been following up and should have an update at the meeting. I am dismayed it is taking this long to resolve—but the bank finally contacted us this last week and hopefully there is some positive progress.
- We have also received a few new registrations, including through the website, so that system seems to be working.
- Arrangements need to be made for new signers on the RG Account as soon as it can be scheduled. Only people with official Chapter or RG positions should be signers on the account. We need to

make sure that. Bruce, Madeline, Desiree, and possibly Jay Friedlander and/or Sandra Smith are given signature status for the RG Account.

- Please add to the agenda for today a motion to update the signers on the RG Account with those names and remove any others. We will need the Minutes to take to the bank to update the account records.
 - Walker: I am on the committee for Downey High School's 50th anniversary. I would like to borrow a projector and screen for the purpose. Motion (Albert/Woo) to allow Downey High School's 50th Anniversary Committee to use one projector and screen approved (11/0/0).
6. **Social Media:**
- Mahoney: I will try to get stuff posted to Facebook for this month by the end of this weekend.
7. **Special Events:**
- Walker: Andrea Winkler sent a report on how the Hollywood Bowl season went. She is bowing out as coordinator for next year, but has found Matt Stern as her replacement.
 - She suggests bringing down the Saturday commitment to 50 tickets, and eliminating the picnic beforehand.
 - Blue Man Group is coming up October 6. We have 28 attendees. Frozen & Hamilton – Frozen is January 19, and I will start advertising soon. Hamilton is not yet scheduled.
8. **Testing:**
- Elliott, via email: We had no test takers in August. We have been in communication with the facility people at Caltech and did receive a confirmation of room and reminder the day before. We were at the testing location in plenty of time and no set up issues...and nobody showed up. We did follow up with the scheduled test takers and they all had some sort of Conflict or problem and are rescheduling. We are still scheduled for Third Saturday this month.
9. **Circulation:**
- Madsen: Bruce and I talked about the USPS account, and we are good for now. I'll probably need to check with him next month.
10. **Data:**
- Madsen: I was missing people who had rejoined within the last year, so I updated my report generator to capture them.
 - There is one guy who has said he is a member from Japan and studying here at UCLA. The National office has been unable to contact Japan to verify.
11. **L.A. Mentary:**
- Vickey Kalambakal: Everything is fine. I look forward to getting some more reports.
12. **SIGs:**

- Madsen: Request that we schedule the 2020 Board meeting calendar at the next meeting.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Review Status of Mensa Connect Preparation

J Elliott expressed a desire to have somewhere to host the draft of our draft history so that not just the Board, but also experienced members have an opportunity to see and comment on it. Stillman suggested uploading it to the CCs list for safekeeping and then to Mensa Connect when that becomes available. Continued until next month.

V. New Business

A. Discussion Item Regarding Mensa Voucher Program

Elliott, via email: Please note that they have updated the Mensa Voucher Program this year and a single code will be used for an entire chapter. This is much easier to publicize as a way to encourage people to test, but remember that we do not get any money from the testing itself.

The idea behind the program is still supposed to be “word of mouth” individual contact.

Please take some time discussing any ideas for promoting this program to the members to encourage them to reach out to friends and family to test for membership.

I look forward to hearing what ideas you all come up with!

Stillman suggested that since it is still intended to be word-of-mouth, that we be liberal in distributing the code for our chapter to those in our daily lives that we think might qualify and be interested. Munro suggested that we post it to the Facebook group and in the newsletter, as apparently some people did not receive it (or it got caught in their spam filters).

B. Motion to Update Signers on RG Account

Moved (Stillman/Albert) that the signers on the RG Account be Bruce Smith, Desiree Elliott, and Madeline Walker, and that any names other than those three currently on the account be removed.

In discussing the motion, several members wanted to wait until an RG Treasurer is appointed, and add that name to the list.

Moved (S Smith, Mahoney) to postpone the vote until the next meeting; carried 8/3/1.

V. Closing

A. **Good of the Order** – Walker mentioned that Lou Lou Keay, who has been on many RG committees, suffered a minor stroke.

B. **Adjournment** -- Motion (Munro/Albert, 12/0/0) to adjourn approved at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Stillman
Secretary

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