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From Our Local Secretary (LocSec)

Bill Sheretz

As of this writing, the AMC issues are in the hands of the court and the recall election should be complete. Columbia River Mensa's Executive Committee has done our best to steer clear of the AMC controversy by focusing on meeting our local group members' needs. In addition to our regular North Richland Wrecking Crew gathering, we have been working on developing member activities.

In particular, Bob Hunt, our Member-at-Large, has had some success in reaching out to our recently lapsed members encouraging them to rejoin. Also, Bob working on setting up an Omak Mensa Monthly Meeting. Listen, our local group of 65 members is spread across 13 counties, so if you are interested in starting up local area events outside the Tri-Cities, please contact either Bob or I and we will be more than happy to assist you in setting up a local group event in Yakima, Wenatchee, Ellensburg or Moses Lake. The opportunity is there for you to meet more members and grow the group. If you have an idea for an activity here in the Tri-Cities, please let us know and we can work on making it happen together.

Lastly, Tim and I will be representing Columbia River Mensa at a local library event on Friday, July 18th at the Mid-Columbia Library's Kennewick branch from 6 – 8 pm. They're having an all-ages Game Night from 6-8 pm and have graciously invited us to host a table. If you are out and about that evening, please swing by and say hello. We'd love to meet you!

> It is true that the unknown is the largest need of the intellect, though for it, no one thinks to thank God.
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> —Emily Dickinson

About this issue of the Chinook

Tim Dees, Newsletter Editor

While I'm usually struggling to gather enough content to flesh out each newsletter edition, this time I had an embarrassment of riches. The lion's share of this issue is devoted to an essay from American Mensa's National Ombudsman, Justin Wall. While it is painfully long-winded (he is an attorney, after all), he offers the best explanation I've seen of the internal debacle ongoing with Mensa's national governance. I hope it answers some of the questions our members have.

On a much more pleasant note, pun intended, check out page nine for a short explanation of what orchestral conductors do, from our Assistant LocSec Nikolas Caoile. Nikolas' day job is Director of Orchestral Activities at Central Washington University and conductor of the Wenatchee Valley Symphony Orchestra.

ExComm Member-at-Large Bob Hunt continues to do great work mobilizing our rural Mensans into small get-togethers. Please reach out if you would like to do the same.

News from the Regional Coordinator

Dan Berg

I attended an AMC meeting on March 15. Several items were discussed, including the budget for American Mensa's April 2025 - March 2026 fiscal year. The agenda, the mini-minutes, the budget, and reports may be found on American Mensa's website, us.mensa.org; log on as a member, then click on Lead, then on Board of Directors (AMC), then on Meeting Reports, then select 2025-03-15 – Hurst, TX from the dropdown menu. The budget predicts net operating proceeds (excess of operating revenue over operating expenses) of roughly $125,000 before accounting for non-cash items. The budget is based on a projected 46,500 members by the end of the fiscal year, and does not include a dues increase. The 2024 fiscal-year-end figure was 48,165. The 2025 year-end figure isn't out yet as of this writing.

A word about membership figures: The highest membership total for American Mensa always occurs on the last day of the fiscal year, March 31. The next day, April 1, the total membership figure falls as people forget to renew on time. The membership figures grow larger month by month until they peak again the next March 31.

As mentioned previously, eight AMC members currently serve as regional coordinators. As of this writing, five of the eight are running in a special election to become full RVCs. Though I have enjoyed serving as a regional coordinator, I am not among those who are running in the special election; when an RVC is elected for Region 8, I will leave the AMC.

In addition to the RVC special election, a special referendum is also happening. A petition has been filed with sufficient signatures to force a recall referendum regarding American Mensa's Chair, Lori Norris. The RVC election will be held entirely by electronic ballot, but the recall referendum will be held entirely by paper ballot. (The latter is because of the way the AML Bylaws section on recalls is written.) It is estimated that the recall election could cost American Mensa $30,000, none of which is budgeted.

Something else that has happened in the aftermath of the removal of ten AMC members is that they have filed a lawsuit in the New York court system, *Michael J. Eager et al. v. American Mensa, Ltd.*, to get their positions back. They have also tried to enjoin the special election of RVCs, meaning we don't know at this writing whether the special election will happen at all or, if it does, whether the timing will be the same. No matter what the outcome of the lawsuit, it is anticipated that it will cost American Mensa quite a bit of money both this year because of the litigation and in future years if our insurance rates go up.

The recall referendum and the lawsuit are more manifestations of what is, to me, a sad state of affairs. Both the special RVC election and the special referendum are the first in American Mensa's history. (Unfortunately, the lawsuit is not.) I hope it all calms down soon..

