Greater Phoenix Mensa's Official Newsletter October-November-December 2016

GPM Quarterly

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http://www.phoenix.us.mensa.org/

GPM ExCom Minutes

Submitted by John G. Perez, Recording Secretary

The ExCom meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 4000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, at 2 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND WELCOME TO ATTEND.

July 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Present were LocSec David Pivin; Recording Secretary Marni Landry; Treasurer David Coast, Members at Large Jim Delton, John Perez, and Mary Prior [also MAAM Editor], Parliamentarian Richard Morris; Proctor Coordinator Nick Dodson, and Member Tom Alberigo. Absent weas Assistant LocSec Mitzi Olivere, who had an excused absence.

David Coast moved and John Perez seconded the June minutes be approved as amended. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Five-Year Plan Committee Update—Jim Delton, Chair.
  - 1st Meeting 8/6/2016 at 5 pm. Members: Disa McAlister, David Coast, Graham Dykes, Marni Landry, Pete Constatino. Brainstorming, set time line, set ultimate goals.
- Going WILD! GYP event at the Phoenix Zoo the end of September
  - Registration set-up complete—Webmaster.

NEW BUSINESS

- Appointment of Chairs and Coordinators (full listing on GPM Contacts page)
  - Unable to contact Dr. Blair, northern area coordinator.
  - Pivin will continue attempts to contact Dr. Blair and contact Flagstaff members to find a new volunteer.
- Richard Morris moved, John Perez seconded the appointment of Tom Albrigo as the Forum coordinator. Motion passed.
- Richard Morris moved, David Coast seconded to approve the renewal of appointments of chairs and coordinators as modified. Motion passed.
- Review of GPM Live ExCom Agenda and Minutes Process
  - Current editors are David Pivin, Richard Morris, Marni Landry and Mitzi Olivere.
  - Agendas and minutes are live on the GPM Website [under Information/Members Only]
  - Proposed agenda will post after the 1st of each month for review and additions.
  - Meeting minutes will be posted for review within 24 hours of each ExCom meeting.
- Credit Union Signature Card Changes:
  - John Perez moved, Marni Landry seconded—it is the sense of the GPM Executive Committee that access to the GPM General account at One AZ Credit Union shall have the following signators: David Pivin, David Coast, Mitzi Olivere and Richard Morris. Motion passed.
    - Richard Morris is remaining as a signer to facilitate coordination of the RG as Chair.
- Marketing Committee Update—Richard Morris:
  - Objectives: Increase number of inquiries about joining Mensa (measured by hits on the "how to join Mensa" website page), and to increase GPM member participation in current and future events (measured by anecdotal reports from activities directors).
  - Proposed—purchase additional ComiCon passes at $50 each to have floaters.
  - Prepare for FanFest as an additional promotional event.
- GPM Archives for PDF and print MAAM
  - Archivist Pamela Miller will transfer all hard copies from 1960-1994 to Mary Prior for storage.
  - David Coast will scan and upload archives.
  - All hard copies for 1994-current will be disposed of.
- GYP Request for booth at Parents of Smart Kids Event—Hope Wilson.
  - Mary Prior moved, Richard Morris seconded to appropriate $500 for the GYP AAGT booth February 2-3, 2017. Motion passed.
- GPM Slide Presentation System Support Plan.
  - Previously appropriated funds have not yet been used.
  - Jim Delton will update the specifications for purchases.
  - David Pivin will make purchases by the end of July.
  - Need to decide on where equipment will be stored.
  - Ron Draney will compile a complete list of current equipment and submit to Mary Prior.
- Current Vanguard savings must be moved from its current money market account by August 31, 2016, according to new tax laws. David Coast will research new accounts and make recommendations.

OFFICER REPORTS

- Treasurer: $18,355.55 total in all accounts. National treasurer states that a general account should retain ~$10/member.
- MAAM Editor — Is online and will increase posting. Pivin will assist in updating the electronic format.
- Proctor Coordinator—7/9/16: 10 testers, 5 were walk-ins; 9 used testing vouchers. Next test on 7/30/16, two planned in October (½price); one planned in November at the RG.
- ISCom — Website is up to date; waiting for MarCom input. To Do: social media index page.
- Programs — Three new groups being rolled out. GeoCache treasure hunt planned for fall. No meeting in July.

Meeting Adjourned. Richard Morris moved, David Coast seconded,

to adjourn the meeting at 4:02 p.m. Motion passed. Next GPM [ExCom] meeting 8/14/16 at Hilton Garden Inn at 2 pm.

August 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Present were LocSec David Pivin; Treasurer David Coast; Recording Secretary Marni Landry; Parliamentarian Richard Morris: Members at Large Jim Delton and John Perez, and Guest Pete Constantino.

Absent was Assistant LocSec Mitzi Olivere, MAAM Editor Mary Prior, and Proctor Coordinator Nick Dodson.

