

GLAAM Board of Directors
Monthly Meeting Agenda
March 5th, 2022, 11:00am
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I. Opening

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Agenda
- C. Approval of Previous Minutes
 - 1. January 29th, 2022
 - 2. February 5th, 2022

II. Reports

A. Executive Officers

- i. Chair (Seiter)
- ii. Executive Vice Chair (Williamson)
- iii. ~~Administrative Vice Chair (vacant)~~
- iv. Secretary (Madsen)
 - a. Old minutes assembled back to 2007, but with many gaps
 - b. I plan to transcribe recordings of meeting from October to present
 - c. Did we take minutes at the ABM? If so, I need those.
 - d. Corporate Seal – in our storage unit?
 - e. Is everybody who wants one getting our agenda?
 - f. Mini-minutes in *L.A. Mentary*
 - g. When do we want to discuss BOD dates after June?
- v. Treasurer (Woo)

B. Area Reports

- i. ~~Mid-City (vacant)~~
- ii. ~~Coastal (vacant)~~
- iii. SFV (Bickel, Stillson)
- iv. ELAC (Elliott)
- v. Hi-Desert (Ross)
- vi. Inland Empire (Woo)

C. Members-at-Large

- i. Madsen
- ii. Nolan
- iii. Seiter
- iv. Walker
- v. Williamson

D. Committees

- i. Awards (Elliott)
- ii. Elections (Fenig/Friedlander)
- iii. ~~Finance (vacant)~~
- iv. Gifted Youth (Walker)
- v. Membership (Seiter)
- vi. Regional Gathering (Walker)
- vii. ~~Scholarships (vacant)~~
- viii. Special Events (Walker)
- ix. ~~Testing (vacant)~~

E. Coordinators

- i. ~~Archivist (vacant)~~
- ii. Calendar (Stillson)
- iii. Circulation (Stillson)
- iv. Data (Madsen)
- v. Historian (Ross)
- vi. L.A. Mentary (Frey)
- vii. MensaPhone (Albert)
- viii. Ombudsman (Friedlander)
- ix. Open Forum (Ross/Albert)

Albert: No report

- x. Public Relations (Ross)
- xi. SIGHT (Chew)

Chew writes:

I've been in fairly extensive contact with the Korean member who recently moved to Irvine, and finally sent out the Mensa Connect to all GLAAM members so they could contact her if desired, but haven't heard back from her about whether anyone has done so.

The national SIGHT Coordinator notified us that Adam Gruzlewski, the SIGHT coordinator of Mensa Poland is willing to coordinate assistance to Ukrainian members. (Members of Mensa living in Ukraine would either be members of another

country or Mensa International.) Adam can be reached by email at sight@mensa.org.pl, or, if you are on Facebook, you can send him a private message there.

Also, a Washington state member sent out the email address of a person, Jason Cammaro, who formerly worked for the Peace Corps in Ukraine, is back in the US, and is in contact with a group called the Return Peace Corps Volunteers Alliance of Ukraine. He reports:

We have a group feed going where people are shout out need help with so-and-so going to what town or country.

bogboy3@gmail.com

The national SIGHT coordinator also reminded us that any member, not just SIGHT coordinators, can join the SIGHT coordinator Facebook group, which might be a better way to get more up-to-date information on this:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/176942022394979>.

Anyone wishing to join should be prepared with their membership number.

- xii. SIGs (Bickel)
- xiii. Social Media (Seiter)
- xiv. Webmaster (Gililand)
- xv. ~~Young Ms (vacant)~~

III. Special Orders

A. Filling of Vacant Board Positions

1. Mid-City Secretary and Delegate
2. Coastal Secretary and Delegate
3. ELAC Secretary
4. Hi-Desert Secretary
5. Inland Empire Delegate
6. Member-at-Large

B. Filling of Vacant Executive Officer Positions

1. Administrative Vice Chair

C. Filling of Vacant Committee Chair Positions

1. Finance

- Scholarship

- Testing

D. Filling of Vacant Coordinator Positions

- Archivist

- MensaPhone(?)

