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Old Dog/New Tricks

Teresa Gregory, Editor

Due to the many things that are happening in May, some of your favorite features might be missing this month. I am limited to 24 pages. Any more would boost the weight over the postal limit. Some of you may remember back when we had issues with the Post Office.

Of course, the big thing you will see this month in MIND is the new Central Indiana Mensa Bylaws. Marcele Everest and her committee worked many hours in both face-to-face meetings and in email exchanges to make this happen. Now it's up to you. Please read Marcele's statement and the bylaws carefully and let us know what you think. (More info starting on page 18.)



The big change you will see if you come to the monthly gathering is a NEW location that isn't so new after all. We are returning to the All Souls Unitarian Church where we met prior to the Quality Inn. It's that old saying, "Everything old is new again." In this cast it truly is.

We have an Outdoor Gathering in Versailles State Park in May, nestled between Mother's Day weekend and Memorial Day Weekend. At \$55, you can't go anyplace cheaper unless you just go home. It's a laid back weekend where you can do the camp-y things like hiking, or you can be lazy like me and hang out at the lodge. (More info on page 12)

CIM elections are coming up. If you've ever had an interest in being a part of the team that makes it happen, let someone on ExCom know. It's your organization. Your ideas and spirit are needed to keep it moving forward.

Is anyone going to San Diego this summer for the AG? I know a few of us are. It's not too late to register and attend.

I always think of Memorial Day Weekend as the gateway to summer. I hope you kick up your heels and celebrate in style.

LocSection

Jan Pfeil Doyle

We Have a New (Old) Monthly Meeting Place!

– Starting on **May 13th**, we will be returning to All Souls Unitarian Church on E. 56th St. in Indianapolis for our monthly meetings. Many of you gave us feedback that you liked that location better than the place we had moved to. **Bob Zdanky** found out that we could rent space there without having a member of the church sponsor us, so we were able to arrange the return. As a bonus, we will have the room until midnight, so all of us night owls can stay later than we've been able to. Maybe we'll even resume the Texas Hold 'Em game. If you have games you'd like to play after the speaker, feel free to bring them.



Outdoor Gathering – As I said last month, I hope to see many of you at Central Indiana Mensa's Outdoor Gathering May 20-22. It's our annual camping weekend at Versailles (Indiana) State Park. We rent the group camp and stay in dormitory-style cabins. There's a central building where we hang out, play games, eat, etc. The OG is a wonderful, fun, relaxing weekend and you can't beat the price of \$55 that includes food and lodging! If you can't stay for the whole weekend, come for the day on Saturday. You can register online at <http://cim-og-2016.eventbrite.com>

Mensa Membership Survey – Last year, Mensa sent a survey to all U.S. members who had an email address on file. Over 4,500 members responded. On a grid of most important vs. most satisfying benefits of membership, people said the national magazine, *The Bulletin*, and their local newsletter were the top benefits. "Social activities with other members" and "local meetings and events" were the next most important benefits. The survey also drilled down into the types of events people were looking for and several other aspects of membership. The ExCom will go through the survey to see what we might be doing better. If you'd like to see a copy of the survey, send me an email.

Remembering James Amato – Central Indiana Mensa member **James Amato** passed away unexpectedly in March. James had served CIM as webmaster and ExCom member in the past; he was a Life Member of Mensa. He was also my husband Leo's best friend for over 35 years. They were friends before they joined Mensa together (on a lark) in 1984. If two men can be platonic soul mates, that would describe James and Leo. They were instant friends as soon as they met. (They were introduced by a mutual acquaintance who thought they'd like each other.) James and Leo were very different people in almost every way (except maybe sense of humor), but they had a very special bond. We will miss him dearly.

Welcome New and Returning Members!

Move In	Rex Eric Ellis	Whiteland	IN
Move In	Myra Ann Rutledge	New Castle	IN
New	Douglas Sims	Indianapolis	IN
Reinstating	Donald Wood	Carmel	IN
Reinstating	Ronni Lynn Hayes	Nashville	IN
Reinstating	Andrew Rader	Bloomington	IN
Reinstating	Francis Pianki	Anderson	IN
Reinstating	Michael V Harris	Pendleton	IN
Reinstating	Philip Irvin Heidenreich	Noblesville	IN
Reinstating	Daniel Kent Banks	Brownstown	IN
Reinstating	Berdeen Lawrence	Zionsville	IN
Reinstating	Charlie Eldridge	Indianapolis	IN
Reinstating	Evelyn Sayers Eldridge	Indianapolis	IN



May 2016 Events

Indy Lunch Bunch – 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 12:00 noon, Double Eagle Café, 650 N. Meridian (at the Scottish Rite Cathedral), Indianapolis. Contact: Karen Steilberger, steilkr@sbcglobal.net

Ham 'n' Eggs (Hamilton County Eggheads) – 1st Saturday from 9:45 a.m. - 12 noon. Atrio, 11700 Illinois St. (Meridian & 116th St., Carmel, IN, located at IU Health North). Located just off the atrium on the first floor on the left as you enter the building from the north entrance. Breakfast served till 10 a.m., then lunch starts at 11 a.m. Drop in any time for casual conversation, lively discussion, and good food and beverages. Contact: Alison Brown, 317-846-6798, SIGHT@indymensa.org.

