
Region 1 Roundup

By Lisa Maxwell

News From National:

The mini-minutes of the April 1, 2017 AMC (American Mensa Committee) meeting held in Hollywood, Florida are now available and can be found here: <https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/meeting-reports/>. Several financial items were discussed resulting in the following motions:

- Passed a motion that, effective July 1, 2017, the dues rate for single-year memberships shall be \$79 per year.
- Passed a motion to waive the requirement for equity restoration for the fiscal year 2017-2018 is waived in anticipation of a deficit budget.
- Passed a motion to amend, effective July 1, 2017, the fees for testing and admission; Supervised Testing \$60; Prior Evidence Review \$60.
- Passed a motion accepting the 2017-2018 budget.

American Mensa elections are underway. Voting began on **April 15, 2017, and ends at midnight, Central time, on May 31**. American Mensa members who are current as of April 1, 2017, are eligible to vote.

Several national board positions have already been declared elected, as the candidates ran unopposed, but there are still some key roles to fill and bylaws amendments to consider; your participation in the voting process is essential!

There are many qualified candidates. In the race for First Vice Chair, based on my experience working with both candidates, in my opinion **Lori Norris** is the best choice. She has proven to deliver what she promised including improved communication and transparency, and has been a collaborative and supportive member of the AMC. She is also a member of our region. Please consider voting for Lori for First Vice Chair.

Eligible American Mensa members may also participate in the Mensa International election, whose voting period is **April 15 - May 15, 2017**.

You should have received either notification of an online ballot (default option) or a paper ballot by now, for both the national and international elections. If not, please contact the national office for assistance.

Please take the time to review all the candidates' bios and proposed bylaws amendments and make your voice heard. Your Vote Matters.

Just a reminder... Upcoming Region 1 events:

Cape Cod mini-RG --- May 12-14, 2017

Join Boston Mensa on beautiful Cape Cod for a relaxing, unstructured weekend of socializing and hospitality with old friends and new. A great RG for first-timers! For info or to register: <http://cape.bostonmensa.org/>

Spring Mensa Hiking Weekend --- May 19-21, 2017

Hosted by Boston Mensa and David Heimann Skiwheelers Ski Club, 702 Kearsage Road, North Conway, NH 03860

For details: www.meetup.com/BostonMensa/events/238595434/

MAINE mini-RG 2017 --- June 2-4, 2017

The 2nd Best <Fun & Games> mini RG – EVAH! Massive Games Room, Light Hospitality, Learn even more games with more games hosts than evah! For more info: <https://mainemensawordpress.com/>

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Your membership gives you access to over 100 Special Interest Groups (SIGs) covering a wide variety of topics. Don't see one of interest - you can start your own SIG. For a list of current SIGs: <https://www.us.mensa.org/connect/sigs/sig-listing/>

This month's question for you...

How do you connect with fellow Mensans? In person, online, or not at all? If not at all, why not?

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