July - August - September 2022

Greater Phoenix Mensa's Official Newsletter

GPM Quarterly

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Original Games Night! (Fourth Saturday)	
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COVID-19 UPDATE

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Treasurer's Report YTD as of 30 June 2022

Income	22,090.06
Expenses	13,041.99
CU GPM General Account	25,405.15
CU GPM Savings	55.00
Total	$25,460.15

GPM ExCom Minutes

Submitted by David Pivin, Recording Secretary

The ExCom meets the 2nd Sunday of each month by Zoom Teleconference at 2 PM as indicated in the calendar. If an in-person meeting is held, it is at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 4000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix.

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND INVITED TO ATTEND

April 10, 2022
The meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present online were LocSec David Sebesta; AsstLocSec Marni Landry; Treasurer Chris Ingle, Parliamentarian Richard Morris; Editor & Recording Secretary Dave Pivin; Guests Pete Costantino and Zoe's Kids.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 13 March 2022 - Motion to Approve by Marni Landry, Richard Morris. seconded. Motion passed at 2:03.

Old Business
• April MAD Event - Room is set. Pete Costantino has 13 registered for 18 people total thus far.
• November RG - Facility set. David to set a rate for registration. RVC has blessed the contract. Program grid for the RG is set in the calendar for November. Carrie Beth McGarry has a general plan for putting the program together and is set to begin in earnest May 1 and will be talking to MAD attendees.
• Election chair - No volunteers. David Sebesta will reach out again.

New Business
• Financial declaration - Chris Ingle to file.
• Open Positions - Continue running requests. GYC is still most important vacancy.

Officer Reports
Treasurer - Total funds $24,510.09 Checking $24,455.09, Savings $55.00.
LocSec - Membership numbers are not validated yet. AML has hit 50,000.
All others - NTR

Comments by Members or Guests
Pete Costantino - Things are going well for MAD preparation.

Next Meeting
8 May 2022, by Zoom Teleconference.

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Richard Morris, Carrie Beth McGarry seconded. Motion passed at 2:31.

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May 15, 2022
The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present online were LocSec David Sebesta; Assistant LocSec, Marni Landry; Treasurer Chris Ingle; Member at Large Gene Holmerud; Recording Secretary and MAAM Editor, Dave Pivin; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; Guests Peter Costantino and Zoe's kids.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 10 April 2022 - Motion to approve by Richard Morris, Judy Herrmann seconded. Motion passed at 2:01 PM

Old Business
• MAD Recap - Job well done by Pete Costantino for putting the event together. Lots of complements received by him from attendees. $1203.11 total spent to be reimbursed to Pete.
• Elections - Jim Delton, Chair - One volunteer as assistant LocSec. Need to appeal to Rachel for David Sebesta to be appointed as LocSec lacking a volunteer. Also other names given for MAL. No volunteers for RecSec.
• Jim's summary: Slate of candidates – those listed have volunteered to serve. If an * shows they would serve via appointment.
• Local Secretary* - David Sebesta*
• Assistant Local Secretary - Richard Morris
• Treasurer* - Chris Ingle*
• Recording Secretary - Dave Pivin*
• Member at Large 1 - Carrie Beth McGarry (as amended)
• Member at Large 2 - Judy Herrmann
• Member at Large 3 - Marni Landry

New Business
• RG - Hotel booking is locked down. Carrie Beth is ready to start requests for speakers. Dave Pivin agreed to setup PayPal with Chris that will use Dave's 2-factor. Ready to go when that is finalized. Chris will take the position as Treasurer.

Officer Reports
Treasurer - Total funds $25,308.33, Checking $25,253.33, Savings $55.00.
ISComm - ExCom Officer List and History published [in Google Docs].
All others - NTR

Next Meeting
12 June 2022, 2 PM by Zoom Teleconference.

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Chris Ingle, Richard Morris seconded, motion passed at 2:46 PM.

