

GLAAM Board of Directors
Agenda - Monthly Meeting
January 9, 2016 -- 11:00am
Pilgrim Towers, 440 N. Madison Av., Pasadena CA

- I. Opening
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Approval of Agenda
 - C. Approval of Previous Minutes

- II. Reports
 - A. Executive Officers
 - B. Area Reports
 - C. Members-at-Large
 - D. Committees and Coordinators [6 advance reports appearing below]

- III. Special Orders
 - A. Filling of Vacant Board Positions
 - 1. SFV Area Delegate
 - 2. IE Area Delegate

- IV. Unfinished Business
 - A. Progress on strategic goal of increasing member participation (D. Elliott)

AVC Schneider has pledged to include data on member participation in her regular reports. Originating member D. Elliott would still like to have Board time set aside to discuss what Board members are doing to engage the membership. Recent discussion included using newer survey platforms to help guide membership activities.
 - B. 2016 AG Party Bus for GLAAM Members (D. Elliott)

2016 the AG is in our backyard! Wouldn't it be fun and encourage even greater participation while serving our members if GLAAM were to arrange for a Party Bus and possible Caravan so that we could head to San Diego early and stop off in wine country for a tour in advance? Perhaps enjoy some real time sight seeing on the way down AND keep the party going as we come home on July 4th with additional stops and enjoyment along the way.

==> Discussion in November 2015 meeting produced the suggestion to encourage members to join the Confluence train trip to the AG, and then have the Party Bus for the trip back.
 - C. Community Service Project (D. Elliott)

Various logistical details discussed in the October 2015 meeting for initiating "Reach Out and Read" as a pilot program within GLAAM. Item left on the Agenda in case any further developments require the Board's attention.

- V. New Business
 - A. Errors in newsletter reports (Bylaws Committee)

Question came to the ByCom on the general process to be followed when a mandated newsletter report is found to contain one or more errors. Part of the problem is that it is not always universally clear that an error actually exists, and we do not want to hold up a report while we wait for the Board to meet about it. We therefore feel it best to allow the report to be printed, and then the Board can meet on it afterward if desired, and then we can print a correction/retraction if so

agreed. In order to prevent this question from having to be addressed again, we propose that the following language be adopted as new Paragraph II-J of the Editorial Guidelines:

"If it has been asserted prior to publication that a given report submitted by a GLAAM officer contains one or more factual errors, then the Editor shall address the matter as thoroughly as practical within existing schedule constraints, using any informal means or efforts available, including by recruiting any help from Board members if needed, and then if necessary shall decide whether the report shall be published in its original form or in an amended form (or not at all, if the report is not required under these Editorial Guidelines). If it is asserted after publication that a given report contained one or more factual errors, then the matter shall be referred to the GLAAM Board for adjudication, and the Editor shall publish in the next available issue an appropriate correction/retraction if the Board so decides."

B. Receipt options for local newsletters (Bylaws Committee)

We switched from default-paper to default-electronic around April 2011, because the AMC had approved that change at the national level, even though it had not yet updated the Minimum Standard Bylaws, which are officially deemed to supersede any conflicting provisions in local group bylaws. Because of this latter fact, we were not sure at the time what action should be taken regarding Section XI-B of the current GLAAM Bylaws, which provision specifically calls for default-paper. ByCom has been considering what specific action (if any) should now be taken to address this discrepancy, and has agreed to propose Circulation Manager Madsen's recommendation to drop Section XI-B entirely.

C. Removal of previous newsletter title (Bylaws Committee)

Even though we previously cleaned out a lot of references in our various governing documents to the old newsletter title which we officially jettisoned back in November 1998 (does it seem like 17+ years?), the old name yet appears in a lot of other places. The ByCom has considered whether this matter requires a separate Action Taken, and now recommends to the Board to take no action, other than to implicitly allow the Secretary to update all non-Bylaw documents as indicated.

D. Arbitration function of Ombudsman role (Bylaws Committee)

Section VIII-C of the GLAAM Bylaws provides that the Ombudsman shall have primary responsibility to mediate disputes within GLAAM, and to arbitrate disputes within or among other local groups as needed. National Ombudsman Dave Cahn has suggested that we divide these two functions into separate positions, because we presumably cannot depend on one individual possessing both the necessary skill sets. The ByCom has considered Dave's recommendation, and now recommends to the Board to take no action, because the instances of arbitration outside our chapter are expected to be far too rare to be worth the creation of an additional position, and because in such instances the parties will have other candidates to consider if the then-current GLAAM Ombudsman is perceived for some reason to be unsuitable to treat the matter at hand.

VI. Closing

A. Good of the Order

B. Adjournment

Advance reports:

Coastal Delegate - The Sunday Salon run by Vickey Kalambakal at the North Italia restaurant in El Segundo had 18 people attend.

Gifted Youth - Still waiting for AG Youth Program to be made available. The last I heard, Jamie Uphold, the new national GYC, sent a plan to her boss, who would review it and send it to the Mensa Foundation for review.

Open Forum - January 22: we have been offered a venue as follows:

<Colette.Hebert@cnb.com> wrote:

I work at the corner of Wilshire and Roxbury in Beverly Hills, at City National Bank. Most of our conference rooms would hold only 15 or 20 comfortably. If that might work, let me know. I was worried space might be too small. We could arrange for parking if attendees RSVP.

She has further suggested as follows, and I asked her to please look into it (although I'm afraid it's too much to hope for)

This is a non-profit org, right? Another option where there is undoubtedly larger space (and w/a great curiosity factor if people haven't been) would be the Wallis-Annenberg entertainment complex in Beverly Hills (the old Post Office). If you want me to, I can check into availability. Finally, if you ever need a place for meetings downtown, we have much larger meeting spaces available at the City National Plaza at 555 Flower Street.

Regional Gathering - Web page is looking great. Added Events, most Speaker information, and Welcome Letter. We have a wonderful committee - they are helping in so many of the decisions, and will be terrific at the RG. We have our last meeting on January 23, 1:30, and will probably have a trip to the hotel for the few who want to see it before the RG.

SIGHT - Still expecting the visitor from Oregon in Feb.

Special Events - Brian can discuss Hollywood Bowl coordinator.

April 3 will be the All-GLAAM-Area Movie day for My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2, even though I have not had time to check with everyone.

April 16 will be GLAAM Picnic.