

As summer temperatures finally cool, we find ourselves at the beginning of another season - election season.

No, I'm not talking about the midterms, I'm talking about the election of the American Mensa Committee, who serves as the national board of directors for American Mensa. There are 15 voting positions on the AMC. As members of this region, you are able to vote for 6 of them. If you renew your membership on time (before April 1), you will be able to cast your vote for the five national officers, Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary, as well as the Regional Vice Chair of Region 6.

Candidates will be able to receive signatures both on paper and electronically. If a candidate asks you to sign their petition, I hope you will consider it. It should be noted that signing a candidate's petition does NOT commit your vote to that candidate. You are absolutely allowed to sign competing candidates' petitions as well. Your signature merely says that you believe the candidate should be placed on the ballot. You will have time to review candidate statements and positions before casting your vote in April or May. If you have questions regarding the election process, you can reach the Election Committee Chair, Tabby Vos, at ElectionChair@us.mensa.org.

In October, the Mensa Voucher Program returned for its second year. All members with an email address on file with the office should have received an individual code that can be used for one free proctored test session or one free review of prior evidence to qualify for Mensa. This is a fantastic way for you to be that brand ambassador. Rather than simply throwing an open call on Facebook to whomever responds first, I would suggest that you think of a specific friend or family member. Share your code and your stories about Mensa with that person. They will begin to feel their own connection to Mensa even before they take the test.

At the end of this month, North Texas Mensa is holding their annual Feast of Pleasures and Delights. This RG is yet another opportunity to spend some time with that family of choice. NTM always rolls out the red carpet and welcomes members from around Region 6 over Thanksgiving weekend. You can find more details and register online at <http://www.northtexasmensa.org/2018-rg>. I hope that I will see many of you there.

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](tel:512-779-3945), or snail mail at 10518 Horseshoe Bend Dr, Houston, TX 77064.

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