

Greater Los Angeles Area Mensa
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Meeting conducted electronically via Zoom
November 5th, 2022

Area	Secretary	Delegate	Members-at-Large
Mid-City	vacant	vacant	[/] Roy Ball
Coastal	[X:1] To Meni	vacant	[✓] Brian Madsen
SFV	vacant	[✓] Alan Stillson	[✓] Sam Moses
ELAC	[X:2] Ignacio González	[✓] Jonathan Elliott	[✓] Andrea Nolan
Hi-Desert	vacant	vacant	[✓] Madeline Walker
Inland Empire	[✓] Wilbert Woo	[✓] Mark Carpenter	[X:1] Gregory Williamson

Key:

[✓] = present for entire meeting

[/] = present for portion

[X:#] = absent, with count (#) of consecutive absences

Guests: Jordan Albert Byrne, Nikki Frey, Jay Friedlander, Toni Hansen, Chad Tew

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order by Executive Vice Chair Jonathan Elliott at 11:00am.

B. Approval of Agenda

- Moses moved to approve, Carpenter seconded, and the agenda was approved without objection.

C. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Madsen moved to approve, Stillson seconded, and the minutes were approved without objection.

II. Reports

A. Executive Officers

1. Chair (Williamson)

- Williamson submitted a written report, knowing that he would be absent from this meeting.
 - His report was not read aloud in full, in the interest of time, and on the assumption that Board members had received and read it beforehand, but Madsen did attempt to summarize the main points verbally.
 - The report is attached to these minutes. See [November LocSec](#)

[Report.pdf](#)

- Williamson's statement in his report that he "would like to appoint Emmett Rahl as Editor" and asking the Board to "discuss whether the Board will approve of this appointment" and that "If not, then I will appoint Emmett to work as the Interim Editor on our newsletter" was met with objections from:
 - Moses, who objected that "it appears that whatever the Board says, it doesn't matter; we're gonna have Emmett as editor" and that "the Board is irrelevant for this then."
 - Elliott, who agreed that Moses's summation "seems to be the thrust of the report" but that "I am not necessarily concurring that that's actually the case."
 - Ball, who objected "as former parliamentarian" that Williamson's statement was the equivalent of "a wish list" and that "there is no such thing as a proxy authority in a GLAAM Board meeting."
 - Elliott asked the Board not to continue discussion at this point in the meeting, as "we have a lot to do" and that the appointment would be taken up later in the meeting.

2. Executive Vice-Chair (Elliott)

- Elliott was "thrilled that we will be having an RG this coming February after all, thanks to a great committee effort to find a new location, which will accommodate our needs at a nearly break-even level."

3. Administrative Vice-Chair (Madsen)

- Madsen added Meni to both the Board of Directors and CCs Mensa Connect communities, added Oskey to the CCs community, and removed Courtney Seiter from both communities at her own request.

4. Secretary (Madsen)

- Madsen updated the website with the latest minutes and agenda.

5. Treasurer (Woo)

- Woo: "We have a combined total in the GLAAM general and the RG bank accounts of \$32,419.32."
- Stillson asked if we had determined to whom checks should be mailed from *L.A. Mentary* advertisers.
 - Elliott objected that this wasn't a question arising from the Treasurer's report.
 - Madsen countered that it does arise from the LocSec's report, and moved to add a discussion of this subject to the agenda, specifically, that "we need a clear path for receiving and depositing checks from donors and advertisers."
 - Stillson seconded.
 - This item was added to the agenda, without objection, as item F under New Business.