Bridge Club – Join Bob Van Buskirk for casual, friendly bridge on the 1st Sunday of every month, 2 p.m., Contact: Bob Van Buskirk, 317-359-6907 or vnbuskirk@yahoo.com. Location will change each month. Call ahead.

Monthly Gathering – 2nd Friday at 7:00 p.m. **This month, we're returning to All Souls Unitarian Church, 5805 E. 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46226**. See last page of *MIND* for map and directions. Members: \$5.00, Non-Members: \$7.00; Children 6-12: \$3.00, under 6: free. **5/13:** Greg McCauley, Executive Director of the Link Observatory Space Science Institute, will talk about the NASA New Horizons mission that passed by Pluto in July of 2015. He will discuss some of the fascinating aspects of this mission and some of the latest data that is still coming back from that mission.

Mensans Dining Out – 6 p.m., May 15, Squealers Barbecue on the north side of Castleton Square Mall, 5899 East 86th St, Indianapolis, IN 46250. For more information, contact Bob Zdanky at 317-219-3773.

Paducah Area Group Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m. Anyone in the area is welcome to join fellow Mensans for dinner. For location and more information on this group, contact Charles Rawlings, rawlings@siu.edu

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Register and pay online at: <http://cim-og-2016.eventbrite.com> Or mail a completed form to: Teresa Gregory, 6076 Dewey Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46219

May 2016 Events (Cont)

Mensa Admission Testing – 1 p.m., registration; 1:30 p.m., testing, Sunday, May 15. Location is a business north of the Mass Ave. area of downtown Indianapolis that's closed on Sunday. Please email for the address and directions (teresa.gregory@yahoo.com). Please put "Testing" in the subject line.

Book Group – 2 p.m., Sunday, May 15. We will discuss *The Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity, and the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary* by Simon Winchester. We will be meeting at Rich and Jackie Gibson's house on the NE side of Indianapolis. Please contact Rich at hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com or 317-735-2895 for more details or to RSVP.

MINDBending/ExCom – 3rd Tuesday of the month. *MINDBending* is the preparation of next month's *MIND* mailing. Come help with sealing, labeling, and stamping *MINDS*.

5/17, 5:30 p.m. Contact: Jan Pfeil Doyle, 317-431-3500. and soft drinks provided.

MINDBending is held at the offices of Midwest Internet, 5348 N. Tacoma Ave., which is 1 block east block north of 52nd St. and Keystone Ave. on the northeast side of Indianapolis.

A Big Thank You to all the April *MIND*benders and Midwest Internet for hosting the event.

Cinder – 4th Friday at 7 p.m. at 721 E. 55th St., Indianapolis. A SIG for the Gen X and Gen Y crowd. Contact Ethan Blocker-Smith at MensaCinder@gmail.com.

Minimalism (A film showing one day only)

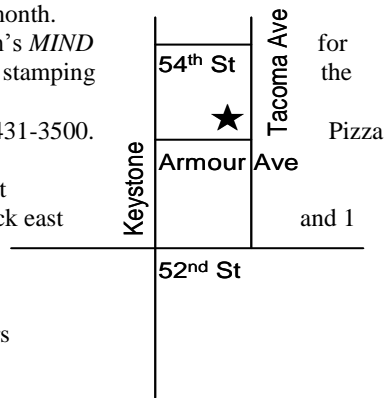
Tue, May 24, at 07:30 pm

Indianapolis 17 with IMAX, 4325 S Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN

For tickets: <http://gathr.us/screening/14370>

For last minute changes to events check the Central Indiana Mensa group on Meetup.com. <http://www.meetup.com/central-indiana-mensa>

June 2016 *MIND* calendar items due 5/6/16 to: biltmore@topdogcom.com.



