

## From RVC2

My fellow Mensans,



I write this on the 'high' of having just returned from a successful Annual Gathering. Approximately 1,600 of our Mensa family attended, friends, new and old, with some traveling quite literally halfway around the world. We had attendees from every most every US state as well as those from Mexico, Canada, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Slovenia, China, and Australia. Events were as varied as lectures on prehistoric music and surreal art to sandcastle building and nerdy t-shirt contests. While most of my time was spent doing official Mensa business (that whole RVC thing, you know), I did have time to lead a Scotch whisky tasting as a fundraiser for the Mensa Foundation. While I don't have exact figures, I believe it raised over \$3,000 for the Foundation!

During the AG, the American Mensa Committee (AMC, aka the Board) met several times. The mini-minutes are available on the American Mensa website, but some of the highlights include a motion to offer a short-term exception for one of Region 2's local groups who is undergoing bylaws revisions and a motion that RVCs appoint all other regional officers directly.

For the former, this was a result of one of our LocSecs reaching out to me and asking for help. I responded, worked with the Bylaws committee and the AMC, and had the exception passed. The whole process took less than a week. Please take this as an invitation to bring your issues to me; I will work diligently with you to come up with a solution that is beneficial to as many people as possible.

To the latter, it is with great joy that I announce the following regional appointments: Regional Ombudsman – Allen Neuner; Regional Scholarship Chair – Ellen Bauer; Regional Gen-Y Coordinators – Tabby Vos, Jordan Weiss, and Henri Buccine-Schraeder.

I am interested in appointing a regional gifted youth coordinator and social media coordinator. If you are interested in the job, or if you would like to volunteer in some other capacity, please let me know.

If you missed the AG, and/or if you are like me and miss the joy of being surrounded by Mensans, remember that Metropolitan Washington Mensa is hosting their Pandemic RG August 18-20 at the Dulles Hilton.

Respectfully,

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There was a request for all members to **keep e-mail and other contact info current on the national website.** Pending ice cream social discussed as well as what flavors and toppings to provide!

Round the table: Charles has an idea for a display featuring TM, to be located at Barnes & Noble. Crystal presented us with graphic ideas for promotions (we may get a table/booth for increased presence at events). She states we are still looking for a Gifted Children's Coordinator. Steve filled us in on all the future events he has planned. Don G. requests any broken-links for sites to be reported to him.

If you have read this far and have never attended an ExComm meeting, you don't know what you are missing! It's not a bunch of boring people sitting around-far from it! We are a lively group, and would welcome your input. ***We'll even buy your dinner!!*** Our next meeting is on August 13th at Mom and Pop's Restaurant in Norfolk at 6:00 pm. We would love to have you come and join us.

Steve Toth  
Recording Secretary