

**Greater Los Angeles Area Mensa**  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Meeting conducted electronically via Zoom  
February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Area	Secretary	Delegate	Members-at-Large
Mid-City	vacant	vacant	[✓] Andrea Nolan
Coastal	vacant	vacant	[✓] Courtney Seiter
SFV	[✓] Jana Bickel	[✓] Alan Stillson	[✓] Madeline Walker
ELAC	vacant	[✓] Jonathan Elliott	[✓] Gregory Williamson
Hi-Desert	vacant	[✓] Lindsay Ross	vacant
Inland Empire	[✓] Wilbert Woo	vacant	vacant

**Key:**

[✓] = present for entire meeting

[ / ] = present for portion

[X:#] = absent, with count (#) of consecutive absences

**Guests:** Jordan Albert, Mark Carpenter, Toni Hansen, Charles Lindenblatt, Brian Madsen, Elna Tymes

During the meeting, guest Madsen was elected to the Board as Member-at-Large and also elected to fill the position of Secretary.

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

- Meeting is opened by Chair Seiter at 11:01am.

B. Approval of Previous Minutes

- No minutes are available at this time.

C. Approval of Agenda

- Seiter moves to approve; motion fails for lack of a second.
- The agenda stands unapproved; meeting proceeds without an agenda.

II. Reports

A. Executive Officers

1. Chair (Seiter)

- The Board held a special meeting on Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the removal of Lindsay Ross as Secretary. Minutes were distributed the evening prior to today's meeting. The Board voted at that meeting to remove Lindsay from that position. That position is now vacant.

2. Executive Vice-Chair (Williamson): no report
3. Administrative Vice-Chair (vacant)
4. Secretary (vacant)
5. Treasurer (Woo)
  - Woo has no access to our bank accounts and therefore has been unable to take meaningful action as Treasurer.
  - Seiter apologizes for not acting on this, and asks Woo to contact Craig Lancaster, previous GLAAM Treasurer, and coordinate with him a time to meet at the bank to change signers on the GLAAM bank account. Seiter will coordinate with Woo separately to put herself on the account as well. Woo agrees.
  - Stillson as Circulation Manager asks if our printer has been paid. Woo says that he's seeing invoices but can't write checks and can't see accounts, so doesn't know if they've been paid.
  - Walker notes that GLAAM's storage unit is being paid for.

#### B. Area Reports

1. Mid-City (vacant)
2. Coastal (vacant)
3. SFV
  - Bickel: Two events held, each attended by about ten people, which is less than probably would attend if not for COVID concerns.
4. ELAC
  - Elliott received a question asking if GLAAM has an event on Christmas Day; going forward, we should consider that there is some interest in attending an event on that day.
5. Hi-Desert
  - Ross will raise concerns during New Business; for now, no report.
6. Inland Empire
  - Woo: Zoom meetings continue on second Saturdays, averaging five to seven attendees.

#### C. Members-at-Large

1. Nolan: No report
2. Seiter: No report
3. Walker: No report
4. Williamson: No report

#### D. Committees and Coordinators

1. Awards (Elliott)
  - In *L.A. Mentary* we're listing Archivist as a Committee, which should be a Coordinator. This affects the awarding of volunteer credit. Elliott offers himself as an potential volunteer to the editor, to assist with organizing and updating the

list of volunteer positions. It's important that this isn't perceived as a criticism.

- Seiter will reach out to Frey to discuss this idea with her.

2. Gifted Youth (Walker)

- Walker will attend a quarterly Gifted Youth Zoom meeting hosted by Billie Lee.

3. Membership (Seiter): no report

4. Regional Gathering (Walker)

- A full, in-person RG was under consideration but will not happen because of the current COVID situation. Instead, we're renting a room at an Acapulco restaurant in Glendale on February 19<sup>th</sup> that can hold 35 people. We expect to fill the room with attendees.

5. Special Events (Walker)

- Picnic in Griffith Park is planned for Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- We need to get information from the Hollywood Bowl and start making plans.
- Kedem Har-Shalom is hosting two dinners a month, mainly in the Coastal area.
- When Woo and Lancaster go to the bank to change signers, Walker would like to join them.

6. Scholarship (vacant)

- Seiter is reaching out to people who may be interested in filling that vacancy, hopes to have someone in place this week.

7. Historian (Ross): No report

8. Open Forum (Albert/Ross): No report

9. Circulation (Stillson):

- February *L.A. Mentary* went out very smoothly.
- Reiterates his concern about our printer being paid.

10. Public Relations (Ross): No report

11. SIGs (Bickel): No report

12. Social Media (Seiter)

- Is getting acquainted with our social media platforms.

### III. Special Orders

#### A. Filling of Vacant Board Positions

1. Member-at-Large

- Seiter nominates Madsen.
- Madsen accepts.
- Elliott states that no second is needed for a nomination, but asks if there are any other nominations; none are offered.
- Madsen is elected Member-at-Large without objection.

### IV. Unfinished Business

## A. Support for an Asilomar-style event over Labor Day weekend

- Guest Elna Tymes joins our meeting today in support of this event.
- We discussed at last month's Board meeting the possibility of pulling back support for an event to be held in concert with other Mensa groups.
- Orange County Mensa (OCM), our RVC, Rachel Kibler, and the RVC for Region 8, have all asked us to reconsider, in part because OCM holds their RG that weekend.
- We have not voted on this one way or another; Seiter would like to do that now.
- Elliott asks if we can hold this at another time and thereby not present a scheduling conflict; Tymes confirms that there is no opportunity other than Labor Day weekend.
- Stillson points out that our relationship to OCM is an important one.
- Bickel agrees with Stillson that supporting an event that competes with OCM's RG would not be "a nice thing to do."
- Tymes is counting on our formal support, and feels that she can't hold that event without it.
- Seiter moves "to remove our support for Asilomar for the Labor Day weekend"; Williamson seconds; motion passes (9/1/0).

## V. New Business

### A. Budget discussion

- Ross asks how we're paying for events, including the upcoming Acapulco luncheon, the Hollywood Bowl, and tickets to shows at the Pantages.
- Ross asks to see a budget that includes items for such things.
- We don't have that at hand, but most are confident that these are accommodated in our budget:
  - Walker is expecting most of the Acapulco luncheon to be paid for by attendees, and the remainder, to be paid by GLAAM, "would not be a large amount."
  - Attendees pay the full amount for shows at the Pantages Theatre.
  - It's been a longstanding practice for GLAAM to cover half of the cost of tickets to the Hollywood Bowl, and for attendees to cover the other half.
- Walker says that Munro told her to expect a budget of \$6,000 for the RG.
- Woo's recollection is that there is \$2,000 in the GLAAM budget to cover the RG.

## VI. Closing

### A. Good of the Order

1. Albert asks: what do we want to do with MensaPhone? Keep it? Cancel it?
  - If we keep it, we need a plan to pay for it.
  - Discussion ensued. No decisions reached.
2. Albert asks if the Board has thoughts on facilitating the Webmaster role
  - Specifically, can former Webmaster Billie Lee provide as-needed help to Gililand.
  - Seiter will follow up with Gililand and with Lee.

3. Madsen nominates himself as Board Secretary; multiple seconds, no objection; Madsen is declared elected by acclamation.

B. Adjournment

- Walker moves, Williamson seconds, and meeting is adjourned at 12:20pm.

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*Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Madsen, GLAAM Secretary*