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Greater Phoenix Mensa's Official Newsletter

GPM Quarterly

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>> Forget Something? <<

If you forgot to **renew** your Mensa membership, ***this could be your last issue of GPM Quarterly!*** Please dig up that invoice, go online at http://us.mensa.org/renew or call M-F 8-5 CDT - 817-607-0060

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This mailing was based on active membership as of 31 March

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

December 10, 2017

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 Helen Goldman (late) and John Perez (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
- 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
- Excom will meet with AM AG rep in February - The documents in the Excom AG folder will be sent to the AM rep.
- Responses are in the document linked above.

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 - ntr
Newsletter Editor - ntr
RecSec - 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 3:06 PM

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January 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM. Present were LocSec David Pivin; Assistant LocSec Mitzi Olivere (absent); Treasurer David Coast; Recording Secretary Marni Landry; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; MAAM Editor Steve Cervera (absent, excused); Members at Large Jim Delton, Jim Giunta, Tim Richards (absent, excused), Guest Pete Costantino

Approval of Minutes

ExCom Meeting, 10 December 2017 - Motion to Approve by Richard Morris, Marni Landry seconded. Motion passed at 2:05pm.

Old Business

Final 2017 RG Report - Jim Giunta
- Kids tract was the highlight, rec'd glowing reviews
- Need to include more detail in the program and advertising for next year
Recommendations
-Increase number of volunteers to commit ahead of time
- Recruit a 2nd person at registration
- Increase the price of the RG
- Motion to investigate the purchase of three Microsoft PPT licenses for presentations by Richard Morris, Dave Coast seconded. Motion passed 2:29pm

ExCom Calendar First Half 2018
2018 Election -
- February - seek members of Nominating/ Election Committee
- March ExCom - Appoint Nominating/ Election Committee
- May 1 - Candidate slate to ExCom
- May 5 - Petitions due, unopposed Officers declared elected
- June 1 - If needed, ballots sent to all members
- June 15 - Ballots returned
- June 30 - LocSec notify AML and RVC9 of election, term ends
- July Newsletter - Announce results to members

RG and MAD Planning
- January ExCom - Discuss Expense Budgeting, start MAD planning for the year.
- Name MAD committee, discuss dates.
  Motion to create a MAD committee consisting of Jim Delton, David Coast, and Pete Costantino by Richard Morris, seconded by Marni Landry, motion passed at 3:22pm
Saguaro Ranch Park is primary choice of location
- First RG committee meeting immediately after March ExCom, set hotel plan, pick theme and logo. Meetings 2nd Sunday of the month after the ExCom meeting.
- April - Complete hotel Contract
- May 1 - Finalize print registration form, release RG site and open online registration
Meeting with AG Chair Saturday, January 27, 11am at Hilton Garden Inn

Officer Reports

Treasurer - $15,095.87
Newsletter Editor - new Editor needed
ISComm - Website is functioning
LocSec - New Mensa Connect discussion Foru
All others - ntr

Next Meeting

10 December 2017, 2 PM at Hilton Garden Inn

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by David Coast. Jim Delton seconded. Motion passed at 3:52pm.

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GPM ExCom Minutes Cont'd

February 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM. Present were LocSec David Pivin (excused); Assistant LocSec Mitzi Olivere; Treasurer David Coast; Recording Secretary Marni Landry; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; MAAM Editor Steve Cervera (absent, excused); Members at Large Jim Delton, Jim Giunta, Tim Richards (absent, excused), Members Floyd Parks, Chris Ingle; Guest Pete Costantino

Approval of Minutes

ExCom Meeting, 14 January 2018 - Motion to Approve by Richard Morris, Jim Delton seconded. Motion passed at 2:01pm.

Old Business

GPM Fiscal Policy - Richard Morris
- Proposed ASIE
- Motion to approve Proposed Finance ASIE by Richard Morris, seconded Mitzi Olivere motion passed at 2:33pm

Richard Morris introduced a proposed Budget ASIE. David Coast, treasurer, will develop changes to Greater Phoenix Mensa Annual Budget ASIE to present during March ExCom meeting. Further discussion tabled until March ExCom.

MAD plans - Jim Delton, David Coast, Pete Costantino
- Saguaro Ranch Park, 4/15/18 noon-5pm
- Proposed food budget $1360.00 assuming 120-140 guests, $400 for ramada and beer permits
- Motion to approve budget for $1800.00 MAD by David Coast, seconded by Mitzi Olivere. Motion passes 2:57pm

Meeting with 2019 AG Chair Update - Richard Morris
- Slogan: Mensa Rising

New Business

GPM Nominating/Election Committee recommendations (to be appointed in March)
- Motion to appoint Chris Ingle, Julie Garner, Helen Goldman to serve on the nominating committee. Motion by Marni Landry, seconded by David Coast. Motion passes 3:09.

