

**California Men's Gatherings**  
**Annual Members Meeting**  
West Hollywood, CA  
Jan 14 & 15, 2017

In Attendance

**Voting Members**

Mohabee Serrano, Matthew Sunderland, Jamie Simmons, Frank Rothacker, Ernie Eliot, Drew Blanchar, Blaidd Peisinger, Jeff Rrhykus, Cat Walker, Patrick Kneisley, Shabazz, Paul Steele, Christopher Johnson, Vic F., Mike Fahy, Garrick Wilhelm, Ed Callahan, Virsil Mitchell, Blaidd Peisinger, Joe Wagenhofer, Joe Hoffman, Ben-Andy Hein, Charlie Malarkey, Phil Carberry, Frank Hermann, Tony,

4 Elders are noted. They are: Mike Fahy, Cat Walker, Patrick Knisely, and Joe Wagenhofer

**Visitors**

***First Session, Saturday Morning***

Presiding: Matthew Sunderland, President, CMG

Notes: Mohabee Serrano, Secretary, CMG

Vibes: Mike Fahy

Meeting brought to order: 9:35 AM

CMG Elders are the meeting vibes keepers. Mike Fahy will keep vibes at this meeting. The members are reminded about the course of the meeting. We operate on a "hybrid" of Open Space. Once we have the agenda items, we break into discussion groups, to further determine the course of several matters. There will be two sessions today, to do this. Some of the items will be refined, worded and phrased correctly, and will become proposals for the Members to vote on, later on this weekend. Other matters may be discussed in the groups, but no action will be recommended by the men in these groups.

Agenda and Process of the Meeting--reminders

This meeting is like a "popcorn" session—the sky is the limit, and everyone present is welcome to present a matter to be discussed.

**Minutes of the 2016 AMM (Sacramento)**--Mohabee Serrano, CMG Secretary

Accepted--14Y; 0N; 1A

**Treasurer's Report** Ben-Andy Hein, CMG Treasurer

Ben-Andy presented the financial report related to the nine CMG bank accounts. Net value of all bank accounts: \$75,754.27 (As of 1-22-2016). The gross value of our accounts, 1-14-2017: \$90,235.35, nearly a 20% increase. Ben-Andy cautioned the Members that though this increase is a welcome benefit, the financial health of the Corporation depends on mindful spending, and sticking to approved budgets.

Account Balance, Statewide Account: 2016-\$32,022 (reported at the 2016 AMM); 2017-\$28,601 (Current balance)

Though this account shows a decline over last year's amount, Ben-Andy thinks we're doing OK at this time. Ben-Andy told the Members that a budget, based on the previous year's budget, will be presented later this weekend.

## **Agenda For This Meeting**

### *FIRST DISCUSSION SESSION*

- Jeff: recognises the Treasurer, and the annual report, and the financing of the organization. Jeff wants to suggest methods for funding the organization.
- Charlie: responding to declining attendance and income. .
- Garrick: Marketing: review of CMG marketing. *Outreach recommendations for diversity.*
- Ernie E.: Continuation of Fall Gatherings. *At the last Board Meeting, a negative comment was noted in the Board Meeting Minutes, but we may not need to discontinue the Fall Gathering.*
- Christopher: The "Spirit" of the CMG. *How to expand our outreach, using our traditional values (reassigned to the second discussion session).*

These topics will be heard at the second discussion session:

- Frank R: Future AMMs and how to improve meetings. *Rethinking the date and locations of meetings.*
- Mike and Philip: Website look. *Revising the overall design of the CMG website.*
- Larry: Photography policy at Gatherings. *Suggestions to "loosen up" the current policy.*

Discussion:

Concern was heard that not enough time is allotted for discussion; there will be unrestricted time to carefully consider. Joe thinks the financial health of the organization is likely the most important. Matthew says everyone will have time to make his opinion.

The discussion groups formed, and time for the discussions was 45 minutes.

Meeting back to order: 11:16 AM

Matthew Sunderland brings the meeting to order, stating that we have time yet to go through the items which were discussed in Session 1.

## **Funding the Organization**

Jeff: We're in better financial health than expected, thus, the impact of the group isn't as heavy. There are ideas as to how Planners can increase revenue:

- 13% is contributed to the statewide account, based on a two-year average.
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- Lowest tier would be required to cover the cost per man, which might bring the low tier to an increase.
- LECs would contribute some money in lean times.

