

**Official Minutes
Of the
Greater Los Angeles Area Mensa
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting – September 11, 2010**

- I. Opening
 - A. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 11:03 by ELLIOTT at 11:03 am at Pilgrim Towers, 440 North Madison Avenue, Pasadena with members BURNETT, ELLIOTT, FLEMING, LINDENBLATT, SMITH, ROBINETT. SAGRAY arrived and asked for a recess until 11:05. HANNE, WALKER and WONG arrived during the meeting. VENOLA was out of town and WILSON was ill and unable to attend.
 - B. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved (ELLIOTT/SMITH) 7-0-0
 - C. Approval of Previous Minutes

Corrections are needed for the August minutes and approval will be tabled until October.

- II. Reports
 - A. Executive Officers

CHAIRMAN – There were two issues with the IRS. GLAAM appeared on a list indicating that we could lose our non-profit status and for not filing our taxes. David Peery, National Mensa Financial Officer, has confirmed we still hold non-profit status. As for the IRS, we filed late and were assessed a penalty of \$1,347. We had filed an extension. Sam Moses had sent a letter to Bill Taylor who forwarded it to SMITH. It was sent to the IRS but there was no proof of receipt. They accepted the letter from Bill Taylor as justifying our late filing as having a reasonable cause. We will add proofs of mailing to future communications with the IRS. Mensa home tests will be sold for 50% off during September. The National Mensa Nominating committee has reported the following candidates for National Office: Chair – Elissa Rudolph, 1st Vice Chair – Dan Burg, Robin Crawford and Cookie Bakke. 2nd Vice Chair – John Recht and Lori Norris. Secretary – Heather Poirier, Treasurer – Cyndi Kuyper, Nick Sanford and Cary Chilson. RVC -9 – Clark Jones and Joan Johnson. Interested candidates may petition run also. The petition process has been set and needs to be completed by February 1st, 2011. By-law amendments may be proposed by January 28th, 2011. National has provided Gifted Youth activity plans.
XVC – We lost GLAAM long time member, Waugh Smith who was 93. His services were September 14th.
SECRETARY – still working on old minutes.

 - B. Area Reports – MIDCITY – FLEMING Third Thursday Thrill lost its venue and has been moved to Big Wangs on Cahuenga Blvd. It has a happy hour, trivia and billiards. SFV – BURNETT- There is a new reoccurring event starting in October. It is an entertainment industry networking event with a two taco, tall beer special on Los Feliz on the first Thursday from 6-8. It actually is in

ELAC. ELAC- SAGRAY – The September party is canceled due to WONG not being able to host it. HI-DESERT – not much going on. We had to cancel the September First of the Month due to people being out of town. A petroglyph tour is scheduled for October 10th.

- C. Members-at-Large – WALKER went to the Orange County RG, met with some of the organizers and made good contacts for our RG. She is taking a group to the play, Hair, in January. The Murder Mystery dinner had 8 people with the Sagray's participating. She obtained a copy of the Murder Mystery CD to be used at the GLAAM RG. ELLIOTT still needs a copy of the Member-at-Large handbook.
 - D. Standing Committees – DATA OFFICER, ROSTER, SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS, WEBMASTER and CALENDAR EDITOR – as submitted. Note: The roster was published in the September newsletter. FINANCE – ELLIOTT prepared an income/expense statement for 2008/2009 and will give a matching balance sheet for April 2010. The first draft of the budget has been completed and ELLIOTT is reviewing California Codes relating to GLAAM. This is held over to October. GIFTED YOUTH –SAGRAY received a call concerning a new member and gave her mother information. The new member is 5 years old. PROCTORED TESTING – SAGRAY mentioned that National Testing Day is in October and GLAAM has multiple testing days as part of National Testing Day. RG – WALKER and SAGRAY met in August concerning speakers and other issues. San Antonio Winery may participate. PayPal will be available for paying registration. Friday evening will be an open mic event for participants. Suggest any speakers you can think of. An astronomy club may be available to present a star gazing event if the roof is available. SCHOLARSHIP – SAGRAY – We are continuing with MERF. We carried over extra money from 2008 and owe \$617. We need to cut a check for this.
 - E. Coordinators - MENSAPHONE – HANNE had a long conversation about qualifying for Mensa using prior evidence. OPEN FORUM – BURNETT is still working on it. BURNETT asked if we could charge more for non-Mensans and we can. We do need to provide reasonable accommodation for disabled people. PUBLIC RELATIONS – We were sent an e-mail from the Los Angeles Times seeking stories from Mensans who had been married under unusual circumstances. SIGHT – SAGRAY mentioned that the International SIGHT coordinator will be in town for our October board meeting. The website is being used for host and guest requests to match them up. We need to collect restaurant and other venue descriptions that Mensans have visited and to recruit hosts.
- III. Special Orders
- A. Motion to modify proposed budget as submitted by the Finance Committee (WALKER/HANNE) 10/0/0. Income will be modified as follows: Miscellaneous Income is reduced to \$0. Mid-City and ELAC funds are reduced to \$0. Gross Income is modified to \$16,000. Expenditures are modified as follows: Newsletter printing is modified to \$9,000, postage to \$3,200 and Miscellaneous newsletter expenses to \$550. Proctor expenses are reduced to \$1,100. Tax prep and accounting is reduced to \$1,000. D & O

insurance is increased to \$650. Mensaphone is increased to \$300. Area funds for Mid-City are modified to \$100, Coastal to \$0, Hi-Desert to \$200. Gross expense should be \$16,800. 10-0-0. Motion to approve budget as amended (WALKER/HANNE) 9-0-1

IV. Unfinished business

A. Procedures for publication of reports (SAGRAY) was tabled until October.

V. New Business

A. Setting date for October picnic (SAGRAY) The 4th Saturday of October, the 23rd with a start time of 11:00 am was set for the new members picnic.

B. Discussing Length of RG (RG Committee) was tabled until October though there was some discussion that some thought we could save a hotel night by ending the RG on Sunday instead of Monday.

C. Facility confirmation.(SAGRAY) ROBINETT agreed to call Pilgrim Towers to calendar future meetings to prevent conflicts with other users.

D. Setting of Halloween Party. (SAGRAY) The date for the annual Halloween party was set for October 31st.

Motion to extend meeting 10 minutes (HANNE/WALKER) 8-0-2

VI. Closing

A. Good of the Order

Lunch will be at Continental Burger to join with the BITE event. GLAAM member, Viki Kind has had a book published, "The Caregiver's Path to Compassionate Decision Making: Making Choices For Those Who Can't" SMITH will miss the October meeting due to travel. ROBINETT has another commitment for October and November.

B. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn ELLIOTT/HANNE 10-0-0 at 1:10 pm

=== Calendar Editor's Report: ===

September's newsletter is late.

=== Data Officer's Report: ===

The lapsed member labels I printed in May were mailed to Danielle at her request.

=== Roster Coordinator's Report: ===

The roster was submitted to the editor on August 11th.

=== SIG Coordinator's Report: ===

I was invited to join M-sig2sig.

=== Webmaster's Report: ===

I have a growing to-do list relating to the RG. Danila has been giving me a number of speakers and events, and I still need to make it possible for people to register via PayPal. I will make it a priority to get these items added to the website right away. I have received a number of finalized minutes from previous board meetings (thank you!), and these are up on the website now. I still need finalized minutes for the following board meetings: * Mar 28, Sep 26, Oct 24, and Dec 5, 2009 * Apr 3 and Aug 7, 2010 I also lack agendas for meetings from June 5, 2010 to present. Final agendas are preferred, but draft agendas are welcome if final versions are not available.

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