B. Area Reports

1. Mid-City (vacant): no report
2. Coastal (vacant)
 - Moses reported "a Halloween party with about 50 people attending," a possible Christmas party, and "on Thursday this week, a dinner at El Cholo."
3. SFV
 - Stillson reported a trip to the Museum of Neon Art in Glendale attended by five people.
4. ELAC: no report
5. Hi-Desert (vacant)
6. Inland Empire: no report

C. Members-at-Large

1. Ball
 - no report "in the interest of saving time."
2. Madsen
 - attended Jana Bickel's dinner at Sizzler.
3. Moses
 - repeated "we had a very nice Halloween party – a lot of Mensa people showed up – for several people it was their first event after many years."
4. Nolan: no report
5. Walker
 - no report "because I was in England."
6. Williamson: no report

D. Committees

1. Elections Committee
 - Friedlander referenced an agenda item occurring later in this meeting regarding extending the recent practice of balloting electronically, and said, "I strongly endorse that."
2. Gifted Youth Committee
 - Walker: To Meni had scheduled "a whole year of wonderful things."
3. Regional Gathering Committee
 - Friedlander:
 - "We have a new venue. It is the Golden Sails Hotel at Belmont Shore in Long Beach. We got an incredibly good deal."
 - "This came through a request for proposal."
 - A big hospitality room will cost us \$300 per night. Overnight rooms for

hotel guests will cost \$115.

- "I couldn't be happier with the contract. It's very good."
- Jana Bickel had started receiving registrations.
- Friedlander thanked Nikki Frey "for doing a fine job on putting the ad together for us and making it look terrific."

4. Scholarships Committee

- Tew reported 89 applicants already, which he said is a lot, considering that he expected most applications to come in closer to the deadline in January. "Right now, the key thing is getting together a committee or a group of readers to help review the applications because it's a very subjective process [which] weighs on a 500-word essay."

5. Special Events Committee

- Walker reported a group attending an upcoming taping of *The Price Is Right*.
- Elliott reported a "substitute picnic" at Reno's Pizzeria the previous month, taking the place of the scheduled picnic in Griffith Park because of rain on that day.

6. Testing Committee

- Elliott reminded the group of Williamson's LocSec report, which noted that we're still looking for testing locations. Elliott intended to check with his local library to see what might be available and encouraged the group to check for similar possible venues.

E. Coordinators

1. Calendar Editor

- Stillson noted that November's calendar came together smoothly, that December's calendar may be unusual due to holidays, and thanked "everybody who's involved in planning activities for being prompt."

2. Circulation Manager

- Stillson noted that all local groups must have a nondisclosure agreement with their local printer. GLAAM shared a printer with Orange County Mensa, and that printer had signed the NDA, but that NDA had not yet been countersigned by American Mensa. Trevor Mitchell is responsible for doing so, but hadn't yet. Stillson reported that Angie Mattson of OCM had reached out to Becky Folger and Robin Crawford asking for help with this.
- Stillson continued that printing was going well. "We're happy with the printer. Nobody is happy with the pricing, but paper is extremely expensive." He reported that we should be encouraging people to convert from postal delivery to online delivery, because "it saves us a lot of money" when people do that.

3. Data Officer

- Madsen provided a list of GLAAM ZIP Codes to David Fenig at his request.

4. *L.A. Mentary*

- Frey: "I've got the December issue half-finished already."
- Frey: "If you appoint this new guy [Rahl], he's gonna be just lost. He's not here. We don't know who he is. He's gonna be lost. And he'll just print the bare bones newsletter and he's not gonna know what to do."

5. SIGHT

- Madsen read a written report from Arlette Chew:

David had a nice, though short, visit with the Dutch visitors.

We received a request from an Alaskan couple for hosting 11/7 - 11/15 within 15-20 minutes of Cedar Sinai, where one of them will be receiving treatment, with kitchen access and within walking distance of a grocery store. They were quite disappointed when all I could offer was hotel/motel recommendations, but neither David nor I are even within the requested area.

6. Social Media

- Williamson posted membership numbers in his written report.
- Jordan Albert Byrne wrote that Chandler Kyle "has been updating the social media channels and posting new things, so she is being active, which is good."

7. Webmaster

- Elliott reported a number of changes to the website, including restoring password protection to the Board meeting minutes page, adding an advertisement for the upcoming RG, and adding photos of volunteers and biographical text to the Hall of Fame, as well as other housekeeping changes.
- Jordan Albert Byrne asked about PayPal payment options on the website. Elliott confirmed that that's being worked. Both agreed that that was not working correctly.

