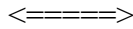


OFFICIAL MINUTES
of the
GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA MENSA
BOARD of DIRECTORS
Regular Meeting – March 5, 2011



I. Opening

A. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 11:00am by SAGRAY at Pilgrim Towers, 440 North Madison Avenue, Pasadena, with members LINDENBLATT, ROBINETT, SMITH, VENOLA and WALKER present. Members ELLIOTT, HANNE, and WILSON, arrived during the meeting. WONG arrived minutes before adjournment.

B. Approval of Agenda

Motion (VENOLA/WALKER) for approval of Agenda with thee addition of V:B Discussion of Mensa Phone (HANNE and V:C Discussion of D&O insurance carried 7-0-0.

C. Approval of Previous Minutes

December 2010 Minutes: Motion to approve previously approved minutes with corrections (ROBINETT/LINDENBLATT) 7-0-0. Approve January 2011 minutes as corrected (LINDENBLATT/HANNE) 8-0-0. Approve February 2011 minutes as corrected (ROBINETT/SMITH) 8-0-0. Preliminary Approval of the minutes for the Annual Meeting held February 21, 2011 with corrections pending final approval at the Annual Meeting in 2012. (SAGRAY/ELLIOTT) 9-0-0. The following amendment was moved by (ELLIOTT/WALKER) to change both GLAAM Board members' names and guest names to the same format. Failed 3-3-3.

II. Reports

A. Executive Officers

CHAIRMAN – Hollywood Bowl Tickets have been purchased; one Saturday concert and three midweek concerts. The money donated by three board members to fund a fourth concert has been refunded due to the inability to reserve tickets for it. There were excellent communications with the members informing them of a preview for the movie “Limitless” on February the 24th. There were 90 reservations with 70 showing up. The movie also will be shown for the Mensans in the New York and metro Washington DC areas. Region 9’s scholarship needs readers for 75 entries. For testing in March the group will be paid double for any

tests taken. There has been discussion at the National level that money for members who join late should be given to the local group.

XVC – A member contacted ELLIOTT who is moving to GLAAM from Chicago and has shown a lot of interest. The by-laws for Culture Quest allow guests other than the team or the alternates to attend and observe but not participate.

SECRETARY – Handbooks are available for distribution. Gave Member-at-large handbook to HANNE.

TREASURER – Clarified that bank statements should be presented to the LOCSEC. ELLIOTT has obtained on-line access to the account and future statements. The postal payment is a challenge and ELLIOTT is looking for electronic alternatives. The Third Quarter statements were presented to the board. ELLIOTT clarified that the Guidelines for the Treasurer J. refers to a monthly statement of line items by account not by transaction.

B. Area Reports

HI-DESERT – First of the Month was well attended. The Death Valley Excursion event has been canceled due to lack of interest. VENOLA is hosting her annual Cinco de Mayo event.

C. Members-at-Large

SAGRAY – The Hollywood Bowl concerts are as follows: A Night at the Moulin Rouge (with fireworks) – Saturday September 17th, Bell and the Four Seasons – Tuesday August 9th, Pearlman conducts Beethoven – Tuesday September 6th, Beethoven, Hayden, Handel and Rossini (with fireworks) – Thursday September 15th.

WALKER – found her handbook.

ELLIOTT – has approached 4 of the GLAAMama Culture Quest team to see if they are interested in participating this year.

D. Standing Committees

AWARDS – ELLIOTT reported that he has postponed work due to his work on the Finance Committee.

ELECTIONS – Jay Friedlander submitted the election report to the LA Mentary, and the GLAAM CCs group. There are no contested elections this year with all the seats except Mid-City Delegate, San Fernando Valley Secretary, East Los Angeles Delegate and High-Desert Secretary.

FINANCE – ELLIOTT reported that information that the accountant has requested for the 2009-2010 taxes has been provided. Clark Jones complemented us on our strategy of budgeting for a gradual decrease of our reserves to two years of obligatory expenses so our annual losses are within reason. The RG expenses and income has been broken out thanks to the Jared- like diligence of Brian Madsen. SAGRAY noted we have more than two years of reserves.

GIFTED YOUTH – WALKER reported that the RG “kids track” was very successful. A 12 year old who was attending our events has joined Mensa and is applying for permission to take Community College level courses. Interested

parents have contacted WALKER about good areas to live in and schools. She has referred such questions to her e-list with good results. There is a TV show opportunity for the show “Destroy, Build, Destroy” for bright teenagers. She issues these invitations with a disclaimer that the show is not connected with Mensa and that the cast members do not represent Mensa.

MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH – HANNE needs labels. SAGRAY reported that she has them.

PROCTORED TESTING – Groups will get double the normal payment for March testing. Testing is down nationally. Our proctor, Dave Felt produces the highest numbers in the nation.

REGIONAL GATHERING – Thanks to the committee. Ed You found the location for the RG and was not properly thanked at the RG. There were 132 attendees with about 40 speakers and guests adding up to 172 persons attending. There was a \$3,000 loss. \$12,000 is hotel expenses, taxes, parking for speakers and a hotel room for the hospitality volunteers. Income was \$11,000. Alternate locations have been researched and are more expensive than the Marriot. The RG needs committee members and more volunteers.

SCHOLARSHIP – SAGRAY reported that about 38 essays were received with 30 qualifying and evaluated.

E. Coordinators

OMBUDSMAN – SAGRAY reported that Keith Sagray is working off the coast of the African nation of the Ivory Coast and possibly will not be able to continue as ombudsman due to his working overseas.

SINGLES – SAGRAY reported that the Singles event at the RG was well attended and generated a list of interested singles.

NEWSLETTER – The Post Office is going to establish different rates and schedules but this has been postponed.

IV. Unfinished Business

- A. WILSON is seeking advice on the logistics of running the By-laws Committee. She needs a form to keep track of changes. She will create a Yahoo list or use an existing list. She reported that Skype has a conference call feature that is paid for only by the person with the conference account. She is willing to pay for this. Others said they did not do Skype. ELLIOTT shared that By-laws meetings were held at a near-by bakery before the GLAAM Board meeting. ELLIOTT also stated that they did not use forms.

V. New Business

- A. SAGRAY reported that the GLAAM mail box was closed due to missing payments but wants to establish one either in Mid-City convenient to LINDENBLATT’s location or Pasadena close to the meeting place. LINDENBLATT will research mail box providers in his area. ELLIOTT will research the Pasadena area.

- B. HANNE doesn't know when it was disconnected and will contact the company.
- C. SAGRAY will contact the insurance company about the D&O insurance. The bill was missed due to the closing of the mail box.

VI. Closing

A. Good of the Order

HANNE obtained a replacement cable for the projector that was not working at the RG. She also wrote up the RG session that the Planetary Society did for the RG and it will be published in their national newsletter.

B. Adjournment

Motion (ELLIOTT/WALKER) to adjourn carried 10-0-0 at 12:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Robinett
Secretary