

GLAAM Board of Directors

Official Minutes

April 10, 2021

Meeting 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	[/] Gene Schneider
ELAC	vacant	vacant	[O] Sandra Smith
Hi-Desert	[X] Craig Lancaster	vacant	[] 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, Mildred Phillips, Lindsay Ross

I. Opening

- A. Call to Order – 11:06 am
- B. Approval of Agenda – approved as amended in v.3 (Munro / Lancaster) 9/0/0
- C. Approval of Previous Minutes – approved as amended (J. Elliott/ Lancaster) 8/0/1

II. Reports

A. Executive Officers

- i. Chairman (Munro) - Lancaster has volunteered to be treasurer. Munro has financial data. No RVC meeting this month. Funding has been made available for membership dues for
- ii. Exec Vice Chair (vacant) - no report
- iii. Vice Chair (G. Schneider) - not present
- iv. Sec (Burnett / Albert) – no report
- v. Treasurer (vacant) – (Munro) Budget has been provided by B. Smith.

B. Area Reports

- i. Mid City (Burnett/Albert) – No report
- ii. Coastal (Walker/Munro) - No report
- iii. ELAC (vacant) - No report
- iv. Hi-Desert (Lancaster) - High Desert activity to resume in July, some other activities possibly sooner.
- v. Inland Empire (Woo) - No report
- vi. SFV (Bickel) – Last zoom trivia meeting this month. In May Sizzler event will be back.

C. Members-at-Large

- i. Nolan - No report
- ii. Schneider - Not present
- iii. S. Smith - No report
- iv. Williamson - Local youth member put together fundraising event to support local food charity.
- v. Seiter – Not present

D. Committees and Coordinators

- i. Awards (J Elliott) - We have confirmed that the details for the Hall of Fame have been posted to the GLAAM website, and we have shared with the Webmaster some detailed points on the presentation of the listing, along with repeating our general suggestion on organizing the top menu of the website according to subject matter as we have previously discussed.

-- We have the virtual appreciation session scheduled for this coming weekend, and we will make sure to have all our notes prepared in time.

ii. By-laws (J Elliott) - -- Editor Mildred reported to us during the month that she did not in fact have a fresh copy of the recently-updated Bylaws, so we attempted to send a fresh copy to her at her request, but behold the Editor alias failed for the same stated reason as the Webmaster alias, namely that the message was "held for human verification" and later dropped. We had been planning to report on this result at the present Board meeting and ask at this time for help, but fortunately Editor Mildred was persistent, and kept at us during the month through other channels, so we eventually went through Data Officer Brian to obtain their personal e-mail addresses, and we sent a fresh copy of the Bylaws to each of them that way. Brian noted that the problem with the aliases had previously surfaced with Yahoo, which periodically decided that these were spam accounts, and which apparently needed periodic persuasion by Matthew Needham of the national office that they in fact were acceptable for use, but had never heard of it happening with Gmail. If that's going to keep happening at all though then we may need to reconsider our alias strategy, although we are hoping that we can still make it work, because it is much more convenient than looking up different addresses every few years.

-- Gene Schneider has delightfully stood forward to take over the ongoing updating of the Motions Catalogs after Jonathan retires from the dissolving Bylaws Committee, so we are highly thrilled and grateful about that. We will get our final version completed sometime before the end of the present Board term, and then we will gleefully hand it over to Gene's custodianship.

-- In the meantime, we have attempted to live up to our promise to make the Motions Catalogs as current as we practically can before turning them over, and to that end we located our current directory of Minutes on the website (you currently need to navigate through 'About GLAAM' in order to get there), and found that -- with the sole exception of Feb2020 -- everything after Nov2019 is still unposted, so we can proceed no further at this time.

iii. Elections (Fenig / Friedlander) – not present

iv. Ombudsman (Friedlander) - not present

v. Gifted Youth (Walker) - OC coordinator has sent one family to see Hamilton with us. They have an ancient Greek and Latin event coming up. Appreciate Gregory's help with shared events.

vi. Regional Gathering (Walker) - sent inquiry with Double Tree in San Pedro and have not heard back. 43 people currently interested. (Munro) VRG had about 230 participants.

vii. Scholarships (Takenaka) - no report

viii. Social Media Coordinators (Albert) – Thanks to Gregory for graphics. Needs admin access for Facebook page. Can't send emails to webmaster.

ix. Special Events (Walker) - Hollywood bowl has 3 dates in October. Don't think we will go, and wait until next season. Hamilton has 39 people and the family from OC. Picnic could happen in September. Please contact Walker with day preferences. RG should be smaller next time to cut costs and to accommodate a smaller crowd. Volunteer appreciation might be moving forward later this year in person. (Munro) – recognition will be published. (Walker) We will make reservations in September for the Dodgers.

x. Strategic Planning (Munro) – No report

xi. Testing (vacant) – (Munro) – Some ideas about testing regarding post COVID transition to in person testing.

xii. Circulation (Madsen) - Doing well. Will need to top off account a month from now.

xiii. Data (Madsen) - End of member year, so Facebook roster will be updated.

xiv. LA Mentary (Phillips) - Will publish volunteers list and awards. Please send materials if possible for next newsletter. Researched thicker cover material, which is very expensive and we will not change format at this time. Proofreading and cover art help would be appreciated.

- xv. Open Forum (Albert) - No report
- xvi. SIGHT (Chew) - no report
- xvii. SIGs (Madsen) – nothing has changed.
- xviii. Webmaster (Gililland) – (Munro) Gililland will continued to support but is stepping down from the position.
- xix. Mensaphone (Schneider) - No report
- xx. PR (Williamson) - Continued getting out recruiting materials on website and social media. New national campaign for private testing option. Sages and Seekers to continue, but we may not have to have it virtual due to weaker COVID restrictions. Will look for new opportunities after vaccination.
- xxi. Membership (Williamson) – 1575 members as of last month. Currently 310 lapsed members and 26 new members, 3 in the nation. Screening in March was attended by 5 members, April screening is tomorrow.
- xxii. Finance (vacant) – No report
- xxiii. Historian (Ross) – No report
- xxiv. Young Adults (vacant) – No report

III. Special Orders

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business

- A. Discuss both venue, format & remote participation for future Board Meetings post-COVID – not ready to discuss at this time. For the next few months we will use Zoom.
- B. Make sure agenda for May meeting is prepared properly in anticipation of the BoD elections (Lancaster) - Please use the agenda sent to Burnett as the template.
- C. Review procedures for archiving approved BoD meeting minutes - Gililland will reach out as needed for previous minutes. (extension of meeting Schneider / Albert 10/0/0)

VI. Closing

- A. Good of the Order – (Schneider) – Please come to our events in Hi-Desert. (J. Elliott) With the time which Jonathan has been saving by not needing to be Secretary or Treasurer anymore, he has been continuing to add text to the final report of the Answers To Everything SIG, and we recently surpassed 600,000 words, so you could say that we've been pretty busy. (Lancaster) Next meeting is 3 weeks from now at 10:30 am.
- B. Adjournment – (Munro) approved 10/0/0 at 13:06 pm.