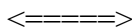


OFFICIAL MINUTES
of the
GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA MENSA
BOARD of DIRECTORS
Regular Meeting – June 5, 2010



I. Opening

A. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 11:14am by SAGRAY at Pilgrim Towers, 440 North Madison Avenue, Pasadena, with members BURNETT, ELLIOTT, FLEMING, LINDENBLATT, SMITH, and WILSON present. Members WALKER, WONG, and YU arrived during the meeting, along with guests Ron Talkov and Danila Oder. The Chair noted that the meeting was gaveled late for the absence of a quorum, and that she was grateful to BURNETT, FLEMING, and WILSON for arriving when they did.

B. Approval of Agenda

The Chair reported that Secretary ROBINETT had posted a draft agenda, but that the Chair didn't see it, so she created her own draft, and distributed copies at this time. ELLIOTT suggested marking the upper-right corner of all copies with the letters "DS", in order to distinguish them from any other version. SAGRAY asked to add "Discussion of storage unit" as item IV-A. Moved (SAGRAY/SMITH) to approve SAGRAY's Agenda as amended; carried 7-0.

C. Approval of Previous Minutes

SAGRAY brought copies of the draft Minutes for May 2010, and listed several corrections to be made, as follows:

- To correct the listed date from February 6 to May 1;
- To add TAYLOR and MADSEN as having arrived during the meeting;
- To note that attachments were pending on SAGRAY's and TAYLOR's Executive Officer reports;
- To replace "BURNETT" with "Vacant" in Section III-E, since the appointment had not been made at that time;
- To reconstruct Section III-F to show that the motions in the first paragraph were to add the indicated items to the Agenda, and that the actual action items were in the second paragraph;
- To add the first names of SAGRAY, SMITH, and ROBINETT to the bank account motion, along with the ending phrase "as of May 1, 2010";
- To correct Jay's last name to "O'Balles" in Section III-F;
- To replace "Jean" with "Gene" in Section III-F;
- To add " O'Balles" after the second "Jay" in Section III-F;
- To replace the phrase after "removed" in Section III-F with "from the bank account as of May 1, 2010, and Bill Taylor removed as of 1st Saturday in June 2010";
- To add " to SMITH" after "turned over" in Section III-G;
- To replace "bought" with "did not buy" in Section III-G;
- To insert "federal taxes " between "filed" and "in Dec" in Section III-G;
- To replace "Sent us a bill for \$1300 plus. They" in Section III-G with "IRS has recently sent us a bill for \$1300 plus because they";

To replace “We got another extension. To July. Working to find copy of extension.” in Section III-G with “TAYLOR instructed Moses to find copy of our filed extension, and communicate with the IRS to address fine that we have been assessed.”;

To add “presented to SMITH” after “draft of instructions” in Section III-G;

To delete “Old records in car. ” from Section III-G;

To replace “Jay” with “O’Balles” in Section III-G;

To replace “book” with “Board Members Handbook” in Section III-G;

To replace “treasures” with “treasurer’s” in Section III-G;

To replace “put an income amount with RG” with “add \$4000 to RG income line on treasurer’s report” in Section III-G;

To add “SFV ” in front of “Delegate” in SFV report;

To replace “Kookooroos” with “Koo-Koo-Roo’s” in Good of the Order; and,

To replace “Soup Plantation” with “Souplantation” in Good of the Order.

ELLIOTT also asked that “ELIOT/ELLIOT” with one T be replaced with “ELLIOTT” with two T’s wherever it appears, and that the Treasurer’s report be segmented into one separate paragraph. Moved (ELLIOTT/LINDENBLATT) to approve the May 2010 Minutes as corrected; carried 7-1. ELLIOTT noted a correction needing to be made in the March Minutes, but the Chair noted that we can’t take it up without a hard copy in front of us.

II. Reports

A. Executive Officers

CHAIRMAN – Advised national of incoming officers, but too late for a couple of monthly distributions; should be OK for July. Webmaster Madsen was nominated for several PRP awards in the website category; the Chair offered congratulations at this time, and noted that we would know the results at the awards luncheon at the AG. We are in the voting period for the national Ombudsman; GLAAM Ombudsman Keith Sagray is one of the 4 candidates, a 5th having resigned.

B. Area Reports

MID-CITY – Had Third Thursday Thrill, with a couple of other people joining; interesting event, played some pool.

ELAC – Alan Stillson moved Valley Writers to Tuesday, so going back to two Wednesday dinners per month. Also adding 4th-Friday dinner on 5-Friday months.