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June 26, 2022 (pending approval)
The meeting postponed from 12 June. Meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present online were LocSec David Sebesta; Treasurer Chris Ingle; Recording Secretary and MAAM Editor Dave Pivin; Members at Large, Judy Herrmann, Gene Holmerud, Carrie Beth McGarry; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; Members Carol Young, Joice Braden, Lyn Stinnett, Jim Delton, Diana McClure; Guest Peter Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 15 May 2022 - Change requested to the officer listing. Add Carrie Beth McGarry in place of Richard Morris as was shown. Motion to Approve as amended by Richard Morris, seconded by Chris Ingle. Motion passed at 2:05

Old Business
• Conflict with Asst. LocSec and MAL-1. Corrected name for MAL1 to Carrie Beth McGarry as above.
• 2022-23 ExCom - Dave Pivin will create a new set of Minutes and Agenda templates for the coming year in a new folder in ExCom workspace on Google Drive.

New Business
- Bank account - RG - Chris has not completed the payment methodology yet. Hangup over account creation that can be used for PayPal. David Sebesta will contact NO regarding EIN use. New email address for PayPal to be created by Chris and used to connect to CU account. Judy Herrmann nominated to take over as RG Chair.
- Wednesday Dine Out - Changes have been made. Joice Braden, co-host with Bill Taylor spoke about the situation. Bill did not think that Ombudsman's suggestion of mediation was acceptable. Joe Zodl has taken over temporarily as host. Judy Herrmann had a copy of Bill's requests submitted.

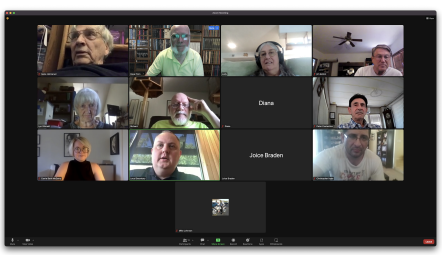
Officer Reports
Treasurer - Going to fix the PayPal issue so we can start online registration. Total funds $25,460.15 Checking $25,405.15, Savings $55.00.
MAAM Editor - Computer problems have impacted ability to publish the RG web site, but awaiting final info that will come this week. GPM Quarterly will be slightly delayed pending any changes regarding the RG. This may also be impacted by the same computer issue.
Members@Large - Carrie Beth - RG Entertainment options being considered. Sketch comedy? Would work as long as it is G-rated. Will discuss more at next RG Committee meeting which takes place after the ExCom.
All Others - NTR

Comments by Members or Guests
NTR.

Next Meeting
10 July 2022, 2 PM via Zoom Teleconference

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Richard Morris, Gene Holmerud seconded. Motion passed at 2:59 PM.

ExCom Meeting June 26



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Phoenix Phiesta XXXVIII:
"From the Ashes"
58 Years of Greater Phoenix Mensa
GPM Regional Gathering (RG)
November 24-27, 2022

Thanksgiving Day Pot Luck Buffet

30-Plus Programs to Inform, Stimulate and Amuse:
- Interesting Speakers on many subjects
- Games Galore!
- Parties After Dark (pack a bathing suit)
- Romance! Sex! Adventure!
- **Awesome Kids Track – All Day!**
- Endless conversation and an infinity of puns
- Saturday Night Banquet with delightful entertainment!
- **AND MUCH, MUCH, MORE!!** (Subject to confirmation or change)

Hotel Information:

Hilton Garden Inn – Midtown Phoenix, 4000 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012
Hotel Rates: $89 + Tax per room/night, single or double Rates good from Nov 22 thru 28.
Includes: free self-parking, free in-room internet & free Fitness Center entry.
Hotel is 100% non-smoking.
Our room block is guaranteed for reservations made by October 24.
Go to the Hilton Garden Inn Phoenix Midtown web site **www.phoenixmidtown.hgi.com** and enter the code **MENSA** in the Special Rates tab in the field labeled Promotions or call: **602-279-9811 (1-800-446-6677), Code: MENSA**