May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1 Bridge Club	2	3	4 Indy Lunch Bunch
8	9	10	11
15 Mensa Testing; Mensans Dining Out; Book Club	16	17 <i>MIND</i> bending/ ExCom; Paducah Area Group Meeting	18 Indy Lunch Bunch
22 Outdoor Gathering	23	24 “Minimalism” film	25
29	30 Memorial Day	31	

May 2016 (cont.)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6 <i>MIND</i> deadline	7 Ham 'n' Eggs; Cal. Deadline
12	13 Monthly Gathering	14
19	20 Outdoor Gathering	21 Outdoor Gathering
26	27 Cinder	28

If you lose your *MIND* (oh, my!) or want additional information, check www.indymensa.org or join our Meetup group, <http://www.meetup.com/central-indiana-mensa>. Meetup is free to join and you'll get reminders of upcoming events. It's a great way to stay in the loop.

Four To The Fore

George Haynes, RVC4

Seventh grade. Life in York, Pennsylvania after our move from Somerset, Kentucky wasn't too bad. Sixth grade in PA was defined by being a reliable oddity on several counts: I was apparently the first southern accent most York kids had ever heard in real life. Being a fat kid who didn't know how to play kickball, I ran to third base after my first kick on the first day of 6th grade (social caste cemented, thank you very much). I had no outdoor skills and had to be attended to almost all week during sixth grade camp by Mr. Burwell, the cool 6th grade teacher. But seventh grade. Seventh grade in a spacious junior high would surely allow me to blend in without being the daily curiosity. Right? Perhaps it did. But junior high did me no academic favors, apart from Band.



Hundreds of biographies and memoirs have been written recounting the horrors and travails of adolescent life in a junior high setting. I won't bore you with a clichéd retelling of preteen troubles. This seventh grade year is of importance to Mensa-related topics as it is the year I was ostensibly "back on track" to be considered one of the "smart kids." (see last month's column)

A quick perusal of my class schedule showed two interesting classes: Accelerated English and Accelerated Math. I wasted no time finding the earliest moment to brag to my best friend, Fred, who did not get assigned to those classes. A quick brush off of "Shut up, you dumb fat kid" allowed him to get back to showing off his new Vans that looked just like Spiccoli's to the popular kids.

First quarter went off without a hitch. The display case of those making "Distinguished Honor Roll" had the name George Haynes on it. Being unsure of what exactly happened, academically, the next three quarters makes a history of these events a bit murky. The record tells the tale, however. Accelerated Math became a barrage of Cs. Accelerated English became a litany of Bs and maybe one C. The grades were "weighted" meaning that a B in an accelerated class meant more than a B in a regular class. My academic destiny was sealed, however. Eighth grade saw me removed from the accelerated track and put in the highest of the regular classes. Above average, to be sure. One of the "smart kids"? Not anymore.

It wasn't until much later in adulthood that people started commenting that they thought I was smart. Not until my 38th year did I take them seriously enough to see if they were correct, by objective, codifiable standards (i.e. the Mensa admissions test).

I still don't view myself as "one of the smart kids." The thought processes the formative years fossilize take decades to scrape away sometimes. This story of my admittance to and rejection from the academic track of "the gifted" or "the smart" during my school years serves as an example that some of us are late bloomers. Better yet, it serves as an example that intelligence is much more than one's ability to excel in an early 80s public education setting.



OMG! Outdoor Mensa Gathering!
May 20 - 22, 2016
Versailles State Park, Indiana

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Adults: \$55; Saturday Only \$35

Kids:

- \$25 – under 6 years old
- \$40 – 6 – 12 years old

Register and pay online at: <http://cim-og-2016.eventbrite.com>
Or... mail a completed form and your check to the Registrar.

Mail:

Teresa Gregory
6076 Dewey Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46219



Central Indiana Mensa ExCom Minutes 2/16/16

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Indiana Mensa ExCom was held at Midwest Internet on Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

LocSec Jan Pfeil Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. Members present were: Jan Pfeil Doyle, Jon Applegate, Ethan Blocher-Smith, Ann Hake (via remote connection), Karen Steilberger, Karen Wilczewski, and Bob Zdanky.

Absent: Diane O'Brien, Karen Zwick.

Guests: Dave Appel, Teresa Gregory.

The committee reviewed and corrected the minutes of the January ExCom meeting. Ann Hake moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected, Ethan Blocher-Smith seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The committee reviewed the Treasurer's report supplied by Karen Zwick. Ann Hake moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Ethan Blocher-Smith seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The membership report shows 5 new, 1 move-in, and 6 reinstating members; and 37 prospects.

