

GLAAM Board of Directors
Agenda - Monthly Meeting
February 6, 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 [3 advance reports appears below]

- III. Special Orders
 - A. Filling of Vacant Board Positions
 - 1. SFV Area Delegate
 - 2. IE Area Delegate
 - B. Funding and possible scheduling for Hollywood Bowl 2016

- 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, but most recent report was that we are waiting on some further action by national.

- V. New Business
 - A. Approval of ABM Minutes (Bylaws Committee)
 - We previously were reluctant to publish the Minutes of any Annual Business Meeting to the membership until after they had once been duly approved, which can legitimately happen only at a subsequent Annual Business Meeting, and we didn't any longer want to wait more than a year for the members to see the Minutes. In recent years, we therefore have experimented with the

practice of publishing a draft of the Minutes directly after the ABM, with a prominent notice that it is only a draft. That way, attendees could suggest corrections to the document while their memory was still fresh, and non-attendees could get a fairly timely report of whatever was discussed and acted upon. That experiment appears to have worked very nicely, and the Bylaws Committee is now proposing that we codify it permanently by adopting the following text as a new Standing Rule:

"In order to allow the Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting to be shared with the GLAAM Membership on a timely basis, and to encourage corrections to be suggested while recollection of the Meeting is still relatively fresh in the minds of the attendees, the Secretary shall arrange with the Editor to publish a draft of the Minutes in the earliest available issue of the Newsletter after the Annual Business Meeting has taken place, and with the Webmaster to post the draft of the Minutes on the Website at earliest practical opportunity. In both cases, there shall be a prominent statement to the effect that the posting is only a draft, and that it has not yet been approved by the GLAAM Membership. The Secretary shall then collect any correction suggestions which may be submitted, and arrange (including by working with a successor Secretary, if applicable) to have them incorporated as appropriate into a new Minutes draft which must then be offered for approval by the voting GLAAM Membership at the next Annual Business Meeting. The approved version will then be posted on the Website at earliest practical opportunity."

We concurrently propose "that this new Standing Rule be referenced as applicable in the next update of the Secretary's Guidelines".

B. Circulation of draft Board Minutes (Bylaws Committee)

Back when we were doing it by postal mail, drafts of Board Minutes were sent only to Board members, in order to mitigate postage expense. When we began to create electronic communication lists for the Board and for other officers, certain Secretaries still followed the previous habit of circulating the draft Minutes only to the list for Board members. We have subsequently modified that practice, and now routinely post the draft Minutes to the CC's list instead of the BoD list. This allows non-Board attendees to participate in the correction process, and it gives non-attendees within the set of active volunteers a chance to get an advance look on what's currently going on. The practice seems to be working nicely, and we now propose that we codify it permanently by requiring the following language to be incorporated within the next update of the Secretary's Guidelines:

"When publishing draft Minutes for review to the Board of Directors, the Secretary should also send a copy to any elist or listserv of GLAAM appointed officers, including the various Committee Chairs and Coordinators, partly so that any other attendee will be in a position to offer corrections as may be applicable, and also so that the most active volunteers of GLAAM can receive an early report of everything which was said and done."

C. Attendance at Board meetings (Bylaws Committee)

This item seeks to permanently resolve what we have come to call "the Doug question". Calendar entries for the monthly Board meetings stated for many years that the meetings could be attended only by current dues-paid Mensa members, but we recently researched our catalog of Actions Taken, and found no motion passed at any time to formally establish such a requirement. In that we have collectively decided that we like to allow Doug Walker and other spouses and other friendly guests to sit in the room during the meeting instead of waiting in the car or something, we are proposing a new Standing Rule which amplifies Paragraph XIII-C-6 of the GLAAM Bylaws (allowing all Mensa members to attend all Board meetings) without contradicting it.

However, in order to be able to disallow press people and other 'unfriendly' persons from attending without our consent, we are also proposing that the Standing Rule include reservation by

the Board of the right to dismiss any non-Mensan from the room whom it doesn't like or doesn't trust. Following is the specific proposed language:

"GLAAM Board meetings shall generally be open to all Mensa members and their invited guests. However, the Board of Directors reserves the right to excuse any non-Mensan from attending, for which excusal a simple majority of Board members present and voting shall be sufficient."

D. Recording devices at Board meetings (Bylaws Committee)

The Bylaws Committee still had this as a pending item on our 'laundry list', but it turns out that it has already been settled by the Board in October 2012. Here is the text of the motion which was passed on that occasion:

"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."

Unless for any reason the current Board wishes to reconsider this action, which we are not anticipating, we are recommending that this item be considered as 'finished business', with no further action to be taken.

E. Area review (D. Elliott)

Quick review of boundaries, population, activities, and possibilities for change now that we are more than two years from the annexation of IE area and almost two years from annexation of HAM

F. Request to reconsider previous Board action regarding newsletter titles (Walker)

G. Storage space (Walker)

H. Open Forum budget (Ross)

VI. Closing

A. Good of the Order

B. Adjournment

Mid-City:

We're making the Korean movie night/downtown dinner a regular event on the second Saturday of each month. We had seven attendees at our January movie night, including someone new to GLAAM

SIGHT:

Still expecting our visitor from Oregon later this month.

I also got a request from a young medical student from Germany for housing for three weeks starting mid-April while she's here for an internship. I had to tell her that I couldn't accommodate anyone for that long a period of time, and gave her some hotel/hostel suggestions. She's also interested in attending some of our events on weekends, so I'll be sharing our calendar and you might be seeing her/us there.

Webmaster:

Andrew added a new "Photos" tab to the GLAAM website. Right now that tab includes Jonathan's Rose Parade photos and a couple photos from Mid-City events, per a previous board meeting discussion.