

Another membership year has begun, and with it, the biannual national and international Mensa elections. As I write this, the elections are about to begin. The deadlines for voting are May 15 for the international elections and May 31 for national elections. I hope that you will all participate in our electoral process. There were several uncontested positions in the national election that have been declared already, including Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Regional Vice Chair – Region 6. On the national ballot, you will be asked to vote for the offices of First Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair, as well as several bylaws amendments. You can find more information about the candidates and the individual bylaws amendments online at <http://bit.ly/2ngFgrT>. International election information is available at <http://bit.ly/2p22O4R>. Note, the international website requires a separate registration as a user.

For many local groups, this is also the time for local officer elections. As officers come to the end of their time of service, I hope you will join me in extending your thanks to these local leaders. Volunteers are the life blood of this organization. Our annual member survey consistently reflects that those who are involved with their local groups are more engaged and find more value in their membership. If you are considering getting more involved in your local group, I encourage you to reach out to your local ExComm or Board.

Spring means that Region 6's Regional Gatherings are getting kicked off for the year. Gulf Coast Mensa's annual SynRG will be held over Memorial Day weekend. This RG has been steadily growing, and had 175 people in attendance last year. It's a fantastic time. This year's mystery theme has allowed the committee to build a fantastic lineup of speakers. You can find more information and register online at www.gcmensa.org.

In the summer, the Annual Gathering will be held in Hollywood, FL. This is the biggest opportunity to meet your fellow Mensans, with close to 2000 attendees from all over the country, and even some from around the world. You can find more information and register online at <http://ag.us.mensa.org>.

As always, I ask that if you have any questions, concerns, or general comments, please let me know. I have created a simple online form where members can offer feedback on any topic, both by name or anonymously. You can find this form at <http://tinyurl.com/AML-R6-Feedback>. Of course, if you prefer, you can always contact me via email at rvc6@us.mensa.org, phone at 512-779-3945, or snail mail at 10518 Horseshoe Bend Dr, Houston, TX 77064.

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