*Discussion:* (Christopher) Gatherings shall produce a surplus percentage of 13% of which goes to statewide account, and each Gathering begins with \$8K. (Operating Procedure)

- The lowest tier of registration=camp cost per man. (Strong Recommendation)

## **Attendance Concerns For Future Gatherings**

Charlie told the Members that his group recommends these actions be considered:

- select smaller camps.
- community getting together to attract more men.
- ceremonies based on myths and archetypes, and recalling favorable Gatherings in the past.
- OK to change the older rituals.
- Hold one annual Gathering, for many men. Hold smaller Gatherings, which could be focused on specific topics, throughout the year.
- Hold a Gathering for younger men.

### **Photo Policy Changes**

Discussion: Change photo policy to allow fewer restrictions on sharing personal photos, made during the Gatherings and displayed via social networks. Larry told the Members that a proposal is forthcoming.

### **Fall Gatherings**

The group heard a report about outreach and marketing for the last Fall Gathering (Nov., 2016). Ernie says his group recommends holding a Fall, 2017 Gathering, at Camp Stevens. The budget will include new camp costs. Ernie says we had low attendance figures in 2016. Errors were made, and other mistakes in marketing delayed the Planning process. The camp minimum can be reached this year. We'll plan to use this Gathering as a "warning" signal, to carefully plan and to continue the Fall Gathering. The current Planners are encouraged by this plan; outreach and marketing will be better. A risk assessment will be considered, which might be based on new facilities at Camp Stevens, and possible cost raising issues. Ernie says there will be private and semi-private rooms offered in 2017, a possible income-raising perk.

Proposal: each Gathering shall determine a risk assessment, based upon attendance and costs to the CMG. This was tabled to discuss at the next discussion session.

### **CMG Marketing and Outreach**

Garrick: CMG has no statewide marketing program. The discussion group thinks we need a coordinator. Proposal: split the Marketing Director position to exclude Outreach Director, and elect two separate appointed directors. Planning Committees and LECs would appoint a member to communicate with both of the Directors in Marketing and Outreach.

### *SECOND DISCUSSION SESSION*

--Christopher: Recommendations about Gatherings. *Rethink how many gatherings, numbers in attendance, and the overall themes of Gatherings.*

--Phil: Website Redesign Options. *The CMG Website needs to be upgraded and re-designed.*

--Larry: New Photo Policy.

The members formed groups to discuss and distill these topics.

The Meeting was adjourned for lunch break at 12:43 PM. One hour is allotted for lunch.

Meeting reconvened 1:45 PM.

### **Rethinking Gatherings**

Christopher says there was a discussion regarding the possibilities. Men are at the Gathering to meet at the heart level. Different experiences were described in the circle.

Methods of providing the “heart”: Paid Gathering presenters. Individuals and group energy could facilitate gatherings. Member’s meetings could adopt a “retreat” format, which was in place in 1994.

### **Changing structure of CMGs**

- Plan one larger Gathering, and offer theme-driven smaller events.
- Elders are strongly recommended to attend PC meetings, particularly the first or second meeting.
- 2019: for the 100<sup>th</sup> CMG, hold a large Gathering, for many men. During the course of that year, plan smaller Gatherings that are focused around a specific theme.
- Change the CMG Statewide slogan or motto: We connect men at the heart.
- Create one-line budget to hire outside presenters.

### **Website Redesign**

- Webmaster, Marketing, and the Outreach director would form a committee to upgrade the website, and to create a “CMG app” for smartphones.
- Budget a website line on budget; amount to be determined.

### **Photo/Video Policy Proposal**

There will be an official camp photographer. Individuals who do not wish to be photographed by the camp photographer should let the camp photographer know. Gathering attendees may also take photos and videos of other campers if the group or person(s) are expressly asked for permission.

Gathering attendees may disseminate online (on Facebook, YouTube or similar sites) their photographs and videos only with prior permission of all persons visible in the photograph or video. CMG will have express permission to post photos and videos online (such as in the closed CMG Facebook page, on the CMG website, and for marketing and outreach purposes), unless any of the persons previously objected to the official camp photographer at the beginning of the gathering.

**Nudity** is considered to be a separate boundary for individuals. No one (i.e. gathering attendees and the official camp photographer) may take photos of nude individuals, unless the individuals in the photo or video expressly give their permission. Leaders of workshops which require nudity can lay out photo restrictions specific to their own workshop. No one may ever post nude photos or videos of other individuals online.