- 8. Archivist, Awards Committee, Diversity Committee, Elections Committee, Finance Committee, Historian, Membership Committee, Ombudsman, Open Forum, Public Relations, SIGs, and Young Ms all offered no report.

III. Special Orders

A. Filling Vacancies on the Board

- No nominations were offered.

B. Filling of Vacant Committee Chair Positions

- No nominations were offered.

C. Filling of Vacant Coordinator Positions

1. Emmett Rahl as *L.A. Mentary* Editor

- From Williamson's written report:

I would like to appoint Emmett Rahl as Editor. He published a newsletter for his running club for about 17 years and was a member of Harbor Area Mensa. I have been talking with Emmett Rahl since early August about our newsletter. Emmett is an ultra long distance runner and, at the time of this writing, has a run he's doing at the time of the board meeting and might not be able to attend.

Toni Hansen previously worked as the layout editor of L.A. Mentary while Vickey Kalambakal was the editor. She has agreed to work with Emmett in a similar arrangement.

Please discuss whether the board will approve of this appointment. If not, then I will appoint Emmett to work as the Interim Editor on our newsletter.

- Elliott expressed his view that our Bylaws do not allow a LocSec to appoint a newsletter editor without Board approval, and this includes appointing an interim editor, since, if the LocSec were to appoint an interim editor without Board approval, doing so could be used indefinitely as a way of circumventing the intent of the Bylaws, which is to allow the Board to have a say in approving the appointment.
- Ball expressed his understanding as former parliamentarian that there is no provision for making a motion by proxy, or in other words, making an appointment without being present.
- Ball also reiterated a point made last month that the Bylaws are not clear about how many members of the Board need to approve an appointment. "So can two members of the Board overrule everybody else?"
- Elliott countered that the language of the Bylaws "doesn't limit the Chair" as to how the appointment is offered. "It does not say it needs to be in person. It could be in writing. But it still needs to be approved by the Board." Elliott clarified that this was his interpretation of the Bylaws, on which basis he allowed the question to stand, as written in Williamson's report, as to whether Rahl shall be appointed as Editor.
- Frey asked whether Elliott was acting as Chair in the meeting. Elliott responded that he is "presiding over the meeting" in his capacity as Executive Vice Chair, as the Bylaws allow in the absence of the Chair, "but I don't otherwise get to function as Chair if we have somebody occupying the position."
- Ball then reiterated that there is no proxy voting. Elliott agreed, but clarified that this was not a proxy vote. Instead, it was a nomination in writing, which the Bylaws did not disallow. "I don't see any restriction [in the Bylaws] requiring the Chair to present his nomination in person. I don't see it."
- Ball accepted that the question was open for discussion, and stated his intention

to vote against the nomination, and to hope that at the December Board meeting, Frey would be nominated "to be either temporary, or more likely, permanent editor."

- Moses stated, "I would vote to keep Nikki through the term," meaning until the May Board meeting.
- Stillson and Moses both stated that they didn't want to support the appointment of someone they hadn't met.
- Carpenter asked to call the question.
 - Elliott asked if anyone present was in support of the nomination offered by Williamson.
 - Madsen affirmed his support.
 - Elliott: "I do not see any other hands up, so it seems to me, unless you want to count [votes in opposition], the nomination fails."
- Elliott: "We need to make a provision, in the Chair's absence, for the December issue. As senior ranking officer present, I guess that I get to fill in for Greg. Listening to the sense of the group here, it seems to me that we should allow Nikki to be the interim editor for one more issue. I don't know that I can make a nomination in Greg's absence for the rest of the Board term, as Sam would like, and others have suggested, but I guess that as a matter of expediency, I can at least do it for December. Nikki says that she's got it half-done already, so I propose that we allow Nikki to continue as interim editor for at least one more month, and then we'll take it up again later."
- Frey asked for a count of votes against the nomination for Rahl as editor.
 - Madsen had previously voted in favor.
 - Ball, Elliott, Moses, Nolan, Stillson, and Woo voted against.
 - Carpenter and Walker voted to abstain.
 - There were nine Board members present, and all nine votes were accounted for. Support for the appointment of Rahl failed (1/6/2).
- Carpenter asked for a vote approving Elliott's appointment of Nikki as interim editor for the December issue.
 - Ball, Carpenter, Elliott, Moses, Nolan, Stillson, Walker, and Woo voted in favor.
 - Madsen voted against.
 - The appointment carried (8/1/0).