Dan Berg, Regional Coordinator for Region 8
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Letters, Stories, Travel Misadventures and More!
Isolated M SIG monthly newsletter serves as a communication forum for Mensa members around the world – currently 80 countries. Subscription information: ruthdanielle@hotmail.com.

Let's Be Frank

Justin R. Wall, National Ombudsman

210.2! That was the number on my scale this past Monday when I weighed myself. I own that number. All of it! Because of the choices that I made, and my actions (and quite honestly, lack of action), I have found myself to be in this position where my clothes are snug and I dread taking the stairs. It wasn't but 6 years ago that I could run a half marathon and have no issues, no prep, no training runs, and no worries.

Like me owning my weight, we, as the collective American Mensa, Ltd. ("AML"), own the situation we find ourselves currently in. As you are all surely aware, there has been major upheaval in our AML leadership due to actions taken by the National Hearings Committee ("NHC") with the removal of ten individuals (the "10") from their governance roles on the American Mensa Committee ("AMC"). Why is that? Well, let me explain.

First, before I get into my analysis and recommendations, I believe it is imperative that I put forth the following disclaimer. I am an attorney. When I consult with my clients, I am straightforward, blunt and to the point. I tell them what they need to hear, not what they want to hear. I am direct, forward and don't sugar coat things. With that, it is my intention to do the same for you.

Here is my take on our situation based upon the bits and pieces of information that I have been able to gather from numerous individuals involved in the matter and the membership collective. Please note that this is my understanding of what unfolded and how we got here. As of this writing, nobody has been able to provide a definitive statement as to the actual facts of what occurred, the actual violation of the By-Laws, what was discussed, the decision-making process, the NHC "trial" etc. due to the glorious "confidentiality handcuffs." More on that topic later.

Please also note that it is not my intention to call anyone out in this analysis, nor is it to assign blame to particular individuals. Due to that, I will not utilize particular individual's names in my analysis below, assign blame to any particular individual(s), or call out any particular individual(s) for their actions. My job, as your National Ombudsman, is to "promote the general welfare of American Mensa" and that is my intent in providing to you my position and recommendations going forward in how we can resolve this matter.

Current State of the Union:

There is a lot of distrust and animosity between the AML membership, the AMC, the NHC and the overall governance process of our organization. In all my years of serving on various Boards and providing legal counsel to the same, I can strongly assert that we, as the collective AML, have a serious issue at hand with the distrust, lack of confidence, lack of transparency, and overall dissatisfaction with AML leadership in our organization. We must, as an organization, be ready and willing to acknowledge what has happened, learn from the situation, rectify it, and move forward.

What Happened (Best as I Can Ascertain):

Certain individuals that were serving on the AMC took "offense" to another AMC member's past/current behaviors/statements/actions. This "offender" (footnote: I am using this wording for clarifying parties' roles in this matter and is not meant to assign blame to any particular individual) served as role as one of the Executive Committee "ExComm" members. These individuals previously tried to informally/formally resolve the dispute through various channels, but were not successful in fixing the dispute. As such, one member of the AMC made a Motion to remove the

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"offender" and said Motion was seconded/supported by nine other members of AMC. After being "seconded" the "offender" resigned from his/her position before a vote on the Motion could be taken as to the actual removal of the "offender". None of these actions were previously-placed on the AMC's meeting agenda.

Due to these actions, certain individual(s) brought forth "charges" that "Acts Inimical" were committed by the "10" in their motion/support to remove the "offender". The matter was then referred to the NHC, who conducted a "hearing", i.e. trial, and then issued its decision removing the "10" from their elected/appointed positions on the AMC and banishing them from serving in all elected/appointed positions for a defined period of years.

What Got Us Here:

So, this begs the question, how did we get to this point? Well, the By-Laws, and the related Actions Still In Effect ("ASIES"), are the major governing documents of AML. These documents, over the years, have been added to, subtracted from and modified and essentially provide the structural pillars of this situation. These documents have established a definition of what an "Act Inimical" is supposed to be and procedures for addressing how "Acts Inimical" are to be dealt with. In addition, AML leadership has incorporated arcane confidentiality agreements that have created "handcuffs" on the leadership of our organization and have caused much confusion and apprehension to share information so that the membership can be readily aware of the actual facts, and not just conjecture, about what actually has happened.

My Position:

I must admit before being elected to this position as your National Ombudsman, I really had not put much thought into what an "Act Inimical" actually was. It wasn't until I started serving in this role that I learned how much that we, as an organization, really love to throw around this phrase and make accusations of committing the same.

