

“Though, in reviewing the incidents of my administration, I am unconscious of intentional error, I am nevertheless too sensible of my defects not to think it probable that I may have committed many errors. Whatever they may be...I shall also carry with me the hope that my country will never cease to view them with indulgence...”

–George Washington’s Farewell Address

As I write this column, we are approaching the deadline for candidates for the next American Mensa Committee election to get on the ballot. I have been serving as Regional Vice Chair for over 3 and a half years, and in a few short months it will be time for another to step into this role. Currently we have two candidates for RVC of Region 6 who have reached the signature requirement, and a third who is close and I fully expect to see on the ballot when it is finalized February 1. While you are going to be hearing from the candidates in the near future, I would like to be able to provide whoever our new RVC is with a wealth of information.

My own contributions to our organization do not come anywhere close to George Washington’s contributions to our country, but the sentiments that close his farewell address are close to my heart. I have often been told that I am my own worst critic, but it is my hope that I can point out areas of my own personal weaknesses to my successor and offer them the opportunity to effect improvements where I may have been lacking. In that spirit, if there is something that I managed to royally screw up (or even just did not give enough attention or energy), I hope that you will let me know so that I can pass it along.

The American Mensa election will not only include the offices of the American Mensa Committee members, but also four proposed bylaws amendments. Details on the proposed amendments as well as candidate information can be found in the 2019 election portal at <https://tinyurl.com/AML2019election>.

The Mensa International election will also have a number of proposed bylaws amendments as well as four offices to fill (International Chair, Director of Administration, Director of Development, and Treasurer). As the ballot for this election is finalized, it will be posted on the international site at <http://www.mensa.org/>. Information will also be posted on the American Mensa elections page referencing all international material as it becomes available.

In order to be eligible to vote in the upcoming elections, you will need to renew your membership. Only those members who have renewed on time (by 11:59 p.m. on 3/31/2019) will be allowed to cast their vote. Renew your membership today at <http://us.mensa.org/renew> or by calling 817-607-0060 ex. 199. Make your voice heard in the continued development of this fantastic organization.

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 or phone at 512-779-3945.

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