#### *Photo Policy—discussion notes*

Larry says the discussion group thinks the old policy was outdated, and based upon the availability of electronic cameras and not the proliferation of cameras in smart phones. Larry says his experience as the camp photographer is that few CMG participants refuse to have their picture taken.

Frank R. makes amendment “there may be a camp photographer”. Amendment approved. Joel thinks there’s a dual permission section—a person would need to give permission to take the picture, and then to publish the photo. There was dissent on this matter, Mohabee provided the history, commenting that many men come to the CMG to be in a “safe” space, and this photo proposal might dissuade sensitive, yet contributing men to attend Gatherings. Jamie indicated that the Board receives complaints. What is the Board to do with people who complain? Mike says the action is often swift.

Paul says he needs photos to remind him of the event. There needs to be a compromise point for those wanting to take photos, and the safety concerns. Cat thinks we need to accommodate picture-taking. Vic says that the last paragraph of the current photography policy was replaced by a more liberal last paragraph of the proposed plan. Drew proposes to include all events and gatherings, making it an organization-wide policy. Virsil suggests using “social media sites” instead of FB only.

*Enforcement:* Mike told the members that there is a need for enforcing the photo policy. Says the current policy requires the Board to produce written permission to attendees who don't want to be photographed. Mike asks what the purpose of the change is. How does the proposed policy apply to our mission? Larry says he agrees with Mike, especially during moments of solemnity or emotional times. Larry says the times have changed, and the proposal is worded to allow a degree of respect during times of prohibited needs. Mike asks if we're attracting men who need to take pictures of the events they attended.

Paul: If there are any requests for a participant to remove posted photos, it shall be done. Paul thinks the old policy seems draconian and unworkable.

Permission may be revoked at any time. The Board may request the removal of any offending post, and the attendee must agree to unpost an offending, or unauthorized photograph or video.

Y:13, N:2, A:4 This policy is passed, with amendments, and is to replace the current Photo Policy (Statewide Operating Procedure).

Mike Fahy (Vibes Keeper) stopped the meeting, and led a "non-urgent" vibes session, to bring the group back together. After a brief refreshment of spirit, the meeting resumed.

### *CMG Board of Directors Elections*

*Process Note: The President presented each position of the Executive Committee, which get elected by the Members every year. The positions were announced, and each of the current Officers read the duties of the office, along with a brief personal description, before nominees were selected. Once the nominations were closed for each Office, the nominees (if present), left the room, and a private discussion about the candidates was heard among the Members. A vote was made, by simple hand raising (Yes or No votes only), for single-candidate votes; ballots were distributed, for two or more candidate elections. The candidate(s) returned to the meeting room, and the vote results were announced.*

#### **CMG Secretary**

Mohabee is gratified that he has completed five three-year terms of service, as Secretary, to the organization, since 1997. He is retiring from service to the Executive Committee, and to its Members, as Secretary.

#### **Nominations:**

Virsil Mitchell is nominated, accepts.

Blaidd is nominated, declines the nomination.

Virsil's proposal: he's grateful to be nominated. Wants to be a part of the organization, and is grateful. His experience includes working with YCMG, and also being on Planning Committees.

Result of vote: Virsil is elected as Secretary. (1<sup>st</sup> year of 3)

#### **CMG Treasurer**

Ben-Andy self-nominates.

No other nominations come forth.

Ben-Andy says he's freer than he was a year ago, and feels enabled now. He will conduct mentoring for future treasurer candidates, which he sees as necessary for the health of the organization.

Result of Vote: Ben-Andy is elected as Treasurer (2<sup>nd</sup> year of 3)

### **CMG Vice-President**

Nominees: Vic Fusilero is nominated; he declines.

Jeff Ryhkus is nominated; declines.

Shabbazz is nominated; not eligible.

Patrick is nominated; declines.

Frank R. is nominated; declines.

Cat Walker is nominated; declines.

Upon determining that no one in the room had further nominations, Matthew nominates Milo. Another candidate from San Diego, Jim Ruboyianes was nominated, by Ben-Andy. Neither Milo or Jim are present at the meeting, but have been contacted about this possibility before the meeting.

Nominations are closed. A closed ballot election is conducted, after a discussion of the nominees. Ballots are counted by the Secretary and confirmed by the Treasurer.

Milo is elected; he will be informed of this election. (1<sup>st</sup> year of 3)

### **CMG President**

Nominations

Jamie is nominated; he accepts.