At first blush, to a non-Mensa "layperson", one would probably equate an "Act Inimical" to an "Act of Treason". Some action, so egregious, so serious, that the organization could have been seriously harmed, or was seriously harmed. Ultimately, the mens rea behind any "Act of Treason" is to inflict lasting and permanent harm on the organization. In my opinion, there are very few things that a member, or leader, of AML could undertake that would clearly demonstrate what an actual "Act Inimical" is.

Assuming what I believe occurred is what actually did occur, it is my position that the actions of the "10" did not rise to the level of "Acts Inimical." In Section 10 of the ASIEs, "Acts inimical to the society" are defined as "deliberate acts that are harmful to, or result in harm to, Mensa." "Acts Inimical" is further defined to include, but not be limited to, nine (9) articulated definitions. Looking at these provisions, it would appear to me that my belief of "Acts Inimical" falls squarely in line with a layperson's definition of "Acts of Treason" and requires a high degree of per se malintent and harm to AML.

Unfortunately, we as AML, have somehow taken what should be a very strict definition of "Acts Inimical" and have essentially weaponized this term. As it sits right now, essentially anyone that claims to be hurt or offended by the actions of another can file a complaint with the NHC that the "offender" has committed an "Act Inimical." The accused then is afforded a "trial," albeit a secret and clandestine one that is not open to the membership, not able to be dis-

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cussed with anyone, the transcripts of the same are not made available to the membership and the decision issued by the NHC to remove or banish persons from office is not "appealable" in the traditional sense as it is a final decision.

Let me give you an extreme example of what an abuse of this process could look like. I would note that in my duties thus far as your National Ombudsman, I have tendered multiple Requests for Investigation ("RFI") to the various members of the NHC and the AMC. In my RFis, I requested the parties provide me with very specific information so that I could ascertain exactly what occurred in removal of the "10" from their respective positions.

In general, the collective response that I have received back was "Due to confidentiality provisions .... " no specific information pertaining to the "who, what, why, where and when" could be provided to me because of these confidentiality agreements and if the party did provide me with specific confidential information, that disclosure would rise to an "Act Inimical" as that would involve violating the By-Laws, ASIEs, and/or previously-executed confidentiality agreements.

I would note that every single "no comment" response that I have received from the NHC, AMC, and others that hold this information, rise to the level of an "Act Inimical" as is what is believed to be the current definition of the same. These "no comment" responses could result in the filing of charges of "Acts Inimical" by me and the removal of the person from not only their role in the AMC and NHC, but also their membership in AML.

How is that you ask? Well, I would direct your attention to Article Vill, Section (3)(d), " [t]he National Ombudsman has the the right to the documents or other written materials concerning any matter received for review and decision, without exception. Every member, employee and entity of Mensa shall cooperate with the National Ombudsman by furni shing information or documents directly to the National Ombudsman."

It is my interpretation of this provision that if I ask a person to provide me information and/or documents, I have the right to get that information regardless of whether or not that person signed a confidentiality agreement nor how the person garnered the information or documents. The person's refusal to provide me with this information directly violates very specific provisions of Article VIII and prevents me from performing my duties as previously discussed. Their actions in refusing to cooperate directly affect the betterment of AML and clearly should be "Acts Inimical" and more specifically as defined in Section 10(3) of the ASIEs, which would entail interfering with my duties as your National Ombudsman. I would thus be well within my right to bring forth "charges" referring every responding party to my RFIs to the NHC due to their actions in failing to comply with my requests for information. I would have the ability to ask for the removal the entirety of AMC, NHC, the "10" and any other person that fails to comply my requests. Clearly, this would be an absurd result, but is in line and allowable with our policies as they now stand.

Let me provide you with yet another example of the absurdity of the "confidentiality" handcuffs that we as an organization have placed upon our leadership and the potential effects of the same.

As it sits right now, the confidentiality provisions make absolutely no exceptions for complying with any state or federal rules regarding providing sworn testimony and/or responding to discovery requests. It is my understanding that there could be poten-

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tial litigation coming forth from the "10" due to the previously-described events that have unfolded.

Assuming members of the AMC, the NHC, or the "10" are placed in the position have having to provide sworn testimony, either in court, or via a deposition, each of these persons are now faced with the following quandary: answer every question posed to them, violate their confidentiality agreements and the governing documents, have charges of "Acts Inimical" filed against them for violating said confidentiality agreements, and be banished from the kingdom. Or, face contempt, discovery violation sanctions, and/or go to jail for refusing to answer these questions as part of the state or federal litigation process.

Again, the confidentiality provisions, as they now exist, create this dilemma and would produce an absurd result.

