

GLAAM Board of Directors
Monthly Meeting Agenda
April 2nd, 2022, 11:00am
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I. Opening

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Agenda
- C. Approval of Previous Minutes
 - 1. January 8th, 2022
 - 2. March 5th, 2022

II. Reports

A. Executive Officers

- i. Chair (Seiter)
- ii. ~~Executive Vice Chair (vacant)~~
- iii. ~~Administrative Vice Chair (vacant)~~
- iv. Secretary (Madsen)
 - I updated our email aliases with the national office.
 - I have a finalized agenda and minutes for February, and finalized minutes for January 29th, which I will ask our Webmaster to post.
 - I sent the list of volunteer guidelines to Toni Hansen.
- 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
 - I spearheaded the trip to Chase Bank to get Wilbert and others on the bank account.
 - I paid for another year of Zoom, and have been reimbursed.
- 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)
 - I notified the national office of Gene Schneider's passing.
 - Jonathan has asked for a geographical report of where our members were living on February 28th.
- v. Historian (Ross)
- vi. L.A. Mentary (Frey)
- vii. Ombudsman (Friedlander)
- viii. Open Forum (Ross/Albert)
- ix. Public Relations (Ross)
- x. SIGHT (Chew)

Conversations continue with the Korean member temporarily living in So Cal. She did get one response from a local Korean Mensan to the email I sent out to our general membership, so she's happy about that. Now expecting a visit from a relative in Korea, so we're talking about things to see/do in LA and around the US.

We may be getting more activity from LA SIGHT! The other host, David Ilan, plans to include his contact info on an international SIGHT hosting map and verify membership himself. I have not done so, preferring referrals verified by the national SIGHT Coordinator, but David's approach is likely to produce more traffic. He'll keep me posted on any activity so it can be included in my monthly report.

- xi. SIGs (Bickel)
- xii. Social Media (Seiter)
- xiii. Webmaster (Gililand)
- xiv. ~~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. Executive Vice Chair
- 2. Administrative Vice Chair

C. Filling of Vacant Committee Chair Positions

- 1. Finance
- 2. Scholarship
- 3. Testing

D. Filling of Vacant Coordinator Positions

- 1. Archivist
- 2. Young Ms

IV. Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business.

V. New Business

A. Future GLAAM Board meeting dates (Madsen)

Either this month or next month, we should really settle on Board meeting dates for the rest of the year, since we've only chosen them through June.

At our January meeting, we noted Independence Day weekend on the first Saturday in July, the Annual Gathering on the second Saturday in July, and the Orange County Regional Gathering on the first weekend of September.

We also discussed skipping July's meeting altogether, but we noted that the GLAAM budget is not always finalized by the June meeting, and sometimes we

need July to wrap up that discussion. We also considered holding the meeting in mid-July and possibly also skipping August.

So most months, meetings can be held on the first Saturday. But:

- Do we skip July? Do we hold July's meeting on the third Saturday? And if so, do we then skip August?
- Do we hold September's meeting on the second Saturday?

B. Board meeting times (Elliott)

Just an idea, not pushing it, only throwing it out there for discussion, but what if we modified Motion #1999-027 such that the Board meeting would start at the *real* 11:00am all year round, regardless of whether or when they officially change our clocks one way or another? That is, we could continue to convene at 11:00am during 'standard' time, but we would begin at the official 12:00noon during 'daylight' time. True, it might be slightly more confusing for officers and guests to remember the different times, and it might be slightly more work for the Calendar Editor. However, it would mean that we get to maintain the same real schedule all year round, which would be easier on our brains and bodies. Original time was selected to be late enough in the morning to allow faraway attendees to travel, and to allow the rest of us some leisurely time to take breakfast if desired and otherwise prep for the meeting. It was also selected to be early enough to allow faraway attendees to travel home during daylight, and to give the rest of us a good block of time afterward for lunch or other fun activities. I claim that this delicate balance (delicate enough that they saw the need in 1999 to change the starting time by a mere half-hour from 10:30 to 11:00) gets messed up when we need to shift a full hour because of the official time change. Why should we be slaves to government? Why can't we meet whenever we want in real time, and their phony clock changes be damned? Such a practice might set a good example for other organizations to which some of our attendees belong, and who knows maybe it even starts a wave which finally induces the power elite to dump the detrimental time changes once and for all. Even if not, though, the physical ease of keeping the same real time might outweigh any mental inconvenience of shifting official times on a seasonal basis, but I leave that for my fellow Board members to consider.

C. Diversity Committee proposal (Williamson)

I'd like to have a conversation with the board about creating a Diversity Committee that I would chair. It's an important consideration, but in a region as diverse as Los Angeles there are opportunities for growth we may be missing.

VI. Closing

A. Good of the Order

B. Adjournment