D. Budget

- Elliott presented Draft 7 of the budget on behalf of the Finance Committee for the Board's consideration.
 - See attachments:
 - [draft 7 of 2022-23 glaam budget.pdf](#)

- [draft 7 of 2022-23 glaam budget.xlsx](#)

- Madsen offered two motions:
 1. "That we approve this budget."
 2. The budget showed a scholarship amount of \$1,500, rather than the \$2,500 amount we had awarded in the past. At last month's Board meeting, Williamson had asked Woo to pay \$1,878 to the Mensa Foundation in order to bring our scholarship fund up to the \$2,500 amount (because we had had a balance of \$622 in that fund, due to a scholarship that we had not awarded the previous year), which Woo had paid prior to this meeting. Therefore, given that we had already overspent the budgeted amount, Madsen moved to award the full \$2,500 scholarship amount, while acknowledging that doing so meant overspending the budgeted amount by \$378.
- Elliott countered that no motion was needed to approve the budget, and Madsen's first motion is not in order, since "the budget is already moved by the Finance Committee. It is before the Board already to approve it. No separate motion is required."
- Madsen agreed, but reiterated that he wants to move to continue awarding two scholarships in the total amount of \$2,500 "despite what's in this budget."
- Elliott called for a discussion to accept draft seven of the budget. Elliott noted that Madsen was in favor, and added that he (Elliott) was also in favor. Elliott then asked for discussion. None was offered. Elliott declared the budget approved.
- Discussion continued about the scholarship amount.
 - Madsen moved "that despite the budget we've just approved, we go ahead with two scholarships, one for \$1,500 and one for \$1,000, given that the money to give away is already in our Mensa Foundation account."
 - Stillson and Moses both seconded, simultaneously.
 - Tew added that these amounts have already been widely publicized, that is, that two scholarships are available, for which people have already begun applying.
 - Elliott asked for clarification: if the funds are already in the account, doesn't that mean that we paid that amount in a previous year?
 - Madsen responded that we had paid \$1,878 within the previous month to bring the account balance up from \$622, which had been in the account from the previous year, to \$2,500.
 - Elliott warned that "if you proceed at this point with an expenditure in excess of budget, without making any other provision to rebalance the budget, either cutting somewhere else or trying to drum up some revenue somewhere else to offset, Finance Committee Chair Mickey is liable to be very upset."
 - Woo expressed that this motion would amend the budget with an expenditure in excess of the budgeted amount, thereby turning the budget into a deficit-spending budget.
 - Elliott concurred that that would be the implication. Moreover, "we can have a deficit budget," that we've done it before, having

had the funds in our bank account to cover them, “but again, the Finance Committee was adamant about having a balanced budget.”

