

From the RVC:

About six months from now, it will be time to think about voting in the 2015 Mensa national elections. In addition to a number of candidates for national office (including yours truly – hint, hint) there will be an unusually large number of by-law amendments on the ballot. I know most of you don't usually vote in our national elections, but I hope you will make an exception next year, because some very important changes in our national by-laws will be voted on, and you might not like some of the things that have been proposed.

Next year, for the first time, the default method for voting in our national elections will be electronic. That means that each of you will receive an e-mail directing you to a voting website where you can record your preferences for each item on the ballot. Of course, if you don't have a valid email address on file with the national office you will receive a paper ballot in the mail as always. If you do have a valid email address on file, but you would prefer to receive the usual paper ballot, the email will also contain instructions on how to request one. This method is designed to save money, which it undoubtedly will, but I expect that in this first year it will probably result in some confusion, so please watch for this information and read the instructions carefully.

Over the next six months, all of you will be receiving information about the amendments and the candidates for office. Please take a few minutes to read through this material and then cast your vote next May. Aside from my personal interest in the outcome, I can assure you that the future course of American Mensa may well rest on the results of next year's voting. Typically, only about 10% of our members vote in national Mensa elections. I hope you will make the effort to change that next year.

That's all for now. Please think about coming to North Texas Mensa's Regional Gathering in Irving, just east of DFW Airport, over the Thanksgiving weekend. For details, contact Deborah Lockhart, [RG2014registrar@northtexasmensa.org](mailto:RG2014registrar@northtexasmensa.org) or (214) 361-4665.

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