Appoint 2018 RG Chairman
- Motion to appoint James Giunta as the 2019 RG Chair by Marni Landry, seconded by David Coast. Motion passes 3:11.

ComiCon aka Comic Fest 5/24-5/27/18
- James Giunta will research exhibit booth
- Chris Ingle will tentatively chair

GYP Leader Prospect - Floyd Parks
- Toastmasters member, Youth leadership program through DECA.
- ExCom recommends Floyd.Parks@live.com

Officer Reports

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.
All others - ntr

Comment by Member

Chris Ingle is interested in assisting recruiting younger GPMs to events. Suggests we send invitations to members for all social media accounts.

Next Meeting

11 March 2018, 2 PM at Hilton Garden Inn

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by David Coast, Jim Delton seconded. Motion passed at 3:48pm

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RVC9 Column for February

From Michael Wong, RVC9

Dear members of Region 9. It has been a very busy month. GLAAM has had a very successful RG during the President's Day Weekend. I have returned from my whirlwind trip to Denver for the March AMC Meeting, made a brief detour to Phoenix due to a flight cancellation, got back to Los Angeles to host a couple of events, and left the States for Hong Kong to visit my ailing mother.

At the RVC session during the RG an interested member asked about the demographics of Region 9 this year. I thought it might be interesting to share the numbers with you all:- Channel Islands - 235, GLAAM-2026, Hawaii - 213, Orange County - 785, Phoenix - 954, San Diego - 855, Southern Nevada - 333, Tucson - 258, Utah - 210. For a total of 5869 members as of March 11th.

Several contentious issues came up during the meeting that I thought I should share a little more details about them just in case you do not have time to check the minutes, we will not be able to cover all of them in this column so it will continue next month.

The most controversial issue discussed at the meeting was offering guest membership for non-Americans. Different national Mensas have different due rates, UK charges 60 pounds ($83.42), Hong Kong charges HK$250 ($31.39), etc. As you can see here, UK has a fairly high annual dues while HK charges less than half. In Britain, there are members with homes in other countries where the dues are significantly lower, being Mensans they simply switch over to the country with cheaper dues and continue to attend events and enjoy the benefits of the British Mensa. People who do the switchover to save money has become significantly large that they eventually instituted the Guest membership policy (one pound more than the actual dues) to combat the behaviour.

In our case, the rationale behind the motion was to offer a way to extend all the benefits gained by membership in American Mensa to folks from other national Mensa groups. It would allow for access to the Mensa Bulletin (highly prized by members), discounts to gatherings and other things, as well as access to member areas of our website and Mensa Connect plus other member exclusives.

The response from the general populace was tremendous. We received emails from many members demanding that the board should vote this motion down, as this would appear to alienate international members and do more harm than good. The board listened to the public outcry and the motion failed, international members will still pay higher guest rate at AGs ($40) and not have access to the Mensa Bulletin, our website, and Mensa Connect.

Finally, a final reminder that the Mind Games will be held April 20-22 in Denver at the Crown Plaza Denver Airport Convention Center. Fellow board game enthusiasts might want to check the event out and join fellow Mensans in selecting the 5 best new games that came out last year to be awarded the Mensa Select label

- Michael

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Treasurer's Report YTD as of 25 Mar 2018

Income		2,560.02
Expenses		1,378.70
Operating Account		7,538.82
Savings		7,788.82
RG Account		989.89
	Total	$16,317.53

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.

1st 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.

2nd Tuesday

- 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

3rd 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

1st Saturday

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

2nd Saturday

- 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

4th Saturday

- MO - Original Games Night, 7:00 to 11:30 PM, Returned 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 call 206-551-5907.

GPM MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY

On April 15th there will be a **Member Appreciation Day**,12:30 PM to 5:00 PM. Let's Appreciate with hamburgers, pulled pork, hot dogs, chips, dips, beer, M&Ms, & pop. Food served 1 PM to 4 PM at **Sahuaro Ranch Park, 9802 North 59th Ave, Glendale, AZ.** We'll have covered ramadas, easy parking. Adjacent playground for kids of all ages. If you need Handicap space and none are free we will shuttle you. Call 602-980-2774 when you arrive at the Parking Lot. We need a head count so please RSVP to Jim Delton at that same number with the GPM Member's name and number in party.

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