

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

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Agenda
- C. Approval of Previous Minutes

II. Reports

A. Executive Officers

- i. Chair (Williamson)
- ii. Executive Vice Chair (Elliott)
- iii. Administrative Vice Chair (Madsen)
- iv. Secretary (Madsen)
- v. Treasurer (Woo)

B. Area Reports

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

C. Members-at-Large

- i. Ball
- ii. Madsen
- iii. Moses
- iv. Nolan
- v. Walker
- vi. Williamson

D. Committees

- i. Awards
- ii. Diversity
- iii. Elections
- iv. Finance
- v. Gifted Youth
- vi. Membership (vacant)
- vii. Regional Gathering

- viii. Scholarships
- ix. Special Events
- x. Testing (vacant)

E. Coordinators

- i. Archivist
- ii. Calendar
- iii. Circulation
- iv. Data
- v. Historian
- vi. *L.A. Mentary* (vacant)
- vii. Ombudsman
- viii. Open Forum
- ix. Public Relations
- x. SIGHT
- xi. SIGs
- xii. Social Media
- xiii. Webmaster
- xiv. Young Ms (vacant)

III. Special Orders

- A. Filling of Vacant Board Positions
- B. Filling of Vacant Committee Chair Positions
- C. Filling of Vacant Coordinator Positions
- D. Budget Discussion

This discussion was first introduced at the June meeting and has continued since that time.

E. Board meeting dates for 2023

This item was introduced at the October meeting and postponed due to lack of time. We should not postpone this discussion past this meeting. At a minimum, we should plan a Board meeting date for January before adjourning the November meeting.

We have planned no Board meeting dates after December.

Most first Saturdays in 2023 appear to be free of conflict with U.S. or Christian or Jewish holidays, except:

- A. July 1st may be considered part of the Independence Day weekend,

although July 4th is on a Tuesday; meanwhile, the Annual Gathering (July 5-9) includes the second Saturday.

- B. The first Saturday in September may conflict with Orange County Mensa's Regional Gathering, if they hold that over Labor Day weekend.
- C. Saturday, October 7th is "Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah".

IV. Unfinished Business

- There is no unfinished business.

V. New Business

A. Physical handbooks discussion (Madsen)

This discussion item was originally introduced at the September meeting, then pushed off in September and October due to lack of time.

The Board's practice for many years has been to print and distribute handbooks to Board members including pertinent information such as copies of GLAAM bylaws, volunteer guidelines, election procedures and so forth.

This information is available from our website at <https://www.glaam.org/bylaws/>, and in fact, documents there are more current than the ones we've been distributing in printed handbooks. I would like to retire the practice of distributing printed handbooks, except for people who say they want one, which I am happy to do, and instead I'd like to direct everyone to the website where the most current versions of this information reside as PDF documents.

Before we make changes to this practice, let's discuss. I shouldn't be changing our longstanding practice unilaterally.

B. Update to Webmaster Guidelines (Elliott)

- Elliott writes:

Archivist Madsen has discovered Motion #2006-070 in our catalog of Actions Still In Effect, requiring that the website section containing the Minutes and Agendas should be password-protected. This rule was never incorporated into the Webmaster Guidelines, which were most recently revised in 2005. As a result, I failed to notice the policy when I looked as the new Webmaster for guidance on which pages should be protected. Therefore, if we wish to retain this rule, then I recommend that we approve a corresponding amendment to the Webmaster Guidelines, also specifying any other sections or pages which are to be protected, so that future Webmasters will have that resource readily available to them. However, I currently have mixed feelings as to whether we should retain

this policy. The more pages which we have protected from public viewing, the more it makes us look like a 'secret society' such as the Freemasons or the Illuminati, whereas I think that we want our presence to appear more open and welcoming. In particular, I feel that we flatter ourselves to imagine that people on the outside would be interested in reading our Minutes. Even if they do, they would need to slog through mounds of dry material before they ever get to anything remotely salacious. I can see protecting our Finance section, and maybe the Motions for being a shortcut to some of our tougher decisions, but maybe that needs to be it. I am open to Board input on the matter, but I do recommend that whatever policy we agree on should be appended to the Webmaster Guidelines for easy future reference.

- Madsen's opinion on this is that our meetings are open to Mensa members and their invited guests, not to the public at large, primarily because we do discuss sensitive subjects from time to time, and our minutes and agendas should follow suit. In his view, the rationale that led the Board to endorse password protection of such things back in 2006 is just as valid today as it was then. Admittedly, not a lot of that will be of interest to the general public, but there have been occasions in the past where GLAAM's business has attracted the attention of national journalists, and so it is not unreasonable to imagine that this might happen again. Because we do discuss sensitive matters from time to time, Madsen is not comfortable with those minutes being freely available to people who wouldn't be invited to attend our meetings.

C. The role of RG Treasurer vis-à-vis the GLAAM Bylaws (Elliott)

- Elliott, from our October meeting: "The Finance Committee Chair raised a very interesting point that the Bylaws say the Treasurer shall receive all monies and make all disbursements. Theoretically, that does not allow for the RG Treasurer to do that same job for the RG Committee as [has been done] for many years." Elliott requested an agenda item at our next meeting to discuss this. "Are we in violation of the Bylaws? Do we need to change our practice to meet the Bylaws, [or] change the Bylaws to meet our practice?"
- From Jordan Albert Byrne, by email: "Who should be the main point of contact for bank account access and payment apps such as PayPal? Jana has volunteered, but Jay Friedlander suggested perhaps it should be a sitting board member. I helped set up these accounts as a favor, but do [not] have the bandwidth or desire to be the main point of contact."

Secretary's interjection: we might want to consider Jordan's comment a separate agenda item, although it seems related to me...

D. Ting Mobile / GLAAM Phone (Jordan Albert Byrne)

Due to inaction, there's now late fees on the Ting account: \$73, which has to be paid to re-activate it. For the sake of expediency, I can cover the cost for now, and submit a reimbursement, if the board approves. In the meeting we can discuss

whether to keep the account or not.

E. Electronic election balloting (David Fenig)

Last year, due to COVID, we continued with having electronic signatures on petitions. I honestly don't care if we go back to the old way of just paper signatures or continue it with the current way. What does the board have to say about this?

Here is how the electronic signature stuff works:

Electronic email "signatures" on petitions will also be accepted. If you are signing a candidate's petition by email, you need to send an email using the one on file with Mensa to the Election Chair and the petitioner with 1) your name, 2) Mensa number, 3) home address, and 4) the specific position the petitioner is running for.

F. Accounts Receivable (Williamson)

From Williamson's written report: "We need a clear path for receiving and depositing checks from donors and advertisers. How should checks be made out and to what address should they be mailed? It may not be ideal to circulate anyone's personal address for this purpose. If checks are to be mailed to our chapter's mailbox, then we need to make sure that it is being checked regularly and that mail is being circulated and forwarded to the appropriate parties. My understanding is that isn't currently happening."

VI. Closing

- A. Good of the Order
- B. Adjournment