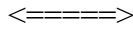


**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**of the**  
**GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA MENSA**  
**BOARD of DIRECTORS**  
**Regular Meeting – December 4, 2010**



- I. Opening
  - A. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 11:00am by ELLIOTT at Pilgrim Towers, 440 North Madison Avenue, Pasadena, with members ELLIOTT, FLEMING, LINDENBLATT, ROBINETT, and VENOLA present. Members BURNETT, SMITH, WALKER, and WONG arrived during the meeting. Brian Madsen and Douglas Walker were guests. The Chair also noted that HANNE has an excused absence for this day.
  - B. Approval of Agenda

Motion (VENOLA/LINDENBLATT) for approval of the latest version of the Agenda; carried without objection.
  - C. Approval of Previous Minutes

November Minutes: Motion to approve as submitted (VENOLA/ROBINETT) carried without objection.
- II. Reports
  - A. Executive Officers

XVC – Contacted Jonathan Carr, Gene Schneider about handbooks in their possible possession. Gene Schneider thinks she had given hers to Nikki Frey. ELLIOTT has the handbook from Jonathan Carr.  
Secretary – Will be trying to have the GLAAM archives place in the self-storage unit. It is believed that these consist of four or five banker's boxes. The Secretary will be contacting Kai-An Yu to attempt to retrieve them.
  - B. Area Reports

MID-CITY – Had Third-Thursday Thrill at Big Wangs with only FLEMING and LINDENBLATT attending. A new venue is being sought due to the noise level being too high at Big Wang's.  
HI-DESERT – Christmas party in Mojave planned for 12/12; Barbara Bransford will provide turkey. First of the Month was very well attended and the next will be at VENOLA's house with a potluck brunch on 1/1. Information on the Death Valley Excursion was published in the December L.A. Mentary.
  - C. Members-at-Large

No reports as Members-at-Large

D. Standing Committees

AWARDS – The proposal for awards will be presented at the January meeting.

FINANCE – ELLIOTT 1. A quality review of the financial reports needs to be done. 2. Errors have been found in the 08/09 and 09/10 reports and they will be corrected. 3. Brian Madsen did an exemplary job with the RG books. It is a model of how it should be done. 4. The committee needs the rest of the financial information from High Desert. 5. SAGRAY has identified a perspective accountant but they have not spoken yet.

GIFTED YOUTH – Wants to throw event at a place where the parents don't have to worry about the kids. The California Science Center has been selected. Parents don't have to be members of Mensa to run events.

RG – They have more speakers than they need with all speakers slots filled and more volunteering. Brian Madsen added that the meeting will be at Danila Oder's home.

E. Coordinators

DATA OFFICER – as submitted and has received minutes for August, September and October 2010.

OPEN FORUM – “Still working on it.” It will probably start in the first quarter of 2011. Plan B is to have it at a bookstore in Santa Monica that is known for its great speakers.

ROSTER – Submitted written report.

PR – Has no direction on what to do with game show requests.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Discussion of Replacement Officer Handbooks.

After a short discussion a motion was made to replace the five missing books rather than try to contact people who may have the books.  
(VENOLA/ROBINETT) passed without objection

V. New Business

A. Discussion of timely bill payment.

SMITH is working on getting online access to the bank and its bill payment web page. The bank has statements going back three years. ELLIOTT will be looking at the check book to keep duplicate information.

B. High Desert Fund request

The High Desert has stated it needs \$600 a year for the newsletter. ROBINETT stated that despite her efforts to send e-mail blasts and place articles and calendar items in the L.A. Mentary, the High Desert people seem to have gotten out of the habit of looking for events relevant to the area in the newsletter. Going without

the Desert Area Mensa Newsletter has not worked. Others agreed. The funds were not budgeted in the last budget. ELLIOTT would like to see what the High Desert has been spending the money on. ROBINETT will obtain financial records from the High Desert Treasurer, Sarah Hamel. This request will be carried over to the next meeting.

- C. Discussion of Game and Reality show requests.  
BURNETT had received a request from a game show for casting interested Mensa members. ROBINETT pointed out that an organization she belongs to had warned its members about a particular reality show known for depicting subculture groups in a bad light. Game shows seem to treat their contestants with more respect. ELLIOTT stated that he had known Mensa members who benefited from participating in game shows by winning large sums of money. BURNETT offered, due to her knowledge of the entertainment industry that she could vet the requests. ELLIOTT suggested checking with Mensa National about the subject. WALKER pointed out that this subject could be unique to our area. BURNETT will check with National and see if there is any policy in this regard. ELLIOTT suggested that future requests for casting be passed through GLAAM Public Relations even if the person does not happen to have special expertise in this field. This discussion will be carried over to the next meeting.

## VI. Closing

- A. Good of the Order  
VENOLA requested that the RG committee check into whether the hotel will allow people to park and stay in RVs on the hotel parking lot.
- B. Adjournment  
Motion (VENOLA/BURNETT) to adjourn carried without objection at 11:55am.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Robinett  
Secretary