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Greater Phoenix Mensa's Official Newsletter

# GPM Quarterly

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***COVID-19 UPDATE***

Most upcoming in-person GPM Calendar events have been restarted. At this time, the Ahwatukee M Happy Hour, Mensa Dine-Out, Games Night, and Whine and Dine Happy Hour have resumed in-person meetings. If you have any questions, contact the event host listed in the calendar. ExCom meetings continue to be held using Zoom. All members are welcome to join these virtual meetings. Details may be found in the GPM Calendar. **Two event hosts have scheduled weekly events using Zoom.** Details on p 3.

**Treasurer's Report YTD as of 31 Mar 2022**

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|---|---|
| Income | 19,121.47 |
| Expenses | 11,193.08 |
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| CU GPM General Account | 24,285.47 |
| CU GPM Savings | 55.00 |
| Total | $24,340.47 |

# GPM ExCom Minutes

**Submitted by David Pivin, Recording Secretary**

The ExCom meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 4000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, or by Zoom Teleconference at 2 PM as indicated in the calendar.

***ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND INVITED TO ATTEND***

**January 9, 2022**
The meeting was called to order at 2:00 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; Guest, Pete Costantino.

**Approval of Minutes**
ExCom Meeting, 12 December 2021 - Motion to Approve by Richard Morris. Marni Landry seconded. Motion passed at 2:01.

**Old Business**
• Open BOD position update, have four possible, will send the list to the ExCom for review and a vote next time.

**New Business**
• Volunteers - Will continue to run requests in eUpdate with modified text.
• Debit card distribution - Need to update signature cards
• Phoenix Phiesta - Will get started in talking to the hotel but need a Chair.

**Officer Reports**
Treasurer - Total funds $24,862.09, Checking $24,807.09, Savings $55.00. Paid the PO Box Rental. Reimbursement for T-Day expenses being paid.
Assistant LocSec - Went to Trivia Night, had a good time.
LocSec - Rachel Kibler to visit in March.
All others - NTR

**Next Meeting**
13 February 2022, by Zoom Teleconference.

**Adjourn**
Motion to Adjourn by Chris Ingle. Richard Morris seconded. Motion passed at 2:23.

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**February 13, 2022**
The meeting was called to order at 1:59 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present online were LocSec David Sebesta; Treasurer Chris Ingle; Member at Large Gene Holmerud; Recording Secretary and MAAM Editor, Dave Pivin; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; Guest Peter Costantino.

**Approval of Minutes**
ExCom Meeting, 9 January 2022 - Motion to approve by Richard Morris, Marni Landry seconded. Motion passed at 2:02 PM

**Old Business**
• GPM Phoenix Phiesta Update - David S talking to hotel for initial arrangements.
• PO Box - They cashed the check. Will visit to clear up any remaining difficulty.

**New Business**
• Member At Large Appointment - John Perez is ok with being replaced because of his lack of reliable internet to attend meetings. After discussion of candidates, Marni Landry Moved to appoint Judy Herrman Carrie Beth McGarry. Richard Morris seconded. Approved 2:04.
• Ombudsman Appointment - Chad Anderson - Chris Ingle moved to appoint, Gene Holmerud seconded. Approved 2:08.

**Officer Reports**
Treasurer - Total funds $23,564.42, Checking $23,509.42, Savings $55.00.
Member@Large - (Gene) went to Mensa Dine Out.
LocSec - Trivia night is getting "boring," we were so far ahead last round.
All others - NTR

**Comments by Members or Guests**
Pete - Next MAD picnic? Maybe end April (23, 30) beginning May, outdoors or at Hilton.
Zoe's Kids - Happy Valentine's Day!

**Next Meeting**
13 March 2022, 2 PM by Zoom Teleconference.

**Adjourn**
Motion to Adjourn by Chris Ingle, Dave Pivin seconded, motion passed at 2:26 PM.

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**March 13, 2022** (pending approval)
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; Recording Secretary and MAAM Editor Dave Pivin; Members at Large, Judy Herrmann, Gene Holmerud (from Paris), Carrie Beth McGarry; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; Member Carol Young; Guest Peter Costantino.

**Approval of Minutes**
Motion to Approve by Richard Morris. Gene Holmerud seconded. Motion passed at 2:03 PM.

**Old Business**
• November RG - All rooms reserved.
• April Member Appreciation Day - Have a reservation for 23rd or 30th of April at the Hilton. 30th Chosen. Motion to approve $2000 budget for Pete to research catering. Moved by Richard, Marni Landry seconded. Passed at 2:16 PM.

**New Business**
• Elections - Need Election chair. Run a request in eUpdate.
• Member Sponsorship - Rachel has discretionary funds to be used for helping deserving members with dues.

**Officer Reports**
Treasurer - Total funds $24,340.47 Checking $24,285.47, Savings $55.00.
Members@Large - Carrie Beth interested in RG program chair. Judy told us that John had a stroke in November. Gene sez his food budget on his trip to Spain is larger.
All Others - NTR

**Comments by Members or Guests**
NTR.

**Next Meeting**
10 April 2022, 2 PM via Zoom Teleconference

**Adjourn**
Motion to Adjourn by Richard Morris, Gene Holmerud seconded. Motion passed at 2:34 PM.

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*Screenshot from Zoom ExCom January 9th*



**Newly Appointed ExCom Officers**

Thanks to **John Perez** for serving as **Member at Large**, but without adequate internet he accepted being replaced by an appointee. **Judy Herrmann** was appointed to take his place and **Carrie Beth McGarry** took over the vacant spot. Carrie also stepped up to be **RG Programs Chair**.