Old Business

Regional gathering: Jan Pfeil Doyle congratulated all who helped with the RG and said it was a fantastic event. Karen Steilberger reported that the final registrant count was 77. Teresa Gregory summed up the things that worked well, including EventBrite registrations, admissions testing as part of the weekend, and the scholarship raffle. Among areas to improve for next year were to get more people from the local group involved, use more social media to publicize the RG, and have someone send alerts to other groups to publicize the event earlier. Ideas that would help Teresa next year include 1) have meals catered or have local members provide food, and 2) have a program coordinator. Jan Pfeil Doyle suggested having an RG committee with chairmen for programs, publicity, and food. Ann Hake suggested having a general publicity chair for all events like this. An unfortunate occurrence at the RG was the theft of the catalytic converter from the car of our RVC, George Haynes. He had to stay in town an extra day and make the trip to Indianapolis again the next weekend. Ann Hake moved that we buy a \$100 gift card for George in gratitude for his visit and condolences on the theft and inconvenience. Bob Zdanky seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Proctors and tests: Teresa Gregory said that Ann Hake observed the test at the RG. The next step for her and Karen Zwick is to give the test. Finding a testing location is a challenge because the library stipulates that no money is to be collected before, during, or after an event there. An appeal to the general membership will be made for business owners who can provide space for 3 hours on a weekend or an evening. Teresa said Jan Pfeil Doyle offered Midwest Internet for the March test. Jan Pfeil Doyle said they discussed announcing the date and time but not the location. Having people call would help with planning.

Monthly meeting place: Jan Pfeil Doyle said All Souls Unitarian Church is happy to have us return. The cost will be \$130/month and we need to sign a 1-year lease. The front door will be open on meeting nights until 8:30 p.m. Jon Applegate made a motion to make the move with the May meeting. Karen Wilczewski seconded the motion, and it was carried.

Web page: Jan Pfeil Doyle said David Bonner updated the Web page. Ann Hake said it is still on an outdated platform, and she is unable to log on. Jan asked if this would be a good time to transfer the site to the server at National. They would host a Web site but not a database. The calendar is separate. Ann suggested that Karen Wilczewski find a calendar program she is comfortable with. Ann will ask David to change the theme and leave the Web site on the Midwest Internet server. Then we can decide later whether to move it and/or the calendar. Jon Applegate said the access codes should be in 3 places. Currently they are. Jan would like to have separate tabs on the site for testing and for gatherings.

New Business

Advertising in MIND: Jan Pfeil Doyle said David Bonner is starting a new school for students in the top 2% and asked about advertising in MIND. Teresa Gregory suggested that instead he write an article about the process of starting the school. She said we do have advertising rates. The ExCom discussed the rates, but made no changes. We could not accept ads in the past because of the mailing status of MIND, but we can now. However, there is a space limit in MIND.

Membership fee assistance: Jan Pfeil Doyle said an e-mail came to the group mailbox from a member who had been downsized from work and wanted to know if we had stipends or discounts on membership dues. After discussion, the ExCom decided to offer \$50 as a one-time discount, not to be a precedent.

Carolyn Axtell: Jan Pfeil Doyle said that long-time member Carolyn Axtell passed away recently. The ExCom voted to make a donation to the scholarship fund in her memory.

New scholarship: Jan Pfeil Doyle said that former CIM member Ted Harkey wants to establish a scholarship fund in memory of his late wife Julie. Scholarships would go to CIM members who, like Julie, return to school. He wanted to know if people would donate more if there were a matching fund. The ExCom felt that they would.

There being no other business, Karen Wilczewski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jon Applegate seconded the motion. The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Steilberger

Treasurer's Report

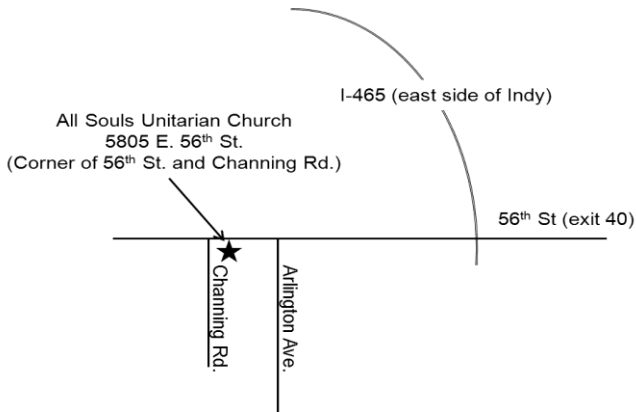
Karen Zwick, Treasurer

Balance Sheet (as of 03/14/2016)

Bank Accounts	02/15/2016	03/14/2016
Checking – Regular	\$8,858.87	\$8,760.36
Checking – Scholarship	\$1,209.03	1,164.03
Checking – Youth Membership	\$427.34	\$69.34
Checking – RG/OG Fund	\$9,633.64	9,633.64
Checking – Youth Activity Fund	\$480.40	480.40
Total Assets	\$20,609.28	\$20,107.77

