

We are officially in the election period for both American Mensa and Mensa International. Ballot information was sent (either email or mail) on April 15. Ballots must be received by May 15. As members of Region 6, you will all be able to vote for two national officers (Chair and Second Vice Chair) and Regional Vice Chair 6. The three remaining national officer positions (First Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer) had single candidates who have been declared elected. On the international side, you will be able to vote for Chair, Director of Administration and Director of Development. The international Treasurer has been declared elected. Before you cast your vote, I encourage all of you to head over to the national website at <http://us.mensa.org/lead/amc/elections/>. You will be able to read candidate statements for both elections as well as pro and con statements for the proposed amendments to the American Mensa bylaws and Mensa International constitution.

As I write this, the annual Mend Games weekend has just come to a close. If you have never attended a Mind Games, it is a unique event where hundreds of Mensans gather to play and judge the latest releases of board games. The best games receive the honor of the Mensa Select seal. Next year, Region 6 will play host to Mind Games for the first time since 2014. I hope you will all take the opportunity to visit our friends in the Mensa 76 chapter during April 2020 as they facilitate this special chance for gamers to unite.

May begins the Region 6 Regional Gathering season with Gulf Coast Mensa's SynRG in Houston, TX. This RG is always a great time, playing host to attendees from over a dozen states. From a panel on classical music to a laughter yoga session to one of NASA's wildlife biologists, the speaker lineup for this RG is always eclectic and full of new surprises. This year promises to be no different. You can visit the SynRG website at <https://gcmensa.org/synrg/synrg-2019> to register for the RG, check out the speaker updates, and buy tickets for the fundraising scotch and beer tastings.

After you've warmed up your Gathering skills at SynRG, plan to make your way out to Phoenix, AZ for the hottest party of the year. This year's Annual Gathering will have thousands of your fellow members in attendance and offers something for everyone. 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](mailto:rvc6@us.mensa.org) or phone at 512-779-3945.

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