- Young Ms

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Treasurer Woo needs access to the GLAAM bank account (Woo)

At our last meeting, Woo agreed to coordinate with Lancaster to get access to the account, and Seiter agreed to coordinate with them separately to add herself. Meanwhile, Walker asked to be part of this activity too. Since the last meeting, Frey has also expressed concern about this issue.

Lancaster points out that at today's meeting, we need to discuss "who should be on the GLAAM Chase Bank accounts now and when the new board is installed on May 7." More than just that, we need a clear, step-by-step roadmap for getting Woo the access he needs.

B. List of volunteers in *L.A. Mentary* (Elliott)

At our last meeting, Elliott reported that Archivist should be listed as a Coordinator, not a Committee, and volunteered to work with Frey to update the list of volunteers in *L.A. Mentary*.

This appears to have been addressed in the March issue. Is there more to discuss?

C. Plan for MensaPhone going forward (Albert)

If we're going to keep it, we need a plan for it.

Albert writes:

A reminder that the old phone is still locked on the AT&T network and can't be used with the Ting account I set up. It would require having Desiree contact At&T again to unlock it, which probably isn't worth it. We could instead buy a new smartphone from Ting for around \$100. Has the board decided if they want to have a "company" phone? It seems we don't really need use it as a voicemail inbox like we have in the past, but I think it would be worthwhile to have a "company" phone, as it could be used for two-factor-authentication for online services GLAAM uses (bank, email, social media accounts, etc.). Courtney could use it to manage social media posts rather than her

personal phone. There's other potential uses for it too, like doing text-message outreach to membership using one of the many campaign apps that are available. If we want to keep the Ting account, we will need to update the credit card. I had used Alma's Chase card to set up the account, but it has since been cancelled.

As Lancaster writes, we need to decide "the future of the MensaPhone following the death of Gene Schneider."

Madsen asked Albert if he wanted to take over responsibility for MensaPhone following Schneider's passing. He responded:

As for the "Mensaphone" coordinator position, it seems the board is inclined to retire that responsibility, since we typically didn't get many voicemails, and instead email & social media should take priority for membership communications. If the board wants to keep the legacy "Mensaphone" position active to pay attention to voicemail, I would prefer not to take it on.

But, I strongly feel a "company" phone would be a good asset for the board, and I would be happy to help set up accounts and services for it. So I would be willing to take on a revised "Mensaphone" coordinator position that focused on those aspects. I'm not sure I'll have the time & energy to remain coordinator for the rest of the year, but I would be willing to take it on for a period of time to set it up and help the board figure out the best ways to use it.

But, it may be the case that we don't really need a coordinator to take full responsibility for the phone. It might be best for Courtney to keep possession of the phone once it's setup, as Chair and Social Media Coordinator, for example.

I'm curious to hear the board's thoughts.

D. Webmaster responsibilities (Albert)

Albert asks:

Has the board given any more thought to offering Billie Lee a small stipend to do basic website maintenance & content updates on an as-needed basis?

At our last meeting, Seiter agreed to follow up with Gililand and Lee.

Since then, Gililand has indicated that he plans to let his membership lapse, effective at the end of this month.

This means that it's no longer enough to find assistance for Gililand on an as-needed basis. Instead, we need a comprehensive plan for mastering our website going forward.

V. New Business

A. GLAAM mailbox (Lancaster)

Lancaster has said that he can't attend this meeting. He writes:

The official GLAAM address used by the IRS, Chase Bank, and others is mailbox #255 at Post Pack & Ship, 115 W. California Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91105. The telephone number of Post Pack & Ship is 626-440-1115

On August 18, 2021, I gave a key to the mailbox to Wilbert Woo. Today, Jonathan Elliot told me that he also has a key to the GLAAM mailbox.

Recently, I paid by my personal credit card for three months (December 2021, January and February 2022) rental of the mailbox. The rental cost is \$40 per month. The current rental for the mailbox expires on March 5, 2022.

The next GLAAM Board meeting is also on March 5. I think that the Board may want to decide what action it should take regarding the status of the mailbox.

B. Paying for *L.A. Mentary* (Lancaster)

Lancaster also notes that we need a plan to pay for both *L.A. Mentary* printing and USPS postage going forward. Once Woo is on the checking account, is that sufficient to cover our needs, or is there more to discuss and plan for?

VI. Closing

- A. Good of the Order
- B. Adjournment