OLD BUSINESS

- Credit Union Signature Card completion.
  - David Pivin has received a debit card, and all updates to account signers have been made..
- Marketing Committee (MarCom) Update
  - Discussed print media and paid Facebook ads.
  - Next meeting is August 28, 2016.
  - Richard Morris is preparing visual data regarding hits on the "How to Join Mensa" web page.
- Area Coordinator for Flagstaff, Williams and Sedona
  - David Pivin sent messages to all Northern Region members with email contacts (15) and received two responses.
  - David Coast volunteered to drive up and host a lunch on an upcoming Saturday to attempt to organize the Northern Region.
- Vanguard Account Update
  - David Coast has not been able to make contact with an account manager.
  - Deadline is still 8/31/16 to move funds into an acceptable new fund.
  - ExCom recommends moving funds into the credit union account if AML approves.
- GPM Slide Presentation System Support Plan
  - David Pivin will be coordinating the purchase within the week.
- Games Night—still needs a new host.
- Five-Year Plan Discussion
  - First meeting was a brainstorming session to determine goals.
  - Meeting again 8/21/16.

NEW BUSINESS

- Acquisition of "Brainz" - David Coast moved, Richard Morris seconded the motion to purchase 1,000 brainz to be shipped to and stored at Pete Constatino's home. Motion approved.
- David Coast moved, Richard Morris seconded the motion to purchase give-away marketing items not to exceed $200 total, with the marketing committee defining the item and the graphic. Motion approved.
- New Member Owners Manual—David Pivin will forward the address label file of new members to David Coast. David will print the labels and deliver them to Richard Morris at the ExCom meetings for mailing.

OFFICER REPORTS

- Treasurer: Balance as of 7/31 is $20,709.37.
- ISCom — Reconciled email lists and removed ~60 non-renewals. On the 2nd of each month, AML member lists are compared with GPM membership for list updates. Still would like feedback on the website regarding content.
- Programs—Next meeting Tuesday, August 16, 2016.

The next ExCom meeting will be September 11, 2016 at 2 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn.

September 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Present were LocSec David Pivin; Assistant LocSec Mitzi Olivere; Treasurer David Coast; Recording Secretary Marni Landry; Parliamentarian, Richard Morris; Members at Large Jim Delton and John Perez; Members Steve Cervera and Ron Draney, and Guest Pete Constantino.

Excused absent was MAAM Editor Mary Prior;. Also absent, Proctor Coordinator Nick Dodson.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mary Prior resigned as Editor.
  - David Pivin appointed member Steve Cervera to take over as editor.
- North Area—no progress has been made to facilitate a meelting
- Give-Away Items.
  - 1,000 squeeze brainz have been received and are stored at Pete Constantino's home.
  - Brainz stickers have been ordered but not yet received.

NEW BUSINESS

- RG Registration status update—none.
- GYP Going Wild Zoo Event
  - Mitzi Olivere moved, Richard Morris seconded to allocate $300 to cover the difference between current registrations and the minimum registration for the Going Wild Event. Motion passed.
- It was requested that the RecSec bring one paper copy of the past minutes to ExCom meetings.

OFFICER REPORTS

- Marketing Committee (MarCom)—8/28/16 meeting. Reserching paid Facebook postings. Sent out new releases to four tv stations and many community college gifted programs. Channel 10 responded and Richard Morris is working with the executive producer. Inved Fox News to the RG for no charge.
- Members at Large —Need to reserve a handicap room at the Hilton Gardens for the RG.

Adjourned at 2:53 pm. Richard Morris moved, John Perez seconded. Motion passed.

Next GPM [ExCom] meeting 10/9/16 at Hilton Garden Inn at 2 pm.



Mensa Acronyms & Calendar

AG: Annual Gathering (convention)
AMC: American Mensa Committee (Nationally elected/appointed Officers)
AML: American Mensa Ltd. (National Office and employees)
ExCom: Executive Committee (Local Group elected/appointed Officers)
GPM: Greater Phoenix Mensa
GYP: Gifted Youth Program
LocSec: Local Secretary, President
MERF: Mensa Education & Research Foundation a.k.a. Mensa Foundation
MIL: Mensa International, Ltd.
M/Ms: Mensan/Mensans
MO: Mensans, guests and prospects only
ME/P: GPM Event, Public Welcome
NO: National Office
PE/M: Public Event, Mensans Welcome
RG: Regional Gathering (convention)
RVC: Regional Vice Chair (our Region's elected representative to the AMC)
SIG: Special Interest Group
SIGHT: Service of Information, Guidance & Hospitality to Travelers

Weekly Event Details

◊ ME/P - Wednesdays @ 5–7 pm—*WHINE and DINE Happy Hour @* Desert Jade Kitchen, 3215 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix. Mike Johnson 602-956-0180

◊ MO - Thursdays @ 5–7 pm—*Tuesday on Thursdays!* Ruby Tuesdays, 27 S McClintock Dr, #15, Temp. Gary & Gail 602-790-8626

Monthly Event Details

1st Thursday

◊ ME/P - Westside Lunch Group 1–3 pm at Little Bite of Italy, 15456 N. 99th Ave (at Greenway), Sun City. Contact Jean Barton t 623-546-3180 or Bartrabbit@aol.com

◊ ME/P - Thursday, 6:30–8:30 pm—*The Idea Exchange* at Denny's, 3315 N. Scottsdale, Rd., Scottsdale. Contact Mike Johnson at mikejohnson@cox.net or 602-703-9324.