Profit & Loss Statement (02/16/2016 – 03/14/2016)

Income		
	401.1 – Monthly Gathering (March)	114.00
	402 – National Mensa	512.10
	403 – Book sales for scholarship fund	5.00
	403 – Donation from Anonymous for Youth Memberships	2,700.00
Total Income		\$3,331.10
Expense		
	501.1 – Monthly Gathering Hospitality	30.42
	505 – Food for ExCom/MINDBending	63.34
	505.1 – MIND Printing	328.33
	505.2 – MIND Postage	147.00
	510.2 – New Member Mailings	85.52
	515.1 – Youth Memberships	3,058.00
	520 – Miscellaneous Expenses – MERF John Matthews Scholarship donation in memory of Carolyn Axtell	50.00
	520 - Payment of membership dues for one member	70.00
Total Expenses		\$3,832.61



Mensa Monthly Gathering Location

All Souls Unitarian Church, The Beattie Room, 5805 E. 56th St., Indianapolis

- From I-465 on the east side of Indianapolis, take the 56th St exit west (exit 40).
- Turn left on Channing Rd (1.2 miles from the I-465 exit).
- The church parking lot is on your left.
- Go to the Beattie Room.



Region 4 RVC

George Haynes RVC4@us.mensa.org,

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Central Indiana Mensa Bylaws

To: Membership of Central Indiana Mensa (CIM)

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Ritchie (petraritchie@msn.com)

Re: New Bylaws for CIM

Date: March, 2016

Last year the Bylaws Committee of CIM was formed to write new bylaws for our local group. This month we received notification that the proposed new bylaws we submitted to the American Mensa Committee (AMC) through their Bylaws Committee were conditionally approved. Our membership now needs to approve them before gaining *final* approval from the AMC.

This insert in MIND is your copy of these proposed bylaws. After you receive the proposed bylaws the next requirement is to provide each of you with a ballot to vote on these bylaws; this ballot may be an insert in MIND, a part of MIND, or a separate mailing. Your ballot will probably appear in the next issue of MIND.

Here are the rules. There must be at least 90 days between publication of the proposed bylaws and the deadline for submitting ballots. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the valid votes cast is required to pass these proposed bylaws. These proposed bylaws are not effective until they are approved by the CIM membership and they are submitted to AMC for final approval and an "effective date". As of that "effective date" we have new CIM bylaws; until the "effective date" our old bylaws remain in effect.

As you read through the proposed bylaws, if you have questions, please do contact members of the CIM Bylaws Committee listed above.

BYLAWS OF CENTRAL INDIANA MENSA EFFECTIVE (date)

ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE

1. The name of this organization shall be Central Indiana Mensa, abbreviated in these bylaws as "CIM".
2. Central Indiana Mensa is a Local Group of American Mensa, Ltd., and is subject to the Constitution of Mensa, the Bylaws of American Mensa, Ltd., and the resolutions adopted by the governing board of American Mensa, Ltd., known as the American Mensa Committee. American Mensa, Ltd. is abbreviated in these bylaws as "AML" and the American Mensa Committee as "AMC".

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership of CIM shall be open to all members of AML in good standing in the geographic areas assigned to CIM by the AMC, or as otherwise assigned by AML. Members of CIM residing outside this area but who are assigned to CIM by AML (“members by preference”) are full members of CIM for all purposes, including but not limited to voting and holding elected or appointed office.
2. Mensa members in good standing, including those who are not also members of CIM, are welcome to participate in the social activities of the local group at the discretion of the host or hostess. The National Ombudsman, his or her surrogate, and members of the AMC shall be permitted to participate in the business affairs of the local group in the discharge of their official duties.
3. Central Indiana Mensa shall observe the preferences of members for data suppression and publication, as filed with AML, when publishing a local group roster or membership directory/register.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS & DUTIES

The governing body of CIM shall be an Executive Committee (ExCom), which conducts the business of the local group. The ExCom consists of 7 or 9 elected officers, depending on the needs of CIM at the time. These officers, regardless of their positions, shall be the voting members of the ExCom. No member of the ExCom shall have more than one vote, no matter how many positions he or she holds. All officers other than those elected are non-voting. All local group officers, whether elected or appointed, must be current members in good standing of AML; an officer is defined as any person who is given a title with specific responsibilities. All voting members of the ExCom must also be current members in good standing of CIM. The conflict of interest rules stated in the Bylaws of American Mensa for the AMC shall also be applicable to the local group and the ExCom.

