

**Official Minutes
of the
Greater Los Angeles Area Mensa
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting – February 5, 2011**

- I. Opening
 - A. Meeting called to order at 11:13 am by SAGRAY with BURNETT, ELLIOTT, SMITH and VENOLA present. Guest Brian Madsen also attended. WALKER and WONG arrived later. HANNE, LINDENBLATT, ROBINETT and WILSON had excused absences.
 - B. Approval of Agenda
Add Special Orders, Fill Treasurer vacancy; Unfinished Business, choose Bowl Dates and New Business, transfer money from General Fund to RG account. Note that March agenda should include instructions to Bylaws Committee. Move to approve ELLIOTT/WALKER. Unanimous
 - C. Approval of Previous Minutes: No-one brought a print-out of the December or January Minutes..

- II. Reports
 - A. SAGRAY as LocSec reported that currently there are 1658 members in GLAAM. Area 1, 426; Area 2, 335; Area 3, 471; Area 4, 284; Area 5, 142. LocSec List discussion includes a sample Bulletin for distribution to test takers and others who inquire. There is continuing discussion of the AMC propensity for over estimating potential membership and budget. This is of concern in this election year. Culture Quest is approved. GLAAM will pay for the first five teams to request same. On kids teams, the captain must be Mensa. On adult teams, all must be Mensa. Registration is due by 31 March.

 - B. Area Reports:

 - C. SFV - EEAE meets regularly. Happy Hour meets regularly (with the exception of the last event). The entertainment network has moved, but is going strong.
ELAC: Spago kicked. There were 19 at the party. Providence is next.
High Desert: The big thing on the calendar is the Death Valley Exploration. Featuring good company, good food, and the fabulous Valley.

 - D. Members-at-Large - SAGRAY contributed that the Singles Mingle usually sees 9 – 10 people and is popular with newcomers. The afternoon venue seems to work.

WALKER: Saw Jackie Mosher who hosts the bookworms. Usually 10 – 12 people although no-one showed up at the last meeting.

- E. Standing Committees: Awards. ELLIOTT reported that he expects to have a formal proposal ready for the March meeting.

Elections: Petitions due by noon on Sunday of RG weekend. Turn in to Jay Friedlander or David Fenig.

Finance: ELLIOTT reported that the committee got the documents ready for the accountant to complete the 2009-10 tax returns. Sent them and three weeks later learned the accountant did not know they had been sent. They are since acknowledged. Jonathan and Desiree met with Sandra; she resigned as Treasurer and turned over the several boxes of materials.

Gifted Youth: WALKER is still working on that with several events planned. The group went to see Hair. A good time was had by all.

Membership Outreach: There is a need for New Members to get special RG mailings.

Proctored Testing: Dave Felt will send a statement of costs.

RG: To date 75 registrations. The committee is trying to cut costs, but needs money. The committee is shrinking. People cannot continue to serve. If the committee gets too small, the RG cannot be staged. Press Releases have been issued, 3 daily papers and 1 weekly. If a person takes the test at the RG they get that's day's admission to all events.

Scholarship: Plus or minus 40 entries, which is down from last year. Need readers. VENOLA volunteered. SAGRAY will send package.

RVC: Regionally, BURNETT is a candidate to go to International Leadership class in France.

Open forum: Big plans for a summer weekend joint party in Hollywood Center Studios. "Mensa Sponsors" a lecture which allows us to invite the public. Vesper knows a bookstore owner in Santa Monica who wants to host a bi-monthly event.

- F. Coordinators: Data Officer. Everything is running OK.

PR: See Open Forum.

Webmaster: Brian Madsen reported that the National Office updated PHP support which meant that several things had to be fixed. This made the web page better. The newsletter was late, so a couple of things were not in there, but are on the web page. (Super Bowl party and Oscar watching party). Brian is still re-vamping the main page.

Ombudsman: Keith is out of the country, due back in May. He has one more year to hold office, but may decide to resign.

Amendment to LocSec Report: SAGRAY emphasizes Brian Madsen's announcement of the Super Bowl and Oscar parties.

- III. Special Orders
 - A. Filling vacancy in the Treasurer position: Nominations were opened. ELLIOTT nominated self. With no other nominations ELLIOTT was elected to the remainder of the current Treasurer's term.

- IV. Unfinished business
 - A. Choosing of Hollywood Bowl Concerts: The board voted for 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice on the evening concert. 1. Fantasia, 2. Moulin Rouge 3. Dolly Parton. For the weeknight concerts, moved, WONG/ELLIOTT to do three instead of two. Carried, unanimous. SAGRAY, WALKER and SMITH volunteered to each contribute \$10 for tickets to a fourth concert.

- V. New Business
 - Funds for RG account. Transfer \$5,000 from General Fund to RG account. (VENOLA/ELLIOTT) Carried 6-0-1.

- VI. Closing
 - A. Good of the Order: Lunch at Café 140 South.
 - B. Adjournment: WALKER/ELLIOTT Carried 6-0-1. Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted
Linda Robinett GLAAM Secretary