

# GLAAM Board of Directors

## Official Minutes

March 6, 2021

Conducted electronically via Zoom

	Secretary	Delegate	Members-at-Large
Mid-City	[X] Vesper Burnett	[X] Jordan Albert	[X] Gregory Williamson
Coastal	[X] Alma Munro	[X] Madeline Walker	[X] Andrea Nolan
SFV	[X] Jana Bickel	vacant	[O] Gene Schneider
ELAC	vacant	vacant	[X] Sandra Smith
Hi-Desert	[X] Craig Lancaster	[O] Bruce Smith	[O] Courtney Seiter
Inland Empire	[X] Wilbert Woo	vacant	

[X] = present for entire meeting, [/] = present for portion, [O] = absent with leave, [#] = consecutive unexcused absence(s)

Guests: Jonathan Elliott, Brian Madsen, Trevor Gililland, Mildred Phillips, Lindsay Ross

### I. Opening

- A. Call to Order - 11:07 am
- B. Approval of Agenda - approved 9/0/0
- C. Approval of Previous Minutes - approved 9/0/0

### II. Reports

#### A. Executive Officers

- i. Chairman (Munro) - There was a volunteer sponsorship through National, and expansion of scholarship program. Summary of RG for LA Mentary.
- ii. Exec Vice Chair (Open) - no report
- iii. Vice Chair (G. Schneider) - not present
- iv. Sec (Burnett / Albert) - no report
- v. Treasurer (B Smith) - not present

#### B. Area Reports

- i. Mid City (Burnett/Albert) - no report
- ii. Coastal (Walker/Munro) - no report
- iii. ELAC (Open) - no report
- iv. Hi-Desert (Lancaster/ B. Smith) - no report
- v. Inland Empire (Woo) - no report
- vi. SFV (Bickel) - Had a Zoom meeting with 4 attendees. April Trivia. In May might start an in person event at Sizzler.

#### C. Members-at-Large

- i. Nolan - no report
- ii. Schneider - not present
- iii. S. Smith - not present
- iv. Williamson - Attended RG, it was awesome. Took part in the storytelling event.
- v. Seiter - not present

#### D. Committees and Coordinators

- i. Awards (J Elliott) - We have submitted to the GLAAM Chair and Special Events Chair the names of our newer volunteers, for invitation to some kind of combined (and probably virtual) recognition experience to be conducted in April.  
- We also have completed our annual tabulation of all volunteer points earned during the current year, and the updates to all our databases. Updates to the Hall-of-Fame entries will be sent to the new Webmaster for posting in the Awards section of the GLAAM website.

- Without strenuous objection from the Board, the Awards Committee is crediting a one-point bonus to the Chair of the Bylaws Committee for managing the three-year update process through to completion. 3 items (look in Connect)
- ii. By-laws (J Elliott) - Election Committee conducted the ballot counting on Feb 17, and all 40 Proposed Changes passed unanimously. Specifically, the first 10 proposals passed 14-0, and the final 30 passed 13-0. We have reported passage to the National Bylaws Committee, and they have officially confirmed that our revised bylaws are effective as of Feb 19. Our thanks to all who voted in the election, to the members of the Bylaws and Election Committees, and to everyone who participated in the three years of deliberations which produced this final happy result.
- Now that we have updated the Bylaws and the Standing Rules and the Guidelines, there is little else for the Bylaws Committee to do other than updating the Motions Catalogs on a monthly basis, but that's probably not enough to warrant the ongoing retention of a Bylaws Committee, and Jonathan doesn't want to keep doing that for the rest of his life, so we are recommending that the Bylaws Committee be dissolved as of the end of the present Board term. Between now and then, we will update the Motions Catalogs for all consecutive meetings with approved and posted Minutes from after Nov 2019, but after the end of the term someone else is going to need to volunteer to maintain the Motions Catalogs, or else they will not be updated any further.
- In the meantime, the ByCom Chair has resumed temporary custody of the Corporate Seal, since previous custodian Desiree is no longer on the Board. It technically is supposed to remain with the GLAAM Secretary, but we're claiming a pandemic exemption and thus hanging on to it personally until it can be conveyed safely to a successor Secretary.
- iii. Elections (Fenig / Friedlander) - not present
- iv. Ombudsman (Friedlander) - not present
- v. Gifted Youth (Walker) - gifted youth continue to participate in OC and San Diego events.
- vi. Regional Gathering (Walker) - RG went well! Should we still include Zoom in the future? (Munro) about 100 participants for each section, games and speakers. Other area's boards showed up, but not many members of other areas. We had a lot of good speakers.
- vii. Scholarships (Takenaka) - About 600 applications this year. Talked to Mildred about possibly publishing good entries.
- viii. Social Media Coordinators (Albert) - Williamson put together some great flyers. Set up a new YouTube channel. Talked to Trevor about how to feature content on the website.
- ix. Special Events (Walker) - Hamilton will open again in October. About 30 people have shown interest in attending. LA Phil (check Connect)
- x. Strategic Planning (Munro) - no new activity. Spoke to Gregory about getting back to committee.
- xi. Testing (D. Elliott) - (Munro) - on hold
- xii. Circulation (Madsen) - newsletter went out on time. our account with USPS needs to be topped off.
- xiii. Data (Madsen) - all is well
- xiv. L.A. Mentary (Phillips) - please submit positive experiences with the RG, photos most welcome. Deadline is the 11th. Will look into pricing for more durable cover.
- xv. Open Forum (Albert) - Happy with reception of Day Sanches' talk and hope to use it as template for future.
- xvi. SIGHT (Chew) - no report
- xvii. SIGs (Madsen) - no report
- xviii. Webmaster (Gililland) - Worked with Gregory on the website, showed us some new features of the site, including a 'join Mensa' button.
- xix. Mensaphone (Schneider) - not present
- xx. PR (Williamson) - There are a couple active campaigns this month: membership renewal message and a public facing campaign to submit old test scores for a waived fee. Looked into messaging campaigns. Positive responses from people about workshops. Talked to a member about promoting her swimming fundraiser for food banks and will be posted on the website.
- xxi. Membership (Williamson) - End of February we had 1887 members. We have 21 new members this month and 9 membership losses. Sages and Seekers program has been helping

through Zoom via a 7 or 8 week program. (J. Elliott) added that they received at the 'headquarters house' a thank-you certificate from the U.S. Census Bureau, reading "THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU HEREBY RECOGNIZES Greater Los Angeles Area Mensa as an invaluable member of the 2020 Census Community Partnership and Engagement Program. We appreciate the efforts you made in making the Partnership Program a success and helping achieve a successful 2020 Census." We don't know whether we want to risk harming the certificate by mailing it a second time, so without objection Elliott will hang on to it until we can all get together in real life again, at which time he will hand it to Gregory Williamson for his extensive energy in promoting the Census among the GLAAM Membership.

III. Special Orders

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business

VI. Closing

A. Good of the Order - (Munro) Lindsay Ross is back as Historian and will also help out as Open Forum.

B. Adjournment - Approved 10/0/0 at 12:28 pm

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Mini-Minutes

Board Meeting - March 6, 2021

Meeting called to order at 11:07 am over Zoom, with Board members Burnett, Munro, S. Smith, Bickel, Lancaster, Woo, Albert, Walker, Williamson, and Nolan present, in addition to guests Jonathan Elliott, Lindsay Ross, Brian Madsen, Trevor Gililand, and Mildred Phillips. Executive officers, area secretaries, coordinators and committee chairs gave updates. The board discussed the RG and Bylaws have been approved. Meeting adjourned at 12:28pm.