Nominations are closed, after seeing that no other nominees are suggested.

Jamie says his experience as VP has led to this moment, and he'll take the position with his heart and welcoming, safe presence. Other than an absence this summer, he's ready, able, and willing to serve. He looks at the role as a facilitator, and not as a structure-oriented guide. His focus is to attract new middle-aged men, as opposed to attracting men younger than 40.

After a closed discussion about Jamie, the election is held.

Result of vote: Jamie is elected to serve as President. (1<sup>st</sup> year of 2\*)

\*Bylaws; any Executive Member may serve three consecutive years in one position, and then, if nominated and elected, may serve as President for an additional two years.

A brief break was announced; the meeting resumed 4:00 PM.

### ***Process Minutes***

*The process of discussing and then voting for the proposals was presented by the President. New topics could be heard at this time, but the focus of the meeting is primarily for the proposals created during the discussion sessions.*

### **Presenter Travel Reimbursements (topic raised during discussion session)**

Create a line item \$200 per gathering for 2017, as a new line item in the statewide budget. The PC may add money from its budget to increase this amount.

A PC may use this money to pay for a distant facilitator's travel. This money may be used for workshop presenters only.

Proposed amendment: Each Gathering can have up to \$200 to pay a presenter, but the amount does not roll over to another Gathering or to another line item. Ben-Andy refuses this amendment, as it's a matter that's self-explanatory. 18-Y; 1-N; 0-A.

Vote: Y-19; 0-N; 1-A This proposal passes, as an Operating Procedure, for 2017.

### **Elder Participation in PC Meetings**

Recommend that the Elders Circle be invited to send a representative to a first or second PC meeting, to share experiences of the CMG.

Discussion:

Mike: We're on a path to integration, to working together, and this is a step to mutual cooperation.

Joe: two Planners, including himself, are elders already serving the Summer Gathering (80<sup>th</sup> CMG).

21Y; 0N; 3A This proposal passes, as an Operating Procedure for PCs.

### **2017 Fall Gathering**

Affirmation of 81<sup>st</sup> Gathering, with an increase in camp costs with offset of new private suites. Budget will be provided to BOD in future. No further action needed.

### **Risk Assessment for all Gatherings**

Is it necessary? Ben-Andy: it's understood through our organization, that a decision might be made, which would ordinarily not be decided in a longer meeting or in committee. *Withdrawn by President—no support by an individual.*

### **Website Redesign Budget (Mike Fahy)**

Mike wants to support the effort of redesigning the CMG website.

*Postponed to Sunday, in order to assess an amount.*

### **Statewide Gatherings' 13% Contribution to Statewide Bank Account**

Final Proposal (amended version):

Each Gathering's Planning Committee shall start with seed money from the statewide account that takes into account the size of the camp, the down payment expected, and a look back at what the closing accounts were for the last three Planning Committees for that Gathering. The seed money amount will be negotiated between the Board and the incoming Planning Committee in consultation with the departing Planning Committee. Due to ongoing monthly expenses some seed money must be available even before the official seating of the incoming Planning Committee.

The Planning Committee shall continue to produce a budget in which 13% of the budgeted income is expensed in the budget as an indirect expense. 13% of the actual income realized will be paid back into the statewide account. In addition all resulting income above this amount shall be returned into the statewide account after each Gathering.

Discussion (how we molded this procedure):

Jeff—Gatherings are required to pay 13% indirect cost; seed money is kept in a PC account, for the interim.

Friendly amendment: Mike recalled the moment with Ed Perez and the 2012 Spring Gathering, in which Ed, then the treasurer, offered the entire treasury to the Planners. Thus, the money returned and accumulated is available to all Planners.

Ben-Andy: If a PC has no surplus, it may produce a smaller amount than when a surplus is gained.

Joe: Where does the money sit? The Statewide bank account. We need to trust the system.

Blaid: If the “cushion” which is allowed currently, then the seed amount needs to be raised.

Ben-Andy: Fixed number: 13% Is a fixed figure on a PC budget, based on income gained, according to budget. Friendly amendment accepted.

Patrick: the money goes to the Statewide account.

How does this affect the current policy about 13%? This proposal only makes a change in requiring

Vic: makes a friendly amendment, that is approved.

This proposal tweaks small rule changes, and does not add to the income level of the CMG. Ben-Andy: this is a process to bring us together as a group of men.

10Y; 7N; 4A Frank H. Blocks; Will have reworded amendment.