Regional Gathering Prices:

Full Registration: ***Includes all meals***

	To Jul 15	To Aug 15	To Sep 15	Thereafter
Adults*	$100.00	$125.00	$140.00	$160.00
First Timers*	$90.00	$115.00	$130.00	$150.00
Kids 7- 14	$50.00	$62.50	$70.00	$80
Kids Under 7	Free	Free	Free	Free

*GPM Members and recent transfers who joined or arrived after December 2018 are eligible for a 10% discount off these Adult prices.

Day Rates:

Friday	$80
Saturday (Including banquet)	$120
Banquet only	$70

Cancellation Policy: 100% through September 1, 50% through October 15. No refund except in special cases thereafter without good cause, subject to the sole and absolute discretion of GPM ExCom.

You may register and pay with credit card:
https://tinyurl.com/gpm-rg2022

***Terms, conditions and other folderol:**
The rates applicable are determined by the date the registrations are submitted or the postmark of the envelope if hard copy. And if you've ever been arrested for drinking chocolate milk in a suspicious manner you may not claim a discount. The Regional Gathering will be a friendly and safe environment for attendees and speakers. Inappropriate physical contact, verbal abuse, or harassment will not be tolerated, and persons not in compliance may be removed from the event without a refund. Volunteers act with the authority of ExCom and members and guests are expected to comply with their directions. For further information, please refer to the full Event Code of Conduct, available here: **https://tinyurl.com/GPMCode**

Registrant Information:
Name:_____
Badge Name:_____
Address:_____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone:_____
Mensa #:_____
Date: _____
E-Mail:_____
Age if minor:_____

Full Weekend: $_____ (Price depends on age group)
Partial:
Fri. Only _____ **$60**
Sat. Only (Incl. Banquet) _____ **$80**
Banquet Only _____ **$40**

Extra Credit questions (If to get the 10% Adult price discount):
First RG? _____
New Member or
Transfer into GPM this year? _____
Member #_____
(First registrant only)

T-Shirt: $16 (high-quality 100% cotton T-Shirt with RG Logo printed)
Youth: ___ M (10-12) ___ L (14/16)
Adult: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL
Adult: ___ 2XL and up $19
None___
Total enclosed for this registrant: $_____

Please make your check payable to **Greater Phoenix Mensa**
Questions? Contact registrar: Chris Ingle, christopher.ingle@yahoo.com 520-240-9810

Mail to:
RG Registration
P.O. Box 60456
Phoenix AZ 85082-0456

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 or GPM 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/**

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Weekly Event Details

ME/P - Whine and Dine Happy Hour, Wednesdays 5 - 7 pm - Location varies, 1st Wed. - Ajo Al's Mexican Cafe, 5101 N 16th St, Phoenix, AZ 85016 2nd - Streets of New York, 214 E Camelback Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85012, 3rd - New Hong Kong Restaurant, 2328 E Indian School Rd, Phoenix. AZ 85016. 4th - The Main Ingredient Ale House & Cafe, 2337 N 7th St, Phoenix, AZ 85006, 5th - George Yang's Chinese Cuisine, 6048 N 16th St, Phoenix, AZ 85016 [Subject to change in other 5-Wednesday months], Contact Joe Zodl M@zodl.net

Monthly Event Details

2nd Sunday

- MO - Executive Committee (ExCom), 2 - 3 pm via Zoom Teleconference or when in-person meeting is scheduled at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 4000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, or . ***MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!***

2nd Tuesday

- ME/P - Ahwatukee M Happy Hour, 5:30 - 7:30 pm Join us for a drink, a meal and stimulating conversation. Michael Riordan, PHXRiordan@gmail.com 480.335.9890. Every second Tuesday at CK's Tavern & Grill, 4142 E Chandler Blvd, Phoenix, AZ 85048

4th Friday

- ME/P - Mensa Forum, (on extended Hiatus) 7 - 8:45 pm Topics Vary. Paradise Valley Town Hall, 6401 E Lincoln Dr, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253. Contact Forum Coordinator, Jim Delton, jimntempe@yahoo.com for info.
- ME/P - Post Forum Debriefing, (on extended Hiatus) 9 - 10 pm - Humble Pie Pizza, 6149 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85250. Contact Forum Coordinator (above) for info.

