

October is once again National Testing Month. All testing sessions in the month will be \$30, which is half-price. This month will also mark the return of the Member Voucher Program. A voucher code will be sent to all members who have an email address on file with the national office. This code is good for one free test session or one free prior evidence review. While the American Mensa Committee considered the program a modest success last year, I personally don't believe that we were very adept at communicating how best to take advantage of it. The idea behind the voucher codes is that each member gives theirs to someone they know who they believe would qualify. We all have friends or family members that we are sure would qualify if they just took the test. These codes are not meant to be collected by proctors and offered up to anyone interested in testing, nor should they just be thrown out in a general cattle call on Facebook. (Spoiler alert: I saw dozens of people try the Facebook approach last year. No one actually used those codes. I know because we could track who had which code.) Offering the voucher and your personal invitation to join is not only the most effective use of your code, it allows the person using your code to have a personal connection to Mensa even before they qualify. Keep an eye on your inboxes for more details on the program and your voucher code.

Looking past Testing Month, don't forget to put North Texas Mensa's annual Feast of Pleasures and Delights on your calendar! This Regional Gathering is always a great party held over Thanksgiving weekend. The RG Committee has been hard at work to reinvigorate this 38-year tradition with new ideas and excitement. You can find information and register online at <http://www.northtexasmensa.org/2018-rg>.

The final thing I wish to mention is that Mensa election season will shortly be upon us. In October, you will start to see communication regarding both bylaws referenda and American Mensa Committee elections. Any member can propose a national bylaws change. If the suggested amendment gains 250 signatures on a petition, it will be placed on the ballot for a general vote of the membership. Similarly, the only way for a candidate to get their name on the ballot for the AMC is via petition. Regional Vice Chair candidates must collect 50 signatures from members of their own region. National officer candidates (Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer) must collect 250 signatures from members throughout the country. I hope all of you will take the time to review petitions as they become available on the national website. As a reminder, your signature on a petition does not mean you will vote for either the person or referendum, it merely means that you wish to see them or it on the ballot. Details and updates about elections can be found online at <https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/elections/>.

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](mailto:rvc6@us.mensa.org), phone at 512-779-3945, or snail mail at 10518 Horseshoe Bend Dr, Houston, TX 77064.

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