- Madsen: “To be clear, I was not suggesting amending the budget. I am suggesting that the budget is a good guideline, and I'm happy with it, and I want to keep it. But we are acknowledging that we are going to overspend that line item on the budget. I am not suggesting that we amend the budget. I am suggesting that we plow ahead anyhow, regardless of the fact that the budget has a recommendation that we spend \$1,500, because we have already spent more than that. And I'm suggesting that because we've already spent more than that, we should go ahead with the scholarship program as advertised.”
 - Woo concurred. “The budget is a guide to show us the way. We've got a budget. We just voted for it. But we don't need to follow it if circumstances change. So I personally say go ahead and award the scholarships. \$2,500 – that busts our budget – so what? And the thing about the Finance Committee: we are the Board, we make the decisions, the Finance Committee only recommends. Now if the Finance Committee says 'I will not accept [what you do]', we can ignore that. We are the Board. They provide valuable guidance for us. But still, you know, as a Board, we collectively make the decisions for GLAAM. I support the scholarship amount, and I support the budget, but it ain't gonna come out exactly to that [amount] at the end of the year.”
- Some other discussion ensued at this point clarifying what is meant by a deficit-spending budget, how money in our checking account contributes (or doesn't) to the budget, and agreeing that, for example in the case of the RG, income and expenses aren't likely to end up agreeing with the budget by the end of the fiscal year.
- Ball and Elliott asked Madsen to restate the motion, to include a dollar amount. The final motion is “that despite the budget we've just approved, we go ahead with awarding two scholarships, one for \$1,500 and one for \$1,000, as originally publicized and intended, given that we've already spent \$1,878 on this recently, which exceeds the budgeted amount by \$378, and so that amount is already in our Mensa Foundation account waiting to be awarded.”
- Elliott called for a vote, and stated that he would abstain. All others voted in favor. The motion carried (8/0/1).

E. Board meeting dates for 2023

- Discussion ensued (chiefly Madsen, Stillson, and Ball), with general agreement around meeting on the first Saturday of each month in 2023 except to meet on July 15th to accommodate Independence Day and the Annual Gathering, and on September 9th to allow for an Orange County RG over Labor Day weekend. Madsen moved, Stillson and Carpenter seconded simultaneously, no objections were offered, and Elliott declared the motion carried.

IV. Unfinished Business

- There was no unfinished business.

V. New Business

A. Physical handbooks discussion (Madsen)

- Madsen: "I have acquired a bunch of old handbooks, gone through them, catalogued them, and figured out that the source material for those handbooks was, in every single instance, out of date. By contrast, the information that is current and up to date is on our website, where it is freely available. I want to suggest that we change our past practice of giving out physical handbooks to all Board members, unless somebody asks for one, in which case, I'll make them onesie-twosie, as people ask for them. But otherwise, I suggest that we point people to the website where they can find all of the information that was in the Board member handbooks. If you're all in agreement with that, I want to destroy all the old stuff that I have received from Sandra, because I don't think that we really need to maintain it."
 - Elliott expressed support for the proposal, "even though I personally created a lot of those handbooks, and I spent a lot of time with them, but that was back in the 90s." Elliott also volunteered, if this motion passes, "to amend the guidelines and other operating documents in accordance with the new policy."
 - Ball said he was glad that the proposal included printing handbooks on an as-needed basis, as he thought he might be someone who would likely ask for that.
 - Moses concurred with the proposal, saying that when he was on the Board many years ago, he had a handbook and "never looked at it."
 - Stillson recommended maybe holding on to a few of the existing printed handbooks and giving them to the Archivist. Madsen noted that he was GLAAM's Archivist, so that would be an easy request to fulfill.
- Elliott called for objections, heard none, and declared the motion carried.

B. Update to Webmaster Guidelines (Elliott)

- Elliott summarized the question by saying that he agreed that the website should password-protect sections of our website pertaining to finances and our motions catalog, and that Madsen wants to see minutes and agendas password protected as well. Elliott would like the Board to designate what the policy ought to be.
 - Ball asked what it means to password-protect sections of the website. "Is it only Board members, or is it all paid members of GLAAM?" Elliott responded that this means that these sections would be available any current American Mensa member, that is, anyone with a username and password allowing them to log in to the American Mensa website.
- Madsen repeated his view, also stated in the agenda, that our Board meetings are open to Mensa members and their invited guests, and that applying password-protection to our minutes would mean that those minutes would be available to the same set of people who are invited to our meetings.
- Elliott asked, one at a time, if the financial pages, the motions catalog, and the minutes pages should be password protected, and reported unanimity in all three cases. Elliott also clarified that the Webmaster Guidelines did specify that the financial and motions pages should be password protected, but they did not say the same about the minutes

page, whereas motion 2006-070 did indicate this. He also asked if any other pages should be password-protected, and no suggestions were offered.

