

# FROM RVC2



My fellow Mensans,

Earlier this year I wrote an article here regarding the duties of the Regional Vice-Chair (RVC) in American Mensa. I won't go into them again; however, do understand that it is, when done to the level I expect of myself and my fellow RVCs, time-consuming and exhausting. And I love it! I highly value and appreciate the opportunity to serve you, my Mensa family. One item I did not mention last time is the scale of the job compared to other Mensas worldwide. There are over 50 countries that have Mensas, including the UK (where Mensa was founded in 1946), Norway, Croatia, India, Malaysia, etc. Some countries have large

Mensa populations; the UK has 22,700 members; Germany has 12,500. Most countries, however, are much smaller. Mensa Canada has 1,950 members; Belgium has 500; Mexico has 155. In comparison, our own Region 2 of American Mensa has 5,500+ members! And each of America Mensa's 10 regions are similarly sized, hovering around 5,000 individuals. Leading such a group is a huge responsibility, not to be taken lightly.

One of the duties of every good leader is to train his or her replacement. If you read this and the previous article referenced above, and feel you want to lead on the regional level, let me know. This is absolutely *not* a requirement; however, I would be remiss in my duties if I did not offer to help everyone who seeks a leadership role in American Mensa.

So why am I saying all this? After what will be 2 years in the position, I am *not* seeking re-election as RVC. Instead, I will run for Secretary of the AMC. For those unfamiliar, this is the recording secretary for the national board. We have had some instability in that position, and I feel I would offer a stabilizing influence. In addition, at MWM's Pandemic RG this past August, Ms. Henri Buccine-Schraeder announced her intention to run for Region 2's RVC. Ms. Buccine-Schraeder currently serves as our National Membership Officer, one of our Regional YAM coordinators, and on her local Mensa board in Central New Jersey Mensa. I invite you to contact Ms. Buccine-Schraeder and inquire more about her candidacy, as well as me for mine. Lastly, if you have an activity you would like for me to advertise for you, help you to run, give you ideas for, etc., just let me know. I am easy to contact and eager to serve.

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