The Membership of CIM shall elect one of its members to serve as Local Secretary (LocSec, or President), who shall be the chief executive officer of CIM and the liaison with other local groups. He or she shall preside at ExCom meetings and shall be the chief point of contact between AML and the local group. The LocSec shall endeavor to pass information to and from the local group in a timely fashion, and shall notify AML (through the National office) and the Regional Vice Chairman (RVC) for the local group within two weeks of the results of elections, and of changes in the officers of the local group. The ExCom shall publish, at least quarterly, a printed newsletter that shall be the official printed publication of CIM.

The ExCom of CIM shall, at their first meeting after taking office, select an ExCom member to be Vice Local Secretary (Vice LocSec, or Vice President) who shall assist the LocSec in administering the business of the organization, preside over meetings in the absence of the LocSec, and immediately and automatically succeed to the office of LocSec if that office becomes vacant.

The ExCom of CIM shall, at their first meeting after taking office, select an ExCom member to be Treasurer who shall be responsible for financial matters of CIM, including the finances of the newsletter, and shall submit to the ExCom a semi-annual financial report that shall also be published in the newsletter. The financial report shall contain schedules of income, expenses, and balances for all funds under the control of the local group, including Regional Gathering, scholarship, and other special funds. The Treasurer shall ensure that the local group complies with all federal financial reporting requirements. The Treasurer shall also maintain a listing of all equipment owned by the local group. The Treasurer shall, if necessary, assist the Editor in the preparation and submission of any postal forms that might be required. At least quarterly, the Treasurer shall submit to the LocSec or his or her designee, statements from banks and any other institutions where the group's money is deposited, or shall cause a statement to be sent directly to the LocSec or his or her designee (who must also be a voting member of the ExCom). All accounts must be separate accounts in the name of the local group, and shall have more than one signatory so that funds can be accessed in the temporary absence of the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be one of the signatories on all accounts.

The ExCom of CIM shall, at their first meeting after taking office, select an ExCom member to be Secretary (Recording Secretary) who shall be responsible for taking and maintaining of minutes of regular or special ExCom meetings and for the maintaining of a list of ExCom actions still in effect. Minutes of actions taken at ExCom meetings shall be published in a subsequent issue of the newsletter.

The ExCom of CIM shall, at their first meeting after taking office, select each of the remaining ExCom members to serve in other unfilled officer positions in accordance with these bylaws, Article III, sections 1 and 2.

The ExCom of CIM shall, at their first meeting after taking office, appoint an Editor who shall have editorial and budgetary responsibility for the newsletter. The Editor may be, but is not required to be, an elected member of the ExCom. The Editor shall publish, at least quarterly, a printed newsletter that shall be the official printed publication of CIM. If an electronic version of the newsletter is created, the local group shall observe the preferences of members regarding how their newsletters are to be delivered (electronically or printed), as filed with AML. The ExCom may, at its discretion, send printed copies of the newsletter in addition to the electronic version to members who would otherwise get only the electronic version. The newsletter shall, at a minimum, include notices of meetings and programs, required ballots, results of ExCom meetings and elections, amendments to the bylaws and related discussions and ballots, and the semi-annual financial reports; and shall prepare and publish Post Office forms if required. The LocSec shall be entitled to one unedited page in each edition of the newsletter. The outgoing Editor must turn over all files, materials, computer software, passwords, and equipment in good order to the incoming Editor no later than 15 days after the outgoing Editor leaves office.

The ExCom of CIM shall, at their first meeting after taking office, appoint an Ombudsman, who shall pursue local resolution of disputes and shall be an

arbitrator available to serve as a representative to a Regional Hearings Committee. The Ombudsman shall also perform such duties as may be required of all local group ombudsmen by American Mensa. The Ombudsman may not be a member of the ExCom. The Ombudsman, and the National Ombudsman, may submit material to the Editor marked “for publication” that relates to his or her official duties; anything so marked shall be given the highest practicable priority for publication in the newsletter.

All elected members of the ExCom of CIM shall be responsible for conducting the business of CIM; overseeing the financial stability of CIM; and facilitating the interests of the members of CIM in accordance with the principles of Mensa.

The ExCom may appoint other officers and committees it deems necessary. Appointed officers may be, but are not required to be, elected members of the ExCom. All appointed officers and committees shall serve at the pleasure of the ExCom. Appointed officers, positions, and committees, including the position of committee chair, are appointed by the ExCom, and may be removed from office by majority vote of the ExCom unless stated otherwise in these bylaws.