Amendment to close the block: See printed doc. Vote on blocked proposal:

Frank H. told the Members that the last paragraph is unnecessary, but will leave it in. The seed money is now negotiable instead of being a flat fee. The last paragraph assures that a PC will send 13% to Statewide Account Joe Blocks 10Y; 5N; 6A.

Joe says there needs to be a line item for a PC budget, to pay back the 13 percent. This will be from actual income. Restated: 16Y; 1N; A4.

A moment was set aside for realizing that the Modified Consensus process is working well.

Discussion regarding the interim expenses of a PC; Ben-Andy says the rental of storage lockers would be a choice by the following PC, and it's not a “carte blanche” decision on the part of the CMG Treasurer.

### **Camp Costs and Low Tier Price (Joe Wagenhofer)**

It is strongly recommended that the lowest-tier admission price reflects the cost per man, based on the camp cost only.

Question: does this include other costs the Planners may need to pay for? Answer: no.

18Y; 1N: 1A This Strong Recommendation passes, and is an Operating Procedure for PCs to consider.



## **Split the Marketing and Outreach Director Position (Garrick)**

These are areas that we're weak in. There are two volunteers already in mind, to fill two vacancies. A committee will be formed to integrate and also determine the separate duties of the Marketing Director and the Outreach Director (a separate vote was taken for these related issues).

Two Directors: Y:20; N:0; 1-A This passes, and an additional Board position is formed (operating procedure, based upon the CMG ByLaws)

Committee: Y-20; N-0; A-0 This motion passes, and the committee will be formed, and will report to the Board of Directors.

## **Marketing Liaison**

PCs will select a person to communicate with both the Outreach and the Marketing Director. LECs may select such a volunteer to do this, but this is optional for LECs.

19Y; 0n: 1A This proposal passes. It is a Statewide Operating Procedure.

*Meeting adjourned for first session: 6:01 PM*

*The CMG Annual Member's Meeting reconvened Sunday, Jan. 15, 9:11 AM*

Matthew read the CMG Statement of Purpose, then opened the floor to continued discussion, from the previous session.

## **Rethink Gatherings (Christopher Johnson and Mike Fahy)**

-Hold "Super Gatherings" for a larger group, and specific-topic smaller Gatherings. This would be an alternative to the three Gatherings we now hold. This is a discussion-only topic. There is new energy in Marketing and Outreach. Mike says we're not yet ready to "adopt" this plan, but we'll continue to foster a new path for the organization.

Discussion: One large Gathering, which might be too big for some. A small group of CMG men got together in Bishop last fall, and this was accomplished to the satisfaction of the attendees (LEC-SD). Uncle Drew says the registration system via Enotify could be used, to gather registration info and collect fees. Several registrations could be taken, simultaneously, by different PCs and LECs.

Harbin Hot Springs: Joe says Harbin is still under construction, and will reopen sometime in the future.  
*No further action taken.*

## **Revisit the CMG Motto**

Mike says the motto, "Building Community One Man at a Time," needs to be revisited. "We Connect Men At the Heart" is proposed. Patrick corrected this to, "Connecting Men at the Heart." Patrick's change is accepted as an amended version. Mike wants to replace the former motto, but consents to using his proposed motto first, followed by the older motto. Drew says it might be cumbersome, if more than one motto is in use at the website. Will thinks using both the old one and proposed one is fine. Vic thinks replacing the older motto might help the Marketing process. Patrick says it's difficult to describe the CMG in few words, and adds that the new motto could be used for most of the forthcoming web pages and business cards. This is key to keeping the organization alive, and

broadcasting it. Larry agrees about having one motto, for marketing and outreach. Philip thinks the proposed motto will be OK. There will be financial repercussions to make banners and other printed material. Mohabee thinks this follows the history of creating mottos for the CMG.

16-Y; 1-N; 1-A. The new motto, “Connecting Men at the Heart” is adopted. and this is a Statewide Operating Procedure.

### **Annual Member’s Meeting Planning Committees**

-Frank R. would prefer to see AMMs be located in a self-convenient location (meeting space, housing, meals), and suggests that the CMG form AMM Planning Committees, for future meetings.

-Ben-Andy suggests that we amend the ByLaws to allow a one-month window in January or February.

-Blaidd suggests holding the meeting in the center of the state, to make the meeting equally convenient location in the state.

