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Greater Phoenix Mensa's Official Newsletter

GPM Quarterly

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East Side Dining Out SIG (Last Saturday)	
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Whine and Dine Happy Hour (Wednesdays)	
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Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

GenX SIG	
OPEN - Contact LocSec@phoenixmensa.org	
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Mary Prior	mgprior66@gmail.com

ATTENTION GPM MEMBERS: On October 2, 2017 under the **Member Voucher Program (MVP)**, National Office sent out discount codes via **EMAIL** for all members to give to a friend that will allow them to purchase a Mensa Admissions Test voucher or Prior Evidence Review for **FREE!** Print Publication members without email can obtain their code by calling the National Office (817) 607-0600 and ask for your MVP discount code. The code must be entered into the online ordering system to purchase a voucher. Questions? Call GPM LocSec, (602) 677-6129.

GPM ExCom Minutes

Submitted by Marni Landry, 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 INVITED TO ATTEND

October 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM. Present were LocSec David Pivin; Assistant LocSec Mitzi Olivere; Treasurer David Coast; Recording Secretary Marni Landry; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; MAAM Editor Steve Cervera (via phone); Members at Large Jim Delton, Jim Giunta (absent), Tim Richards; Proctor Coordinator, Nick Dodson (late) Members Nancy Walters and John Perez (late); Guest Pete Costantino.

Approval of Minutes

ExCom Meeting, 10 September 2017. Motion to Approve by Richard Morris. Mitzi Olivere seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

RG Update
- Registrar appointed - Chris Ingle
- 52 online registrations
- 25 confirmed & scheduled speakers
- Chairperson-Barbara Chatzkel is stepping down, James Giunta is taking over
- A master of ceremonies for games is needed - contact James Giunta

Stephanie Kingsley new RG Gifted Youth Coordinator & Nancy Walters will assist

MVP Program Update
- Imperative that all member codes are used
- Please send unused codes to the LocSec.

GPM Quarterly Update

New Business

ACE Comic Con in January in Glendale - Opportunity?
- Booth $950
- Recommend not participating

2019 AG Discussion re: Brian Reeves email.
- Please submit answers to Reeves' questions to David Pivin

Officer Reports

Assistant LocSec - ntr
Parliamentarian - ntr
Treasurer - $22,344.76
MAAM Editor - ntr
Newsletter Editor - ntr
RecSec - ntr
Proctor Coordinator - 13 testers in the past 2 weeks. New proctor just got certified-now we have 3 proctors
ISComm - site under maintenance
Programs - ntr
Member@Large - ntr
LocSec - ntr

Questions or Comments by Members or Guests

Are we planning a member appreciation party next spring? Yes.
https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/parks/interactive-parks-map

Next Meeting

12 November 2017, 2 PM at Hilton Garden Inn

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Richard Morris. Mitzi Olivere seconded. Motion passed at 2:55 PM

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November 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM. Present were LocSec David Pivin; Assistant LocSec Mitzi Olivere; Treasurer David Coast; Recording Secretary Marni Landry; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; MAAM Editor Steve Cervera (absent); Members at Large Jim Delton, Jim Giunta, Tim Richards (via phone)

Approval of Minutes

ExCom Meeting, 8 October 2017 - Motion to Approve by Richard Morris, Marni Landry seconded. Motion passed at 2:04pm.

Old Business

RG Update
- Bags & shirts have been ordered. Programs are ready to send to printer.
- ~78 registrants

Discussion of Responses to 2019 AG Chair, Brian Reeves' Questions

New Business

Volunteers to set up & work the PVSTEAM booth 2/10/18 11am-3pm. Interactive ideas: coloring/making brain caps, practice brain teaser/test questions, find the brain stickers for giveaways, etc.
- David Coast will set up, need 2-3 more volunteers
- Need to find a reasonable printing cost

Discuss plan to advise on AML Executive Director
- Need to discuss with Mike Wong RVC

Officer Reports

Assistant LocSec - ntr
Parliamentarian - ntr
Treasurer - $23,315.60 (RG $5867.36)
MAAM Editor - ntr
Newsletter Editor - ntr
RecSec - ntr
Proctor Coordinator - ntr
ISComm - Website is functioning
Programs - ntr
Member@Large - ntr
LocSec - ntr

Questions or Comments by Members or Guests

Tried to assist a member in registration, was told the room block was full.