In regards to confidentiality provisions, I certainly understand and see the need for the same in certain circumstances. I also understand the need for confidentiality in executive sessions of AMC wherein certain sensitive matters are being discussed, such as impending litigation, personnel matters, and certain strategic planning sessions. But, having said that, I in no way, shape, form or manner believe that anything the NHC does in their role should be kept confidential. The NHC is essentially serving as a tribunal in determining the "guilt" of the party before it. This process deserves the "sunlight" of the membership being able to attend, review and know what is going on. The way the NHC functions now is essentially a secretive tribunal with ultimately no accountability to the membership for its actions. We, as the AML membership, if placed in situations where we stand accused of an AML "crime" should demand the same respect and rights in our organization as those afforded by our state and federal constitutions.

Furthermore, it is my opinion that the "1 O" were acting in their official capacities as elected/appointed members of the AMC. In those roles, they made a Motion, seconded and supported said Motion, but did not vote on said Motion, for an action that they believed was for the betterment of AML. Their collective action was done solely in their capacity as an AMC member and in no shape form or manner rose to the level of an "Act Inimical." When serving on the AMC, your number one job is to make decisions that you believe are for the betterment of the entire AML body. You should not have to hope and pray that your actions, in providing corporate governance, will lead to your removal from that position or your membership in AML being suspended or terminated.

Ultimately, what has occurred was a corporate governance matter and a disagreement as to how to resolve what was believed to be a major personality conflict affecting the ability of the AMC members to work together as a cohesive unit. What should have occurred was an agenda item put forward to address the "offender" and how the issue could be resolved from an AMC level. Ideally, as this is essentially a "personality" matter, the AMC could have held an executive session in order to allow the AMC to work these issues out, in private, or utilized the services of an independent mediator to help the collective group reach resolution of their differences. Had this not worked out, any of the "I O" could have sought a "recall election" of the "offender" as described in Article VI, section (8) of the By-Laws.

My Recommendations:

Folks, my ultimate recommendation would be to reinstate the "10", but unfortunately, we have no methodology for doing so. The NHC has "spoken" and their "death knell" of the "10" has created an indelible mark in our organization's history. Unfortunately, I, nor anybody else in our organization, cannot raise

North Richland Wrecking Crew



Our weekly lunch gathering continues to be well-attended. The North Richland Wrecking Crew (NRWC, as christened by Mark Mitchell) meets at 1:00 PM every Friday at one of seven venues. If one of our venues isn't available when it comes up in the rotation, we look for a new place to try.

If you have been on the fence about attending a Mensa function, the NWRC is a good place to get your feet wet. Most everyone is or has been an active member of Mensa, but we stress that both Mensans and non-Mensans are always welcome. The group is congenial and the conversation is always eclectic. Among the regulars are a couple of retired military NCOs, a retired cop, a few engineers, a physicist or two, and other STEM-type folks.

The NRWC table can be identified by looking for Percy the Owl, pictured at right.

Tim Dees maintains a mailing list sent each week, reminding everyone of that week's venue. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, send an email to treasurer@crm.us.mensa.org. The schedule for the next few weeks is below.

- June 27: Isla Bonita, 1524 Jadwin, Richland
- July 4: Lil' Moon Diner, 3790 W. Van Giesen, West Richland
- July 11: Shogun, 760 Dalton St., Richland
- July 18: Ann's Best Creole & Soul Food, 1901 Terminal Dr., Richland
- July 25: Baby J's BBQ, 2243 Stevens Dr., Richland
- August 1: Family Garden, 1340 Jadwin, Richland
- August 8: Fresh Leaf, 1080 George Washington Way, Richland

The rotation thereafter continues with Isla Bonita.

Youngest Mensan Ever

From Vice.com

Most toddlers are working on colors and snack negotiations. Joseph Harris-Birtill is working on the Greek alphabet and casually picking up Morse code. He's two years old.

At 2 years and 182 days, Joseph is now the youngest person ever admitted to Mensa, the world's oldest high IQ society. To qualify, you need to be in the top 2% of the population. Joseph qualified before most kids can form a full sentence.

"He first rolled over at five weeks, said his first word at seven months, and read his first book out loud from cover to cover at one-and-three-quarter years," his mom, Rose Harris-Birtill, told Guinness World Records. By two-and-a-quarter, he could fluently read for ten minutes straight and count well over 100—both forwards and backwards.

More at https://www.vice.com/en/article/2-year-old-becomes-youngest-mensa-member-ever/

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Lazarus from the dead. All we can do is learn from this situation and hopefully look at, and consider, my recommendations going forward.

