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GPM Quarterly

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Most upcoming in-person GPM Calendar events have been restarted. See page 4 for details. If you have any questions, contact the event host listed in the calendar. ExCom meetings continue to be held using Zoom, although March and June 2023 will be at the Hilton Garden Inn Phoenix Midtown. 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 4.

Treasurer's Report YTD as of 31 Dec 2022

Income	26,738.20
Expenses	30,739.04
CU GPM General Account	12,337.04
CU GPM Savings	50.00
Total	$12,387.04

GPM ExCom Minutes

Submitted by David Pivin, Recording Secretary

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

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND INVITED TO ATTEND

October 9, 2022
The meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present online were LocSec David Sebesta; AsstLocSec Richard Morris, Recording Secretary and MAAM Editor David Pivin; Members at Large Marni Landry and Judy Herrmann; Members Bill Taylor and Joice Braden, Jim Delton, Joice Braden, Lyn Stinnett, Zoe's Kids, and Joe Zodl; Guest Pete Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 11 September 2022 - Motion to Approve by Richard Morris. Marni Landry seconded. Motion passed at 2:03.

Old Business
• Bank Authorizations - Motion to add signers Chris Ingle and Judy Herrmann to authorized signatories by Chris seconded by Richard to amend bank account signature cards. Passed at 2:09 PM.

New Business
• Scholarship Funding - Motion to allocate $600 for scholarship by Marni. Chris seconded. Passed 2:10
• Owner's Manual - Richard is about to run out of printed manuals and labels. Question is it worth doing for its cost. Willing to continue but asks if it is needed. Suggestion from Marni to go electronic. David Pivin moved Gene Holmerud seconded. 2:18 PM After current supply runs out, an email to new members with a PDF file of the manual to be sent out each month to those listed by the NO.

Officer Reports
Treasurer - Total funds $23,469.79, Checking $23,419.79, Savings $50.00.
MAAM Editor - GPM Quarterly Mailed.
All others - NTR.

Next Meeting
20 November 2022, 2:00 PM in person at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Gene, Richard Morris seconded. Motion passed at 2:29.

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November 20, 2022
The meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM at Hilton Garden Inn Phoenix Midtown. Present were LocSec David Sebesta; AsstLocSec Richard Morris; Parliamentarian Gene Holmerud; Member at Large Judy Herrmann; Members Helen Goldman, Kebba Buckley Button, Zoe's Kids, and Lyn Stinnett; Guest Pete Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 9 October 2022 - Motion to Approve by Richard Morris. Judy Herrmann seconded. Motion passed at 2:04 PM.

Old Business
• None

New Business
• Host and Event Elimination - David Sebesta wants to establish an alternative event.
• Replacement Event - Thursday Evening, to be setup when requested.
• Host Roles and Responsibilities - Working on host ASIE

Officer Reports
Treasurer - Judy on signature cards. Bank balances to be updated later
All others - NTR

Next Meeting
11 December 2022, 2 PM by Zoom Teleconference.

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Chris Ingle, Richard seconded. Motion passed at 2:14PM.

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December 11, 2022 (pending approval)
The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present online were LocSec David Sebesta; AsstLocSec Richard Morris; Recording Secretary and MAAM Editor Dave Pivin; Parliamentarian Gene Holmerud; Members at Large Judy Herrmann and Marni Landry; Member Laura McGirr, Lyn Stinnett, and Zoe's Kids; Guest Peter Costantino.

Approval of Minutes
ExCom Meeting, 20 November, 2022 - Motion to Approve by Richard Morris. Dave Pivin seconded. Motion passed at 2:02.

Old Business
• W&D - This will no longer be addressed at an ExCom level. There is an avenue provided by AMC leadership that certain parties have elected not to pursue.

New Business
• RG Post Mortem Linked document
• In-Person ExComs - David Sebesta favors once per quarter March ending in June, then they can decide in the next session in July as to continue. David Pivin moved and seconded by Marni Landry Passed at 2:23. Months involved are March and June.
• Community Service Opportunities
– Adopt a Street - Looking into this.
– Fold/Stuff/Label Concept -> Assemble Hygiene Kits - Dave Sebesta needs to look into cost.
• Testing Incentive Program - Postponed until we understand cash position.
• ASIE to address Event-level Code of Conduct and promote Inclusiveness.
• Amend Code of Conduct to address animal issues at events.
• Member survey - COVID/RG - declined to pursue at this time.
• Laura McGirr nominated to take vacant Member at Large1. Motion to appoint by Richard Morris, seconded by Marni Landry. Passed at 2:40PM

Officer Reports
Treasurer - Total funds $12,387.24 Checking $12,33724, Savings $50.00.
Members@Large - Marni doing well after 2 foot surgeries, Judy - NTR
All Others - NTR

Next Meeting
9 Oct 2022, 2 PM via Zoom Teleconference

Adjourn
Motion to Adjourn by Gene Holmerud, Marni Landry seconded. Motion passed at 2:15.

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October ExCom on Zoom





RVC9 Article - November 2022

From Rachel Kibler, RVC9

Happy November! I'm having a great fall (in an autumn sense, not a Humpty Dumpty sense), and I hope you are too. My dog loves lying out on the porch in the cool air and sunshine. It's always tempting to join him out there.