Appointed positions may include but are not limited to:

A Program Coordinator, who shall be responsible for arranging for local group activities, and shall coordinate with and advise the officers and the Editor of these activities. In particular, the Program Coordinator shall select, schedule, and ensure the selection of programs for the CIM Monthly Gatherings.

A Membership Coordinator, who shall be responsible for recruitment programs, and shall have the primary interaction with new members.

A Testing Coordinator, who shall be responsible for planning and scheduling local Mensa admissions testing.

A Publicity Coordinator, who shall be responsible for publicity and public relations.

A Volunteer Coordinator, who shall recruit and schedule members to fill the organization’s need for volunteers.

Specific events coordinators, who shall have planning and budgetary responsibility for specific events (e.g., Regional Gathering, Outdoor Gathering).

A Gifted Youth Coordinator, who shall develop and lead activities for youth members of CIM, and provide support to gifted youth and their families. The Gifted Youth Coordinator, although a local position, is appointed by the AMC upon recommendation by the CIM ExCom.

A Service of Information, Guidance, and Hospitality to Travelers (SIGHT) Coordinator, who shall serve as liaison between visitors to the area and local prospective hosts, area attractions, or other accommodations. The SIGHT Coordinator, although a local position, is appointed jointly by the AMC and the ExCom upon recommendation by the CIM ExCom.

Area Coordinators for outlying groups of members.

Coordinators for other activities as deemed necessary.

The terms of office of elected officers shall be two years from October 1st through September 30th of even-numbered years, or until installation of a properly qualified successor, except in the case of resignation; succession to

higher office as provided in Article III, section 1b; failure to maintain membership; or removal from office as provided in Article III, sections 5 or 6.

The term of office for all appointed officers and positions expires at the end of the term of office of the current elected officers, unless stated otherwise in these bylaws.

Elected members of the ExCom may be removed from office for cause by unanimous vote of all other members of the ExCom or by recall election. A recall election may be called by a petition citing the reason for such action, signed by at least 10% of the membership of the local group as listed on the most recent membership roster provided by AML, and presented at a regular or special meeting of the ExCom. The balloting provisions of a regular election shall apply, except that a recall election must be held within 60 days of presentation of the petition, and the dates set forth in Article V shall be adjusted appropriately.

Any member of the ExCom may be removed from office for three consecutive unexcused absences from ExCom meetings, by a majority vote of the remaining members. A majority of the remaining members may excuse an absence.

The ExCom shall select a replacement for any ExCom member, other than the LocSec, who resigns, or is removed, or is recalled, or moves up to the position of LocSec in accordance with Article III, section 1b, or creates a vacancy in any other way. A replacement for an elected officer is considered to be an elected officer whose term of office ends with the next regular election.

All elected and appointed officers shall turn over all files, equipment, computer software, passwords, and materials pertaining to their offices to either their successor(s), to the current LocSec, or to another member of the incoming ExCom no later than four weeks after leaving office unless stated otherwise in these bylaws.

An annual financial review shall be conducted each year at approximately twelve-month intervals. The ExCom shall appoint someone to conduct the review who was not involved in the issuing or collecting of money during the period being reviewed. The review shall include viewing statements from banks and any other institutions where the group's money was held during the period being reviewed.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

1. Regular meetings or activities may be held at such times as may be appropriate; however, a regularly scheduled meeting of the ExCom and a membership activity must be held at least once a quarter. Notice of meetings and activities shall be published in the newsletter or otherwise sent to each member, the RVC, and the National Office.

2. Special ExCom meetings may be called at any time by the LocSec or by a majority of the ExCom, and shall be called upon receipt by any member of

the ExCom of a petition made in writing signed by at least 30 (thirty) members of the local group as listed on the most recent membership roster provided by AML. The date, time, place, and purpose of the special meeting shall be announced in the newsletter (or by direct mail to each member, the RVC, and the National Office) if practicable, and shall be reported in the newsletter afterward. No business other than that indicated in the notice calling the meeting may be acted on.

3. For both regularly scheduled and special meetings of the ExCom, a simple majority of all voting members of the ExCom constitutes a quorum to transact business. A simple majority of the quorum is required to pass a motion; tied votes are considered not passed.

4. Any one or more members of the ExCom may participate in a meeting of the ExCom by means of telephone, on-line conference, or similar communications equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other at the same time; participation by such means constitutes presence in person at the meeting.

ARTICLE V. ELECTIONS

1. No later than April 1st of even-numbered years before the election, the ExCom shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of a chair plus two additional members who shall, no later than the deadline for the June issue of the newsletter, nominate one or more candidates for LocSec and for each of the remaining seats on the ExCom. The number of seats on the ExCom for the upcoming election (7 or 9, including the LocSec) shall be determined by the current ExCom, depending on the needs of CIM at the time. The Nominating Committee shall cause the names of the candidates they have nominated to be either (a) published in the June issue of the newsletter, or (b) mailed by post or electronically to all members of the local group no later than June 1st.

