Agenda
Regular Meeting of
Greater Los Angeles Area Mensa
Board of Directors

25 April 2009 – 11:00 a.m.
Pilgrim Towers
440 North Madison Avenue
Pasadena, California

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

II.   Reports
     A. Executive Officers
     B. Area Reports
     C. Members-at-Large
     D. Standing Committees
     E. Coordinators
     F. Election Committee

III.   New Business
     A. Website Elections Forms (Carr)
     B. E-mail Distribution List Guidelines (Yu)

IV.   Closing
     A. Good of the Order
     B. Adjournment

Notes on New Business Items

Please see previous agendas for notes on unfinished business items.

III(A) Website Elections Forms

Carr, 04/23:

"I actually chatted briefly with Jay F at the last happy hour and he was positive about the idea.

Regarding nominations, we can place a petition form on the web site in the members only section and have people enter their relevant information in support of candidates with an e-signature. Entries can be emailed by the web site to the election chair.

We can do the same thing with the elections, with an e-signature, allowing people to vote online and have the website email votes to the election chair. Naturally, I wouldn't suggest doing away with the paper ballots, but the e-ballots would be much more efficient, economical, and ecological. They would also lessen the workload of our beloved election chair.

It is technologically very simple to put a form on the web site, so I think we should consider it for next year."

III(B) Distribution List Guidelines

Brian Madsen, 04/06:

"In the meantime, however, we should talk about policies and procedures to govern the use of these lists. Who should be enabled to post to these lists? Who should be enabled to moderate them? Etc.

I propose the following as a starting point, subject for discussion of course:

1) The webmaster solely controls the administrative settings for all of these lists -- and there are a lot of them – setting passwords, dealing with bouncing emails, text in the footers, membership settings, whether subscribers can see the email addresses of other subscribers, settings governing the archiving of messages, etc. I propose that one person be responsible for these settings for all of these lists, partly because it's kind of complicated, and partly because if one person is doing all of this, all of the lists will be set up consistently and will stay that way; moreover, I propose that that person be the webmaster because the webmaster will be generating the membership lists and will therefore need access to those settings anyway in order to update the lists from month to month.

2) Each area list will be configured so that the secretary and delegate of each area will be able to post to that area's list. (Well, in fact, anybody can post to any list, as long as the moderator(s) approve(s) the posting. What I'm trying to suggest is that each list will be configured so that the area secretary and delegate can post to the list without needing to approve their own messages -- which is to say, their messages won't sit for any length of time in a "pending" or "moderated" state waiting for moderator approval).

3) Who should be able to post to the chapter-wide (GLAAM-Announce) list without being moderated? All of the board? Just the executive officers (LocSec, XVC, AVC)?

4) Who should have the responsibility of approving moderated/pending messages? That is to say, if someone posts to an area lists or to the chapter list who hasn't been pre-approved to do so, someone needs to make a decision about whether to allow that posting to go through or not. Should that permission remain with the webmaster only, or the webmaster and the area secretary and delegate, or they and the executive officers, or the webmaster and anyone on the board, or what? (Whoever has administrative permissions on the lists also has permission to moderate postings, which is why I keep including the webmaster in all of these possible choices.)"