

1Region 1 Roundup  
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American Mensa is very active right now, but in a way that means the AMC is in a bit of a lull. As I write this, we're in the middle of election season, so there is some doubt as to who will be serving on the AMC as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, when the next board's term starts. Several AMC members have been declared elected (or re-elected) because they're running unopposed. Those of us who are staying on in the same posts include First Vice Chairman Lori Norris, RVC4 Jon Gruebele, and me (thank you for your support). Incoming unopposed candidates include Secretary Jason Seiler, Treasurer Taz Criss, RVC 2 Henri Buccine-Schraeder, RVC8 Tracey Guice, and RVC9 Alton Hitchcock. The other seven positions are being contested as I write this column.

Following the events at the AMC's March meeting (which I discussed in my last column), the Regional Coordinator for Region 8 resigned. (When an RVC leaves office in the middle of a term, the AMC appoints a Coordinator, rather than a new RVC [a quirk of New York State law, under which American Mensa is incorporated].) On April 2, the AMC held a teleconference, and appointed Tracey Guice as the new Coordinator for Region 8. She is the only candidate for RVC8 in the current election.

Our next scheduled meeting is at the Annual Gathering, in Phoenix, Arizona, on July 3.

During this somewhat slow Mensa month, I attended a couple of my local group's events, and met with a couple of Mensans traveling here from Italy. I had a great time with them, sharing a meal, touring my home city with them, learning about them and Mensa Italy, and telling them about American Mensa. Even if you're not traveling, I urge you to look into SIGHT, the Service of Information, Guidance and Hospitality to Travelers (<https://www.us.mensa.org/connect/sight/>). It's yet another way to enhance your membership experience.

Short column this month, but in May, I'll be on the go go go. I'll be on the road each of the next five weekends (including three Mensa events: Mid Hudson's Games Day in Fishkill, Boston's Cape Cod Mini-RG, and Maine's Mini-RG in Portland. I hope to see you all over the place!

Here is my usual reminder: the newsletters (and calendars) from your nearby local groups are available to you on the Mensa web site (from the main [us.mensa.org](http://www.us.mensa.org) web site, pull down the "Read" tab and click on "Local Group newsletters"). And I urge you to share your events with those surrounding groups' calendar editors. Keep up to date with the latest goings on in the region in Region 1's Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/188180494045/>

Upcoming Region 1 Regional Gatherings:

Mid-Hudson Mensa's Games Day: (May 4) at the Quality Inn & Suites in Fishkill, New York. For more info, contact Bill Hughes at [bill@blueskyballoons.com](mailto:bill@blueskyballoons.com).

Boston Mensa's Cape Cod Mini-RG: (May 10–12) in Dennis Port, Massachusetts. For more info, see <https://cape.bostonmensa.org/>.

Maine Mensa's Mini-RG: (May 31–June 2) in Portland, Maine. For more info, see <https://mainemensawordpress.com/>.

Boston Mensa's Wicked Good RG: (October 25–27) in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. For more info, see <https://rg.bostonmensa.org/>

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#### Glossary:

AMC: American Mensa Committee, the national board of directors

RVC: Regional Vice Chairman, a member of the AMC with responsibility for a specific region of American Mensa

Region 1: The northeast region of American Mensa, comprising New England, Northern New Jersey, and most of New York

AG: American Mensa's once-a-year five-day Annual Gathering, featuring the Annual Business Meeting, more than a hundred speakers, and more than a thousand Mensans.

RG: Regional Gathering: a weekend-long get-together hosted by a local group featuring speakers, games, events, and more with 100–400 of your closest friends you haven't met yet.

ExCom: Executive Committee, in some groups known as Board of Directors: the members who have volunteered and been elected to take care of the day-to-day business of operation a local group. The local group version of the AMC.

LocSec: Local Secretary, aka president: the elected leader of a local group (the name comes from our British roots)

SIGHT: the Service of Information, Guidance and Hospitality to Travelers  
(<https://www.us.mensa.org/connect/sight/>)

YM: Young Mensan: teenaged members and those younger

YAM: Young Adult Mensan: members in their 20s and 30s