C. Members-at-Large

WALKER – Still planning on getting tickets for “Hair”.

ELLIOTT – Needs a Board Members Handbook. Film SIG coming up this evening, with “His Girl Friday” being present for a possible selection.

D. Standing Committees

AWARDS – Hoping to have Board proposal ready within next 2-3 months.

DATA OFFICER – Submitted.

FINANCE – Sent out some invitations; Brian Madsen and Sandra Smith have accepted and are now members of the Committee.

GIFTED YOUTH – Planning to set up sub-group for ages 5-8.

RG – A new Committee member will help with web presence and registration. Hotel delayed getting executed contract back to us, and taking our deposit, but “all is well”, since SAGRAY talked to them on the phone, and they are executing the contract and taking the deposit.

GIFTED YOUTH (continued) – WALKER is working with BURNETT on games for kids.

SCHOLARSHIP – SAGRAY received an invitation to attend the MERF reception at the AG, when the winners will be announced. We apparently paid for scholarships twice, including additional payment in May, instead of just once in August; SAGRAY will work with MERF people to find out why.

RVC – SAGRAY reported that he issued a “lovely” report in the national *Bulletin*, including nice mentions of GLAAM.

PR – Is in brainstorming phase, and has a lot of good ideas. Guidelines have only one short sentence for PR, so could use some more guidance.

SIGs – Submitted.

WEBMASTER – Submitted.

NEWSLETTER LIAISON – Ran with erroneous Treasurer’s report, showing \$7800 loss instead of actual \$3803; hoping that corrected report will appear in July issue.

III. Special Orders

No nominees available for appointment at this time.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Discussion of storage unit

SAGRAY and MADSEN will speak further on this.

V. New Business

A. Board Meeting Location

SAGRAY is fine staying here for now. ELLIOTT would like to stay here indefinitely, both for consistency and for proximity to other events happening that day. LINDENBLATT would like more central location; SAGRAY encouraged LINDENBLATT to look for a suitable location to suggest for the Board’s consideration. FLEMING noted “tenuous relationship” with staff here since the original contact passed away. SAGRAY encouraged everyone to research locations who has any interest in meeting elsewhere.

B. Budget

SAGRAY referred to printout on p.8 of 6/10 *L.A. Mentary*; complimented Board for very accurate revenue projection. SAGRAY would like to plan to approve budget at August Board meeting. SAGRAY would like to look at Area funds, since ELAC is the only Area that uses its fund, and the Hi-Desert newsletter cost is covered under a separate subsidy. ELLIOTT encouraged anyone with additional ideas to contact him as Chair of the Finance Committee.

C. Reimbursement for May 22nd Picnic Expenses

Moved (SAGRAY/ELLIOTT) to reimburse Bryan K. Willis \$201.49 for expenses at Costco, and to reimburse Desiree Sagray \$64.46 for expenses at Costco and Vons, for the 5/22/10 picnic. Noted in discussion that it was one Costco receipt for which Willis and Sagray split the advance. Motion carried 9-0-1. SAGRAY noted that some more reimbursements are expected, including from HANNE.

D. Outreach to Lapsed Members

SAGRAY noted that we get copies of lapsed-member listings from national for the respective Areas; distributed recent listings to present Area reps at this time. SAGRAY encouraged taking some kind of action to get them to rejoin, either by random methods or by a different method for each target Area. Discussion of various outreach options, including creating special event in July to which people could be specifically invited, since the next picnic is planned for next October. Noted in discussion that further discussion can happen on various e-lists, hopefully in advance of the Calendar submission deadline.

E. Setting ABM

Moved (SAGRAY/ELLIOTT) to set the Annual Business Meeting for 10:30am on August 7 at Pilgrim Towers; carried 9-0-1.

VI. Good of the Order

SAGRAY noted that the AG is four weeks away; coming together very nicely. The Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn has become The Henry, and has a bunch of nice artwork. SAGRAY's life is now all-AG-all-the-time, so anyone wanting anything other than AG-related should probably wait until after.

Oder noted that the LocSec's of nearby chapters have asked for reciprocal advertising for their RG's, and that attempts to go through SAGRAY to get this accomplished didn't all get acted on. SAGRAY reaffirmed that such requests still need to go through her, and noted that the San Diego RG did get advertised, and suggested that Area Secretaries can post notices to their Area lists.

SAGRAY is still looking for coverage for the Singles event, though Sam (not Moses) has indicated that he might be there.

VII. Adjournment

Motion (ELLIOTT/SMITH) to adjourn carried 10-0 at 12:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Elliott
Acting Secretary