1st Friday

◊ ME/P DinDin With Lynne, 7–8 pm - at various locations. drvest55@gmail.com or call 480-254-3311.

1st Saturday

◊ ME/P - Casino Lunch, 12–3 pm—This alternates the location each month. About $18. Call 602-703-9324 or MensaMike@gmail

◊ PE/M - Inventors Club, 2–4 pm—*Inventors Club* at Techshop, 249 E Chicago St, Chandler 85225If you have Questions? Kevin Moriarty 602-303-6272 or kevin 7314@gmail.com

◊ PE/M - Saturday Night at the Movies, 6-10 pm at 5318 N. 20th Street, Phoenix. If you have questions, Bruce or Ann Marie at 602-212-1614 or by email to bruce.m.stiles@gmail.com

1st Sunday

◊ MO - Julieanna's Lunch in Yuma 11 am—1 pm Julieanna's Patio Cagfe, 1951 W 25th St., Yuma. Contact Julie Osborn Garner at Julie.osborn@gmail.com or call 619-549-2971. An adult event, but well-behaved children are welcome.

◊ *2nd Monday*

◊ ME/P - Prescott Minds in the Pines 8 pm—at Augie's Restaurant, 1721 Highway 69, Prescott. Will@Hepburn.com or 928-925-2685.

2nd Tuesday

◊ ME/P - Burger Madness —4:30-8 pm—at Bar Louis, Tempe Marketplace Mall, 2000 E Rio Salado Pkwy #1220, Temp. Ken Brown, 602-492 -8025 or John Randal at 480-361-2523.

◊ ME/P - Ahwatukee M Happy Hour, 5:30–7:30 pm at Keegan's Grill, 4723 E. Ray Road, Phoenix. Michael Riordan 480-335-9890 or PHXRiordan@gmail.com

2nd Saturday

◊ PE/M - Sat., HSP Game Night, 6:30–10 pm at the Humanist Community Center, 627 W. Rio Salado Parkway (a.k.a. 8th St.) Mesa. Email ann.eisentraut@gmail.com.

◊ PE/M - Contradance 7:30–10:30 pm at Kenilworth School, 1210 N 5th Ave, Phoenix. Contact Peter B. 323-788-4883 or 1bergonzi1@gmail.com

2nd Sunday

◊ MO - Executive Committee (ExCom) 2–3 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 4000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

3rd Monday

◊ MO - Science and Technology SIG 7 pm at Burton Barr library (1st Floor). See SIG listing for contacts.

3rd Saturday

◊ Happy Hour at Yuma's Main Squeeze, 6 pm—9 pm at 251 S. Main St., Yuma. On the front patio. Contact Julie Osborn Garner at Julie.osborn@gmail.com or call 619-549-2971. Adult Event.

3rd Sunday

◊ MO - Oh Hell! At Mel's, 12:30–6 pm. 6241 S. 16th Street, Phoenix MO. Contact Mel at mensamela@gmail.com or 602-989-2542 or 602-824-9389. (Canceled until January 2017.)

◊ ME/P GPM Cycling on Silent Sunday 10217 S. Central Ave., Phoenix. Contact Dave Pivin at mrpiv.me.com or Gene Holmerud at geneousmaam@gmail.com

4th Tuesday

◊ ME/P - Burger Madness —4:30-8 pm at Bar Louis, Tempe Marketplace Mall, 2000 E Rio Salado Pkwy #1220, Temp. Ken Brown, 602-492-8025 or John Randal at 480-361-2523.

4th Friday

◊ ME/P - Mensa Forum, 7–8:45 pm on hiatus until January 2017.

◊ ME/P - Post Forum Debriefing, 9–10 pm also on hiatus until January 2017.

◊ PE/M - Contradance 7:30–10:30 pm at Irish Cultural Center, 1106 N Central Ave, Phoenix. Contact Peter B. 323-788-4883 or 1bergonzi1@gmail.com

4th Saturday

◊ ME/P - Oenophiles SIG Contact Richard Poole—602-317-5977 or richardpoole2012@gmail.com

◊ ME/P - Mensa Forum, 7–8:45 pm on hiatus during the Summer.

◊ MO - Original Games Night 7–11 pm August—Cancelled. Contact Dave Coast @ dcoast123@gmail.com for more info

IMPORTANT NOTE: As of the time the calendar was printed, this information was current. For more current information and updates, please go to the website

http://www.phoenix.us.mensa.org/

It's Not Too Late to apply for a scholarship!

Deadline is January 15, 2017! Go to the following website and apply on-line. There are several new scholarships available as well.

http://www.mensafoundation.org/

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