

Happy new membership year! If you have not yet renewed your membership, this is the last local newsletter you will be receiving. If time just got away from you, no harm, no foul. You can renew today at <http://us.mensa.org/renew> or by calling the National Office at 817-607-0060 ext. 199. If you are not planning to renew at this time, I truly hope that you will reconsider in the future. I have been incredibly lucky to meet so many people as a result of being in this organization. This organization can only grow and thrive by the efforts and participation of its members.

If you are looking to up your participation level, there are some upcoming events that you should put on your calendar. The first is SynRG, which is hosted by Gulf Coast Mensa in Houston over Memorial Day weekend. You can find details about SynRG at <http://gcmensa.org/synrg/synrg-2019>. This party kicks off the season of Gatherings for Region 6, and is a great way to jumpstart the summer. Following SynRG, the Annual Gathering will be held in Phoenix, AZ in early July. This year's AG is shaping up to be an amazingly hot party, and the speakers include a number of people you will not want to miss. You can learn more about the AG at <http://ag.us.mensa.org/>.

Every two years, American Mensa holds elections for its national board of directors, the American Mensa Committee. These elections are also the opportunity for our members to vote for any bylaws amendments that have been placed on the ballot. Candidates are elected by a simple majority, but bylaws amendments require a two-thirds majority. The voting period will be 4/15/19-5/15/19.

I have been declared elected as Treasurer as I was the sole candidate on the ballot for this office. Similarly, Lori Norris and Jason Seiler have been declared elected as First Vice Chair and Secretary, respectively. On the upcoming ballot, you will be asked to vote for the offices of Chair and Regional Vice Chair 6, as well as several bylaws amendments. You can find more information about the candidates and the individual bylaws amendments online at <https://bit.ly/2T0hBHH>.

The default for elections is electronic contact and voting. I encourage you to log on to the national website at <http://us.mensa.org/> and update your communication preferences so that we can ensure you receive all communications in a timely manner. If you have any issues logging in, please contact American Mensa at 800-66-MENSA or 817-607-0060 ext. 199 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. CST, Monday through Friday, or email [membership@americanmensa.org](mailto:membership@americanmensa.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](mailto:rvc6@us.mensa.org) or phone at 512-779-3945.

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