Next Meeting

10 December 2017, 2 PM at Hilton Garden Inn

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Richard Morris. David Coast seconded. Motion passed at 2:57pm

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December 10, 2017

(pending approval at January ExCom)

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM. Present were LocSec David Pivin; Assistant LocSec Mitzi Olivere; Treasurer David Coast; Recording Secretary Marni Landry; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; MAAM Editor Steve Cervera (via phone); Members at Large Jim Delton (absent), Jim Giunta, Tim Richards (absent); Members John Perez (late), Helen Goldman (late); Guest Pete Costantino.

Approval of Minutes

ExCom Meeting, 12 November 2017 - Motion to Approve by David Coast, Mitzi Olivere seconded. Motion passed at 2:01pm

Old Business

RG Preliminary Report - Jim Giunta
- Attendance - 107, 91 @ banquet

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GPM ExCom Minutes Cont'd

December 10, 2017 Cont'd

RG Preliminary Report Cont'd

Programs Feedback -
- Deeann Griebel was outstanding and is invited to AG
- 2 scheduling problems, were able to be fixed
- Several speakers requested to come back next year

Hospitality - Create sign that food cannot leave hospitality next time
- Net cost $1520.44

Finance - overspent by $4862.24

Finalize answers to 2019 AG Chair Questions
- Request that AM appoint a liaison
- We need specific directives
- Document with responses in ExCom Workspace on Google Drive <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pN7t05WupoGBCjqnCrI68sBUwojPtpDur5-tG4Lezc4/edit?usp=sharing>.

Excom will meet with AM AG rep in February - The documents in the Excom AG folder will be sent to the AM rep.

Progress on PVSTEM - Marni Landry, David Coast
- LocSec will send out a request for volunteers to staff table
- Still need to make copies of interactives

New Business

LocSec February Absence - Natl. officer AG rep will be here, Mitzi Olivere will be acting LocSec

Tim Richards status as Member at Large - could be available on call-in if a quorum was needed

Ideas for Modifying or Adding ASIEs (Actions Still in Effect)
- Need to be reviewed and updated

Status of MAAM Editor
- Steve needs to transition out of position
- LocSec will take over some responsibilities until a replacement is found

Officer Reports

Assistant LocSec - ntr
Parliamentarian - ntr
Treasurer - $16,286.68, Jan-Nov Credit card processing charges $876.26 (~15% of Credit Card income for 38 transactions). Recommend finding lower cost transaction fees.
MAAM Editor -
Newsletter Editor -
RecSec - ntr
Proctor Coordinator - ntr
ISComm - ntr
Programs - ntr
Member@Large - ntr
LocSec - ntr

Next Meeting

14 January 2018, 2 PM at Hilton Garden Inn

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Richard Morris. David Coast seconded. Motion passed at 3:06pm

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RVC9 Column for December

From Michael Wong, RVC9



Dear Region 9 members, I hope you've all had a happy and restful holiday season. 2017 has been a very eventful year for me: campaigning and subsequently being elected to the AMC board as your RVC 9; travelling to all the cities I have never been to for AMC meetings, RG's and visiting the chapters in Region 9; meeting so many old and new people in all my travels.

As you may know by now, our previous Executive Director Pam Donahoo had tendered her resignation and is no longer with us as of mid-November. A transition committee of 5 members as formed to explore our options, and our Director of Membership and Strategy Trevor Mitchell was appointed Acting Executive Director to ensure a smooth transition. Most of us arrived a day earlier at the December AMC meeting in Houston to hear the recommendations of the committee and discuss how we should proceed. The board decided to offer Trevor a 2 year contract with a 1 year probation period upon when we will evaluate again how we will go forward.

The following survey surveymonkey.com/r/KLVMYFB was sent to AMC board members, local Mensa leaders, and other members to help identify qualities we desire for our next Executive Director. As of now the survey is still open, interested members may want to fill this out if they want to have their opinions heard.

Since Trevor has taken on the extra responsibilities of our ED, he is too busy to personally respond to questions local group leaders may have relied on him to answer in the past. Please send your questions to info@americanmensa.org, and it will be redirected to the staff member who can assist you.

The ExComm has voted to extend our contract with Conference Direct by 2 years through 2023. AG Committees will not have to negotiate contracts with hotels for another 2 years. While I think it is good that we manage to avoid a lot of contract pitfalls, I am nostalgic for the days when we had those large home cooked meals...

On the subject of AGs, Phoenix is selected as the site of AG 2019, the AG co-chairs Brian Reeves and Allison Reeves are currently planning an informal visit at the end of January or February (from Thursday to Sunday) at the hotel site (the official visit with AMC staff and members is scheduled in September). Local members who are interested in volunteering or have questions are welcome to come and meet our AG co-chairs in person. Please let me know if you have questions. While I may not be able to be there the whole duration, I will try to be there at least 1 if not 2 days.