- Elliott moved "to amend the Webmaster Guidelines to reflect motion number 2006-070, that is, to specify that the minutes page of the website should also be password-protected." Madsen seconded. Elliott asked for objection, heard none, and declared the motion approved.

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

- Elliott quoted the Bylaws, which state that the GLAAM Treasurer "shall act as financial officer of GLAAM, shall receive all monies and make all disbursements." He said that this language predated the RG, and the concept of an RG Treasurer, and hadn't been updated to reflect current practice. So, he asked, does the existence of a separate person acting as RG Treasurer violate our current Bylaws? According to Elliott, Finance Committee Chair Oskey believes that it does, and that there should not be a separate RG Treasurer. On the one hand, those are both big jobs which it makes practical sense to separate, yet on the other, we don't want to go through another Bylaws revision. And so Elliott asked the Board: does the current practice or having a separate RG Treasurer with a separate RG bank account and checkbook and debit cards constitute a violation of the Bylaws?
 - Madsen expressed his view that the RG Treasurer is a deputy, acting under the direction of the GLAAM Treasurer, and is not acting independently or without oversight. "Wilbert is aware that the RG Treasurer position exists, that there is an RG bank account. He's able to see the balances on those bank accounts, and he's able to see funds when they come and go. He's also able to query the RG Treasurer about any questionable transactions in the account. And as such, the RG Treasurer is acting under his direction. And this is not a violation of the Bylaws. That's my sense of things."
 - Stillson agreed that the work of the RG Treasurer is being delegated by the GLAAM Treasurer to the RG Committee, but that the GLAAM Treasurer still retains final authority: "Wilbert would still be in charge of it." He suggested that the Bylaws might be revised to clarify that the Treasurer had the right to delegate some specific chores, such as this one. "I think the right to delegate might be added to the Bylaws. I think that'll be very minimal work."
 - Elliott, recalling a Bylaws revision a few years earlier, countered that any revision to the Bylaws, no matter how minor, is a major undertaking, and not something that will happen with minimal work.
 - Elliott: "I think as to the substance of Alan's point, which Brian was also expressing, as I understand it, is that if we interpret the current Bylaws as allowing the Treasurer to have a deputy or an assistant or a delegate to handle some of those details under the Treasurer's direction, then that basically, hopefully satisfies the Bylaws requirement and does not require any Bylaws amendment at all."
 - Woo: "If the Treasurer has an assistant, then any responsibilities or duties can be allocated down so that officially any monies [handled] by the RG Treasurer are part of the GLAAM Treasurer's duties and responsibilities. So if you make that determination, then the Bylaws are not violated, in my opinion. [On the other hand,] if the [RG] Treasurer is set up to be independent of the [GLAAM] Treasurer,

then there could be some question, since he or she doesn't report to the [GLAAM] Treasurer, so there's no control by the [GLAAM] Treasurer of the [RG's] disbursements and income. And the Bylaws are probably set up, having the Treasurer do everything, because what you want is responsibility and control of your monies. And that's through the [GLAAM] Treasurer. And if you make this seem to be that the RG Treasurer is somehow not connected directly to the [GLAAM] Treasurer, then it seems to me that principle is violated. So if you can, without going through and changing the Bylaws, structure it that the RG Treasurer reports to the [GLAAM] Treasurer, then I see no problem."

- Jay Friedlander referred to one of our standing rules: "The RG Treasurer be [sic] a signer on the LA Mensa RG checking account, with at least one (but preferably two) of the following individuals: RG Chair, GLAAM LocSec, and GLAAM Treasurer. If any of the signers should cease to function in the respective capacity, (s)he should be removed as soon as practical and replaced by one of the other individuals, as appropriate. 2006-009." Friedlander pointed out that currently, the RG Chair, the RG Treasurer, and the GLAAM Treasurer are signers on that account. "So I don't think we need to enact additional legislation. I think it's already in place."

- Elliott noted that if the Bylaws are being violated by current practice, then the standing rule may be "out of order because the Bylaws must prevail over the standing rules if there's any conflict. So that's still the question."

