Minutes

Regular Meeting of

Greater Los Angeles Area Mensa

Board of Directors

9 July, 2011 – 11:00 a.m.

Pilgrim Towers

440 Madison Avenue

Pasadena, California

1. Opening
2. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Sagray, with members, Elliott, Lindenblatt, Schneider, Smith, Talkov, M. Wilson, and Wong present. Smith acted as secretary. Hanne, Wong, and A. Wilson came late. Klein, Walker, and Burnett had excused absences. Guests were Kate Harlan, Mirk Mirkin, Henry Rowland, Douglas Walker, Jennifer Carter, and Keith Sagray.

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda, Schneider/Elliott. Carried 5-1-2.

1. New Business
2. Awards Committee Proposal

The proposal and the Formal Motion were available to Board Members for review before the meeting. Elliott made an Incidental motion on behalf of the Awards Committee (therefore not requiring a second) to vote by roll call. He explained that only those who had voted on the Formal Motion could, in the future, move to reconsider the subject. Incidental motion carried 6-1-2.

Roll Call Vote

Sagray In Favor Smith In Favor

Burnett Absent Talkov Abstain

Elliott In Favor Walker Absent

Lindenblatt In Favor A. Wilson Absent

Hanne In Favor M. Wilson Opposed

Klein Absent Wong In Favor

Schneider In Favor

Main motion carried 7-1-1.

1. 2011-2012 FY Proposed Budget

Discussion:

Reduce anticipated income from Amazon by half due to Amazon’s cancelation of partner relations in California.

Hi-Desert Area budgets $840 for their newsletter.

East Los Angeles County Area budgets $395 for parties.

Mid City Area proposes $400 budget for parties and parking.

 Good idea if the parties are planned and expenditures are close to budget.

Budget includes $275 for Culture Quest.

GLAAM Board of Directors budgets $265 in miscellaneous for Post Office Box.

Motion to adoption of the Proposed Budget Elliott/Schneider 8-1-1.

III Special Orders

1. Ombudsman Report

Our Ombudsman, Keith Sagray, presented the results of his investigation into the matter of establishing a member’s residency for the purpose of representing a specific area of GLAAM. He found that the GLAAM bylaws do not define residency. He looked at definitions used by the school districts and State codes. One of the criteria is that an individual who leaves one residence is responsible for establishing a new residence. If a new residence is not established there is no de facto change in residence. Therefore there is no change in a member’s eligibility to serve a specific area of GLAAM.

Keith Sagray recommended that the Board of Directors define residency for the purpose of representing a specific area of GLAAM. He also recommended that the Board define where the burden-of-proof in defining residency lies and suggested that the Election Coordinator confirm a candidate’s eligibility to serve.

1. Appointment of Vacant of Board Positions

No appointments were made to the vacant Hi-Desert positions.

1. Appointment of Vacant Chairs/Coordinators

Appoint Hanne to Membership Outreach. No objections

1. New Business Continued
2. 2016 AG

There is an opportunity to work with San Diego Mensa in putting on the 2016 AG. Areas of to be worked out include how will tasks be allocated, will there be costs to GLAAM and who will get the credit for sponsoring the Gathering. An informal vote of consensus carried 7-1-0.

1. Special Events Committee

Motion I: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. Elliott/Lindenblatt, carried 5-1-2.

Motion II: To appoint Madeline Walker as Special Events Committee Chair. Sagray/Hanne, carried 6-1-1.

1. 50th Anniversary Committee

In 2012 GLAAM will celebrate 50 years of existence. We are the first American Mensa local group organized after the New York chapter was founded as “American Mensa” in 1960.

Motion: To create a 50th Anniversary Committee. The charge of this committee is to come up with ways and methods to celebrate our 50 years of existence and present proposals to the GLAAM Board of Directors so that action may be taken to fully celebrate and mark this milestone of GLAAM. Sagray/?. Carried 6-1-1

1. Unfinished Business
2. Lapsed Member Mailing

Sagray reported that the lists are available sorted by area. People who renew their membership before August 1 will be included in the Roster.

1. Opening Continued
2. Approval of Previous Minutes - May and June 2011

No report on approval of May and June Minutes.

1. Reports
2. Executive Officers: LocSec: The Leadership Development Work shop was completed on June 23, 2011. The budget for this event was lower than anticipated. The final budget figures will be reported after contact with the National Office.

Jennifer Venola resigned as Board member and Secretary. We are seeking her replacement as Secretary as well as a candidate to represent the Hi-Desert Area on the Board.

All of our officers have been updated with the National Office.

Two Culture Quest teams from GLAAM scored in the Top 20. Congratulations to Tumblin’ Tumbleweeds and GLAAMarama.

Report from the Annual Business Meeting in Portland. This is the 40thanniversary of MERF. Mensa had a “flat” growth last year. Effort is being made to reach out through social media and testing to increase numbers.

Executive Vice-Chair: No Report

Administrative Vice-Chair: No Report

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: We have closed the books for fiscal year 2010-2011 and are ready to move on to tax preparation.

1. Area Reports: Mid City Area: No report

Coastal Area: Absent

San Fernando Valley Area: No report

East Los Angeles County Area: No report

Hi-Desert Area: No representative

1. Members-at-Large

Elliott: Excused to attend Dodger game

Hanne: Has been active on several fronts

Sagray: Had a wonderful time at the Annual Gathering. Actually had a rare chance to attend presentations.

Schneider: Reported on the Leadership Development Workshop.

A Wilson: Reported on feedback from the AG.

1. Standing Committees: Awards: We are re-establishing the Awards Program.

Elections: No report

Finance: No report

Gifted Youth: Chair is still looking for replacement.

Testing: No report

Regional Gathering 2012: Recommended that we focus on the 50th anniversary. (To be known as the Quinquagenary Anniversary.

Scholarship: The success of the Culture Quest teams meant more money for our Scholarship Fund.

1. Coordinators: Data Officer, Roster, Special Interest Groups, Web Master: Absent but submitted report. The website no longer links to Amazon.com because of Amazon’s response to recently enacted California laws.

The roster in the September issue of the newsletter will be based on data available at the start of August. Make any desired changes now.

SIGs: GLAD, the Gay SIG Potluck has returned. Mid-City Dining has been removed. A new Young Ms event is scheduled every fourth Friday.

Mensa Phone: The phone is working correctly.

1. Closing
2. Good of the Order

Reminder to allow for the traffic consequences of closing the 405 freeway on July 16 and 17.

1. Adjournment

Moved Hanne/ ?.Carried 7-1-0. Meeting adjourned ?.

Respectfully submitted

Sandra Smith