Congratulations to Jennifer Wise (Carter) for being elected as one of the 3 new trustees of the Mensa Foundation. She used to be GLAAM's Young Adult coordinator and was very active in the Mensa Foundation Scholarship program before moving to Seattle.

Finally, please consider joining us for the GLAAM RG for the President's Day weekend in San Pedro. We run a hell of a party in Los Angeles and I will be giving an ALL FRENCH fromage session for the cheese tasting.

- Michael

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Treasurer's Report YTD as of 28 Dec 2017

Income	10,735.92
Expenses	10,716.16*
Operating Account	6,357.31
Savings	7,776.91
RG Account	989.89
Total	$15124.11

*includes 4,794.46 RG expenses

Submitted by David Coast, GPM Treasurer

Mensa Acronyms & Calendar

AG: Annual Gathering (convention)
AMC: American Mensa Committee (Nationally elected/appointed Officers)
AML: AmericanMensa,Ltd. (National Office Employees)
ASIE: Action Still In Effect (Existing AMC policy)
ExCom: Executive Committee GPM Greater Phoenix Mensa
LDW: Leadership Development Workshop
LocSec: Local Secretary/President
M/Ms: Mensan/Mensans
MERF: Mensa Education & Research Foundation
MIL: Mensa International, Ltd.
NO: NationalOffice
RG: Regional Gathering
RVC: RegionalViceChair
SIG: Special Interest Group
SIGHT: Service of Information, Guidance and Hospitality to Travelers

Calendar Event Codes

MO: Mensans, guests and prospects only.
ME/P: GPM Event, public welcome.
PE/M: Public event, Mensans welcome.
GYP: Event hosted by our **Gifted Youth Program** to support our youth members, families and guests.

IMPORTANT NOTE: As of the time the calendar was printed, the following information was current. For more current information and updates, please go to the website **http://www.phoenix.us.mensa.org/**

Weekly Event Details

- ME/P - Whine and Dine Happy Hour, Wednesdays 5 - 7 pm - Location varies, 1st Wed. - Desert Jade Kitchen, 3215 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix, 2nd - Grassroots, 2119 E Camelback Rd. Phoenix 85016, tel. (602) 368-8766, 3rd - Manuel's Mexican Restaurant & Cantina 2820 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85016, 4th - Wildflower Bread Company, 4290 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix (602) 850-8585, no alcohol, 5th - Aunt Chilada's (602) 944-1286, 7330 N. Dreamy Draw Dr, Phoenix 85020, Contact Mike Johnson 602-956-0180
- MO - Tuesday on Thursdays! - Thursdays 5 - 7 pm - Ruby Tuesdays, 27 S McClintock Dr,#15, Tempe. Gary & Gail 602-790-8626

Monthly Event Details

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 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.

2nd Monday

- ME/P - Prescott Minds in the Pines, 5:30 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

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.

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 623-546-3180 or Bartrabbit@aol.com
- ME/P - The Idea Exchange, 6:30 - 8:30 pm 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.

4th Friday

- ME/P - Mensa Forum, 7 - 8:45 pm Topics Vary. On Hiatus November, December, June, July, and August. Granite Reef Senior Center (Rm 7 or Rm 1 cafeteria), 1700 N Granite Reef Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85257. Tom Albrigo, tvalbrigo@aol.com, Forum Coordinator.
- ME/P - Post Forum Debriefing, 9 - 10 pm New China Gate Restaurant, 7730 East McDowell Road #111, Scottsdale, AZ (480) 990-3388. Contact: Tom Albrigo, tvalbrigo@aol.com, the Forum Coordinator
- 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

1st Saturday

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

2nd Saturday

- PE/M - Sat., HSGP Game Night, 6:30 - 10 pm at the Humanist Community Center, 627 W. Rio Salado Parkway (a.k.a. 8th St.) Mesa. Email diannn@mindspring.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

3rd Saturday

- MO - Third Saturday Games Night, 6 - 11 pm, New Southeast Valley location for a games night. For location contact: William Bandaruk, williambandaruk@cox.net.

4th Saturday

- MO - Original Games Night, 7:00 to 11:30 PM, Planned to return to it's regular slot, same good fun. BYO Beverage, and a snack to share. We have a new host to bring this back. Contact Chris Ingle for more information, christopher.ingle@yahoo.com

Last Saturday

- ME/P - Eastside Dining Out SIG, Noon to 2:00 PM - Location varies around SE Valley. Please email or text your RSVP to Mary Prior at mgprior66@gmail.com or 206-551-5907.

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