**Chad Anderson** volunteered to take the **GPM Ombudsman** position and was appointed.

***There are still some other openings to be filled.*** They are detailed on page 3 in the LocSec's message.

*WHINE and DINE Happy Hour March 9th*



**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.

**What Next?**

As we move through 2022 we expect that we will be continuing Zoom ExCom meetings. We will be giving two weeks notice of the resumption of all in-person meetings.

- Dave Pivin, GPM Editor

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**Regional Coordinator Letter – April 2022**
***From Rachel Kibler - Region 9 Vice Chair***

Happy Spring! There's still some snow here in Utah (I'm writing this in mid-March), which is great for our water reserves and our ski tourism, but I'd like to be walking my dog in sandals. That would be possible in pretty much every other part of Region 9. Alas. Preparations are coming together for the Annual Gathering in Sparks, Nevada, for the week after Independence Day. The gala speaker has been announced, and tickets are available for that and for the drag brunch on Sunday! Register for everything (including the Colloquium!) at https://ag.us.mensa.org/. There will be opportunities for gathering, playing games, learning, partying, and singing (find me at the Carmina Burana sing-along). San Diego is hosting their Regional Gathering, uRGe, over Memorial Day weekend. It'll be awesome. Visit http://www.sandiego-urge.org/ to register. The theme is "Through the Looking Glass", and it'll be a fantastic party with lots of learning opportunities. It's a good way to ease into the "G" life (meaning RGs and AGs), as it's smaller than an AG and can introduce you to people closer to your area. Come join me! You may not know this, but I'm also the chair of the Leadership Development Committee. If there are topics you'd like to see covered in LDWs (Leadership Development Workshops), let me know. I'm always looking for new content. If you'd like to give one, even better! One final missive. We are a community of people who tested well. We are not like-minded people, and to pretend that IQ should equate with political values, religious values, or any kind of morality or ethics is foolish. However, that does not give you a license to treat someone as "less than" or insult them because they hold different values from you. In the past year, I've seen people attacking each other on Mensa Connect (and attacking me when I call it out privately), and honestly, it's not a good look. We can be doing so much more with our gifts than using it to one-up each other and come up with witticisms to criticize others. Just… stop. I'm a reluctant moderator, and perhaps I need to change that to be more protective of the community. If you have thoughts about this, please reach out to me at rachelregion9@gmail.com. Lecture over, get back to reveling in nerdiness!



**A message from GPM LocSec, David Sebesta:**

Fellow Greater Phoenix Mensans:

As GPM shows life again, we're 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. If interested in any 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/

**Regional Gathering Chair**

While GPM has not held Regional Gatherings in 2020 and 2021, we intend to host a Regional Gathering (Phoenix Phiesta) during 2022's Thanksgiving weekend. This role will coordinate volunteers, work with a hotel to set up an event hospitality contract, and establish an event calendar for the four-day event. More information on Regional Gatherings is here: https://www.us.mensa.org/attend/regional-gatherings/

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**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 - Huss Brewing Uptown Phoenix Taproom + Kitchen, 100 E Camelback Rd. #160, Phoenix, AZ, 5th - George Yang's Chinese Cuisine, 6048 N 16th St, Phoenix, AZ 85016 [Subject to change in other 5-Wednesday months], Contact Bill Taylor otherbill60@hotmail.com 480-897-0803

**Monthly Event Details**

***2nd Sunday***

- MO - Executive Committee (ExCom), 2 - 3 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 4000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, or via Zoom Teleconference. ***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 Summer 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 summer 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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*...LocSec message continued from Page 3*

**Speaker Forum**

GPM would like to resume the Speaker Forum Series, preferably in an in-person environment. This role coordinates speakers, identifies Forum locations, and serves as the host for the Speaker Forum.

Again, please contact me at LocSec@phoenixmensa.org or (480) 798-9409 if you are interested in any of these roles, have questions or concerns, or know of a good candidate. Thank you once again for your continued GPM membership. I look forward to more significant events and dinners throughout 2022!

Regards,

David Sebesta, Local Secretary



**Let's get ready to have some MAD FUN!**

**Saturday, April 30th 12 Noon to 5:00 PM**

Continuing the process of awakening GPM from the coma of the COVID Era, we will be hosting each other in a **Member Appreciation Day** on Saturday, April 30th starting at Noon at our usual location: **Hilton Garden Inn Phoenix Midtown, 4000 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85012.**

Of course there will be hot and cold running games, the Hilton's famous swimming pool and hot tub, and major buffet:

- Grilled bratwurst
- Pulled barbecue pork
- Baked beans
- Tomato and cucumber salad
- Potato salad
- And the usual assortment of beverages

But the biggest attraction is an opportunity for GPM members to renew friendships with each other we haven't had a chance to go F-to-F with for way too long. **A Big Plus:** Carrie Beth McGarry has agreed to be Programs Chair for the coming Regional Gathering to be held Thanksgiving Weekend. She is asking what sorts of programs we're interested in hearing. This will be our chance to offer suggestions...or volunteer if you want to present. We will need an **RSVP** with the number of members and their guests who will be attending by April 22nd. Please send to Pete Costantino, pete@usa1944.com or call (480) 215-5468.

Please show up if you possibly can. The usual suspects have already heard each others' jokes many times.

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