Discussion: Charlie experienced his first AMM at Saratoga Springs (1996). We are learning to respond in a mutually respectfully way. Mike thinks a fixed date is an advantage. State requirements may require that the first Member meeting have a fixed date. A closer examination shows that the bylaws allow flexibility (within 30 days of the third Monday of each January).

Vote for these recommendations: 14 Y; 0N; 3A

These suggestions will be sent to the Board of Directors for further consideration and possible implementation, and stand now as Recommendations to the Board.

### **Data and Document Storage for CMG Records**

Frank R. says there’s confusion about where documents, such as Planner’s Manuals, or non-disclosure forms are kept, and how to access this info. Matthew says he’s working with the Archivist to find a suitable search-related app or site. Matthew added that he’ll organize a data dump location, for access and dissemination of CMG data, which Frank R. requested earlier. Cat Walker says he’s been organizing the online archives. He’s made commonly-requested items easily available. Certain items are not available through the archive, however. Frank asks whether info from the CMG system manager, Giant Rabbit, is available, and where he could find it. We don’t have a centralized location; if the messages made between CMG and GR have been made, it’s not readily available. Matthew suggests that Frank join the volunteer effort to decimate document archiving from our registration system. Mike says that we’ve tried to find storage. We’re an “oral culture,” and don’t usually read intensive tech manuals. It requires a devoted involved volunteer. Frank says he’s begun to decimate some of the tech messages but has noted missing information. Cat says the Archive includes info that’s from the past, but isn’t in use or is needed for use now. Frank says there are some technical permissions and changes to the system that needs to be documented. Matthew says CMG volunteer culture allows for gaps that may occur, due to staff changes and errors, omissions, and other problems. Drew: who is the liasion between CMG and Giant Rabbit? Lee Usher is the elected Tech Director, and Matthew, Jamie, and Ben-Andy are on the Tech Committee.

Motion: This matter shall be referred to the Board of Directors for further consideration.

### **Website Revision Proposal**

Proposal: Budget \$3500 for CMG Website Revision.

Discussion: Garrick thinks that this amount is based upon hiring a webmaster to completely upgrade.

We might be able to supplement this with volunteer effor, or invite students in computer technology to

help us. Larry thinks is a low figure; a fully-fledged website could start at around \$5K. Blaidd says there are a number of things to be upgraded.

17Y; 0N; 0A This proposal passes, and will be included in the 2017 CMG Statewide Budget.

### **Combine Webmaster and Tech Director**

Matthew provided the recent history of both positions. An advantage is to merge the location of registration and website. Could a single volunteer take on both webmaster and tech director? Ben-Andy thinks that it's time to combine these tasks. Jamie thinks we can find a volunteer to handle both tasks. We manage a site with content only, and a site with data-only. Giant Rabbit maintains the data collection and dissemination. Mike provided a perspective about the website and our webmasters—the website is an incredible gift, in terms of stability and the manner it's used.

*This matter is referred to the Board of Directors, for further discussion and to make a recommendation to the Members, who can approve the number of voting members on the Board.*

### **Corporate Budget for 2017 (Ben-Andy Hein)**

A Final Report will be distributed after this meeting, to the Board and to interested individuals.

Income from 2016 Gatherings: Total \$10,863.25.

Line Items Total: \$13,000.00—This includes regular op expenses, such as insurance, computer maintenance, cost of holding this meeting, etc.

Discussion: Charlie Malarkey, 89<sup>th</sup> CMG treasurer, indicated that Camp Newman raised its prices, and the tiered fees will increase. Blaidd asks whether Financial Assistance was included in the Statewide Budget? B-A says none was asked for, and thus, none was distributed. Most FA came from donations and LEC contributions. Blaidd amends additional funds for advertizing—Marketing and Outreach (\$3K total, \$1K per Gathering) is approved by Treasurer. Discussion: there is money available for urgent, unexpected matters. Matthew suggests that the Members encourage the Board to spend its budgeted funds. We were under-subscribed to last year's budget.

Charlie: will LECs be asked to contribute money to the Statewide Account? Ben-Andy thinks we won't need to do this, although it was suggested last year.

### **The Next Meeting**

The 2018 Annual Member's Meeting of the CMG shall occur in the SF Bay Area, quite possibly in Oakland or Berkeley. The LEC-BA will conduct the logistics and will announce the location and date of the meetings.

### **Future AMMs**

2019: San Diego

2020: Sacramento

2021: Palm Springs

### **Adjournment**

The 2017 AMM of the California Men's Gatherings, Inc., was adjourned 12:32 PM.