2. No later than April 1st before the election the ExCom shall appoint an Election Committee consisting of a chair plus two additional members who shall be responsible for conducting the election, creating the ballot, receiving and counting the returned ballots, and certifying the results. The term of the Election Committee chair expires on January 1st following the election; the term of the remainder of the Election Committee expires October 31st following the election. The Election Committee shall determine those election rules and regulations not covered by these bylaws, and shall cause them to be either (a) published in the June issue of the newsletter or (b) mailed by post or electronically to all members of the local group no later than June 1st. The Election Committee shall strive to maintain the anonymity of voters.

3. No member of the Nominating Committee or Election Committee may be a voting member of the ExCom or a candidate in the upcoming election. The Nominating and Election committees may comprise or include the same members; however, they must have different chairs.

4. No later than July 1st before the election, additional nominations may be made by petition signed by ten (10) members of the local group and delivered to the Election Committee chair.

5. The names of the nominees for the final ballot shall be submitted to the Editor no later than the submission deadline for the August newsletter. Ballots shall contain the names of all nominated candidates in random order, whether nominated by the Nominating Committee or by petition. Ballots shall be printed in the August issue of the newsletter, including in the electronic version of the newsletter if such is available, or mailed by post or electronically to all members of the local group, but in any case posted no later than August 1st. Ballots may be returned to the Election Committee chair by mail, electronically if such option is available, or in person; but all members must be allowed to participate by postal mail at all stages of the election process if they so choose. Ballots must be received by the Election Committee chair no later than the date of the September Monthly Gathering to be valid; in the event that there is no September Monthly Gathering, ballots must be received by September 15th to be valid. The Election Committee shall meet in public at the September Monthly Gathering to count the ballots; in the event that there is no September Monthly Gathering, the Election Committee shall meet in public no later than September 30th to count the ballots. If a voter does not follow the rules for submitting ballots in such a way as to compromise confidentiality, but the ballot is otherwise acceptable, the ballot shall be accepted and the voter shall be deemed to have waived confidentiality. A plurality of valid votes cast for each ExCom position shall constitute election. Votes that are tied shall be determined by the Election Committee chair by a flip of a coin. The Election Committee chair shall certify the results of the election to the LocSec and shall have the election results published in the next feasible issue of the newsletter. The Election Committee chair shall preserve the ballots for inspection by any member of CIM until January 1st following the election.

6. In the event there is exactly one candidate for LocSec and exactly one candidate identified for each of the other ExCom positions as of the closing of petitions, those candidates shall be declared elected without balloting.

7. Any challenges to the election must be made in writing to the Election Committee chair and received by October 15th following the election. Any such challenges must be ruled on by October 31st following the election. Any actions by the ExCom while a challenge is pending are not affected by the outcome of any such challenge.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by the ExCom or by a written petition signed by twenty (20) members of the local group and received by any member of the ExCom. Such proposals shall be submitted first to the AMC for its approval to ballot. After approval to ballot has been received, the proposed amendment(s) shall be published in the next feasible issue of the newsletter. A

ballot shall be published in the issue of the newsletter that follows publication of the proposal and shall be sent to every member of the local group. Ballots may be returned by mail, electronically if such option is available, or in person, but all members must be allowed to participate by postal mail at all stages of the amendment process if they so choose. The balloting deadline shall be no less than 90 days following the first publication of the proposed amendment(s) in the newsletter. To become effective, an amendment to these bylaws shall require an affirmative vote of a simple majority of those casting valid ballots, as well as final approval of the AMC and filing of revised bylaws with the Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee will tell the local group the effective date of the bylaws as amended.

ARTICLE VII. MENSA LOGO & NAME

American Mensa, Ltd. (AML) has granted a royalty-free, nonexclusive license to CIM for the use of the mark "Mensa" and a logo, consisting of a globe over a stylized "M" within a border, in connection with the non-commercial uses of CIM. AML retains full ownership of the mark and logo and all statutory and common-law rights in the mark and logo.

ARTICLE VIII. AUTHORITIES

1. The Minimum Standard Bylaws for Local Groups of AML are implicitly included in these bylaws. The minimum requirements are enforceable even if they are not explicitly contained in these bylaws. If there is a conflict between these bylaws and the Minimum Standards, the Minimum Standards take precedence.

2. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, latest edition, shall govern the local group in all cases to which they are applicable and not inconsistent with these bylaws.