- Elliott offered a motion "that it is the sense of the Board that the provision in paragraph VI.D.5. of the GLAAM Bylaws requiring that the Treasurer 'shall receive all monies and make all disbursements' allows for the appointment of one or more deputy treasurers to process incoming and outgoing financial transactions on behalf of, and under the direction of, the GLAAM Treasurer."

- Madsen seconded.

- Elliott asked for objections, heard none, and declared the motion approved.

- Discussion ensued about the RG PayPal account, and who should be responsible for it. Albert Byrne, Elliott, and Woo all agreed that Woo should be the main point of contact for the PayPal account, although Jana Bickel also had login information for this, and that Woo and Bickel would coordinate use of that account between them. It was agreed that Williamson as LocSec should also have access to that information as backup.

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

- Discussion ensued.
 - Our Ting Mobile account had accrued late fees which needed to be paid. The budget included \$300 for GLAAM Phone expenses which should be used for this purpose.
 - Past Board action (cf. Minutes, March 2022) retired the concept of a MensaPhone *per se*, but not the need for a physical phone, which was to be used by GLAAM's Social Media Coordinator, currently Chandler Kyle.
 - A physical phone needs to be purchased, or donated, after which someone needed to activate the Ting Mobile account and apply it to the physical phone.

- Additionally, a debit card would be needed to pay for the account. Woo stated that he did not have one for the GLAAM bank account. "I guess I should get one."
- No decisions were reached, although Albert Byrne agreed to follow up outside of this meeting with Kyle, Woo, and others to settle this question.

E. Electronic election balloting (David Fenig)

- In recent years, we've been allowing petitions and ballots to be circulated and submitted by email, although generally, this has been regarded as a pandemic-necessitated exception to our pre-pandemic practice of circulating petitions in person and submitting votes by postal mail. Fenig asked if the Board had a preference regarding the continuation of the recent practice in the upcoming election.
- Madsen expressed approval for continuing the current process, that is, continuing to allow electronic petitioning and balloting as has been the case during recent years.
- Elliott expressed similar approval, and ask for objections. None were offered. Elliott: "That I guess will be the action."
- This wasn't presented in the form of a motion, and wasn't seconded or voted on. Rather, it was a proposal that met with general agreement. Still, it should be regarded as the common understanding of the Board that current practice should continue for the current election season.

F. Accounts Receivable (Williamson)

- At this point, Madsen moved, and Ball seconded, to extend the meeting by ten minutes. Elliott abstained. The meeting continued.
- Williamson had raised two points in his report that needed discussion:
 1. "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."
 2. "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."
- These two points were resolved after brief discussion as follows:
 1. Checks should be made out either to Greater Los Angeles Area Mensa or GLAAM, either of which is acceptable to the bank, and mailed to Woo at his home address. Woo confirmed that it's acceptable to him to use that address, although it shouldn't be necessary to post it in the newsletter as long as the newsletter editor tells advertisers where to mail their checks. (Frey asked for, and received, Woo's postal address during this meeting.)
 2. We should, but didn't, have a plan for somebody to be checking the physical mailbox every so often. Currently, Woo had a key to the mailbox, but lived too far away from Pasadena to check it regularly. Elliott also had a key, but would prefer to pass that responsibility to someone else. (In past discussions on this subject, the question was raised and not answered as to whether Jay Friedlander had a key; during this discussion, he confirmed that he did not.) Madsen, who worked

in Pasadena, agreed to take the key from Elliott and to check the mailbox twice a month and send what he found there to the appropriate recipients. Madsen and Elliott agreed to transfer the key at their next in-person meeting, although it wasn't clear when that would take place.

VI. Closing

A. Good of the Order

1. Walker invited meeting attendees to join her at *The Price Is Right* on the following Tuesday. (There were no volunteers.)

B. Adjournment

- Moses moved, Ball seconded, no vote was called, and Elliott declared the meeting adjourned at 1:09pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Brian Madsen, GLAAM Secretary*