3rd Saturday

- MO - Mensa Dine-Out - 6:30 - 8:30 PM Meet us at a restaurant TBD each month. AE - Adult Event, RSVP to Ellen Milner at elsbells417@Yahoo.com by Thursday of that week. Come on out, we won't bite you!

4th Saturday

- MO - 6:00 to 11:00 PM - Original Games Night! Owl is $2.00 per person. SO, WBC. New host, Chris Ingle may be contacted at christopher.ingle@yahoo.com or by cell at 520-240-9810 for detailed directions to location near Baseline Rd and Loop-101 in Tempe.

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GPM Virtual Meetings

While most events have resumed in-person meetings, the ExCom and two regular virtual events continue. This might be a good time to try and join one of these meetings. They are attended well by many GPMers you already know. Full details on how to join are available on our web site:
http://phoenix.us.mensa.org/Info/index.html

Sundays at 6:00 PM

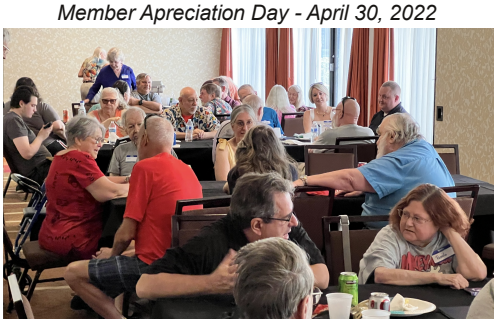
VIRTUAL IDEA EXCHANGE discussion group. You may propose anything of interest to you. We discuss the topic(s) of most interest. A book, movie, news item, TV report, idea - ANY TOPIC of your choice. Join Zoom Meeting (visit the detailed link above for details) Pete Costantino, pete@usa1944.com, will run this meeting. Audio and Video required for participation. Contact: Jim Delton, jimntempe@yahoo.com. Feel free to email Pete (cc Jim) with your proposed topics.

Saturdays at 3:00 PM

MENSA / INTERTEL VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR - Even introverts get tired of being by themselves after a while! Are you getting tired of only talking to your pets? Connect virtually with other introverts on Zoom! (visit the detailed link above for details) Use the Zoom app, or use Zoom in your browser, or use the audio on your smartphone. Just follow the links on "Join Zoom Meeting". Audio and Video required for participation. BYOB - Bring Your Own Beverage, Contact Judy Herrmann, MensaDinner@gmail.com.

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Member Apreciation Day - April 30, 2022



A message from GPM LocSec, David Sebesta:

Fellow Greater Phoenix Mensans:

As GPM shows life again, we have been seeking volunteers for a few critical roles. Depending on the level of interest and position, the time commitments vary. We have already filled two Members at Large and Ombudsman roles. We have one remaining important volunteer opportunity, don't hesitate to get in touch with me at **LocSec@phoenixmensa.org**

Gifted Youth Coordinator

The Gifted Youth Coordinator helps shape the future of GPM. Some GYCs set up mentor programs within their chapter Group to encourage gifted – often overlooked – youth through interested adults who are accomplished in professions, disciplines, and hobbies. A GYC also works with local schools to coordinate intellectually stimulating activities, such as essay contests, museum trips, or science fairs. This role is ideal for a passion for learning and working with talented children and educators. There is an application process, and a criminal background check is required. More information on both is on the American Mensa site:
https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/certifications/gifted-youth-coordinators/

Greater Phoenix MENSA

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