I have been writing down things I'm grateful for each day for most of this year, and it's been really nice to find at the end of each day (even rough ones) that there are good things, whether it's having people who care about me or just treating myself to a face mask. Studies show that finding things to be grateful for improves outlook and happiness, so if you haven't tried this practice, I'd encourage you to try it for this month!

In November, over Thanksgiving, I'll be at Phoenix's Phiesta, their RG! I'm looking forward to meeting people there. Seriously, talking to people within the region is my favorite thing about this job. I don't have any other Mensa Region 9 travel planned until February, when I'll be in LA for GLAAM's RG over Presidents' Day weekend.

We need volunteers to step up. I know I beat this drum a lot, but it's important. Mensa functions because of our volunteers, from the local level all the way up to the national board. Our paid staff are incredibly overworked (and often under-appreciated), and instead of trying to put more on them, we can handle some of that burden. We need YOU to volunteer for something, whether it's becoming a proctor or running for the board or hosting an event. You can choose your level of commitment, but not working to build the organization you want to see is not an option.

As always, reach out with questions, comments, complaints. You can email me at rachelregion9@gmail.com.

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GREATER PHOENIX MENSA

Phoenix Phiesta XXXVIII
From The Ashes
2022

RVC9 Article - December 2022

From Rachel Kibler, RVC9

Greetings, Region 9! The end of the year is upon us! What have you done this year that you're proud of? What things came true for you this year? For me, I've been stretched thin, but I'm really proud of paring down some things and taking time to focus on where I want to make an impact. Exciting things for next year are coming, I hope.

Your local chapter is also hoping for exciting things. It's time to get involved! I'm looking for volunteers for local groups. And… you get to nominate people! Please fill out this form to nominate someone (including yourself) for a role: https://forms.gle/gX2AMbcMYTzhqPMU9. For some of these positions, they may be unavailable at the current time in your local group, but elections happen regularly, and knowing about your interest will help raise up leaders to take us into the next ten years.

On that note, I'm still looking for people to run for RVC (my role) in 2024. Seriously, folx, if RVC 9 is uncontested, whether I run or not, I will consider this a major failing on my part. If you like what I'm doing, I can share my thinking and methods! If you don't like what I'm doing, I want to hear it and see if it's stuff that I am personally responsible for or something that is the way the organization runs (and thus, if you can shake things up or will just feel hamstrung).

I'm also opening up my calendar for virtual coffee (or virtual cocktails, your choice). You can sign up for a 30-minute slot here: https://calendly.com/racheljoi/30min. I'd love to hear what's on your mind, what you want for Mensa, what you want for yourself. (Note: I don't currently have my work calendar hooked up, just my personal calendar, but I will adjust this if need be.)

Mensa stuff I'll be at in the next few months include Denver the first weekend of December for the quarterly board meeting, GLAAM's RG in February, Southern Nevada's RG in March, and Mind Games in April! Come hang out with me! I find it incredible that more than half of my local groups are doing RGs in 2023. I hope I see you at one or more of them. My email is always open (rachelregion9@gmail.com), and connecting with people is my favorite part of this job. Happy Holidays!

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RVC9 Article - January 2023

From Rachel Kibler - RVC9

Happy New Year, Region 9! I've looked back at all that happened in 2022, and I'm contemplating what I want to be true of 2023. I want this year to be a great year of building community, both online and in person. I also have big plans for leadership development – stay tuned.

It was a whirlwind of a year in 2022 with leadership changes, at the local and national levels. Welcome to Baker Ring as our new Second Vice Chair on the national board (the American Mensa Committee, or AMC). I look forward to working with him. We also have new local leaders in the last few months in Orange County (Valerie Spears is now the local secretary, thank you to Greg De Hoogh for his leadership!), Los Angeles (aka GLAAM, Jonathan Elliott is running the chapter until the new locsec election, thank you to Gregory Williamson!), and Utah (Brandon Hone is the new locsec, thank you to Ian Morris, my friend and a great guy).

Multiple local groups are coming up to their election cycles, and I encourage you to get involved! The only way we move forward as an organization is by letting our long-time volunteers enjoy the fruits of their labors and let new people take the reins. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else to volunteer locally or regionally (I'm still looking for people who are interested in serving in my role!), fill out this form: https://forms.gle/gX2AMbcMYTzhqPMU9.

If you'd like time on my calendar to discuss Mensa-related things, you can sign up here: https://calendly.com/racheljoi/30min. I'm open to all kinds of conversations, so just find some time. If you want to meet in person, I'll be in LA for GLAAM's Regional Gathering (RG) Feb 17-19, Las Vegas for Southern Nevada's RG March 17-19, and I'm looking at San Diego, Orange County, and Phoenix again later in the year. Come hang out!

This year is full of possibility. Let's make it great!

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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 - George Yang's Chinese Cuisine, 6048 N 16th St, Phoenix, AZ 85016. 4th - Throne Brewing Company, 1326 N Central Ave, Phoenix. AZ 85004, 5th - Manuel's Mexican Restaurant 2820 E Indian School Rd. Phoenix AZ [Subject to change in other 5-Wednesday months], Contact Bill Taylor otherbill60@hotmail.com

Monthly Event Details

2nd Sunday

- MO - Executive Committee (ExCom), 2 - 3 pm via Zoom Teleconference or at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown, 4000 N. Central Ave., Phoenix***, 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 Location Varies Each Month. For January, meet at George's Kitchen, located at 6102 N 16th St, Suite 1, Phoenix, AZ 85016. 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.

GPM Virtual Meetiings

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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