I am recommending a complete overhaul of the confidentiality requirements that the members of AMC are required to sign and abide by.

The AMC is the governing body for the AML. AML membership has a right to know what its elected officers are doing on their behalf. AMC members should be able to discuss with the membership what has occurred in these sessions when asked by the membership. I understand that the AMC, and by extension, the Ex-Comm, has times where it needs to meet in executive session in order to discuss, vote on and address certain confidential issues such as personnel matters, strategy sessions, impending litigation, etc. These matters though should be very, very limited in scope. When an executive session is called, general highlights of the topics addressed should be kept as the meeting minutes available for the membership to review. Working sessions of the AMC can be conducted to address other topics and where no official vote is taking place. Meeting minutes can still be taken as to the general topics covered during these working sessions.

In regards to the By-Laws and ASIEs, it is my recommendation that a committee re-evaluate these and draft suggestions for modifying the provisions regarding confidentiality. We additionally need to work on better defining what "Acts Inimical" are to ensure that at no time do personality conflicts, petty disagreements, and internal strife rise to the level of an "Act Inimical."

Lastly, and I realize this is probably not going to be well received, but it needs to be said. I am recommending that we abolish the NHC in its entirety, or at least limit its ability to only be able to screen complaints and decide preliminarily whether an "Act Inimical" may have been committed. Once and if that decision is made, then the matter is referred to a neutral and independent arbitrator, outside of AML, to conduct the "trial" on the matter, AND impose sanction. The "trial" then is made open, to the membership, with a full record of its proceedings kept. Sunlight is the key!

I understand that there is a cost associated with this, but the cost for providing a fair and impartial process is worth it in the long run.

Before the "10" came before the NHC, the process of banishing/expelling members seems to be a fairly rare process. Looking at the ASIEs (page49) it would appear that 10 people (since 2000) have been expelled from AML and 4 people have been sanctioned (plus the recent "10".) If the NHC would be limited to only screening initial complaints, this would filter out any potential frivolous complaints and would ensure that only complaints with substance and potential merit would get moved on in the process and sent to an arbitrator, thus keeping the cost of this process in check.

In closing, we need to take this opportunity as a moment of self-reflection in how we can, as an organization, learn and grow from this event. The road going forward to rebuild trust in our leadership and the governance of AML is definitely going to be rocky and filled with more potholes and challenges, but I truly believe we will come out the other side better for this.

I want to thank everyone that serves our great organization at either the local, regional and national level. I would again remind the AML membership that these folks are volunteers giving of their time in the performance of their duties. Please consider that in your interactions.

Musical Sign Language

Nikolas Caoile, Asst. LocSec



I became member of Mensa in spring 2024 and now serve as our region's Asst. Local Secretary. Most of my days are spent as Director of Orchestral Activities at Central Washington University and as Music Director and Conductor of the Wenatchee Valley Symphony Orchestra. As a 'maestro', the question that I get most often is "What is that you actually do when you conduct?"

The stereotypical baton taps on the music stand, commanding attention and decorum. The wavy, animated long hair dancing back with the sounds. The stern, dictatorial eyes insisting on artistic compliance. Why does that conductor move in such a way? Why do they stop and correct and they restart? Why are they asking from some and not all? The musicians have the music in front of them, right? Can't they just play what's on the page?

In short, the conductor is a musical conduit through which the musicians can bring printed music to life. That through non-verbal gesture, a conductor can become the visual analog of the printed score. A master chef enhances recipes based on conditions, ingredients, and the occasion. The seasoned actor takes the script and adds pacing, physical expression, vocal tone, character motivation to more authentically portray the role. The football coach adapts the playbook based on the player skills, opponent matchups, field conditions to optimize winning odds. Orchestra conductors take written music and bring it to life.

As someone who trades in non-verbal communication, I recognize these things that we were never taught but are universally recognized. Eye contact denotes interest. The act of opening our arms helps welcome our guests. Bringing our pointer finger vertically over our lips quiets the crowd. Showing someone the palm of our hands with closed fingers in the air encourages us to stop. Crossed arms creates distance. A fist communicates power. Cupping our hands to our ears asks our partner to speak louder.

The next time that you watch a conductor, take note of the gestures which can be read universally. A flat hand moving slowly across a horizontal plane – smooth, legato. Strong stance with heavy, open arms – full orchestral forte. Thumb connected gently touching index finger or middle finger – articulate detail. Open hand toward a particular section – increase volume to outbalance another section. Eyebrows high – upper register, raise intonation. Tense mouth and jaw – heavy, dark. Feet dancing – rhythmic, pulse oriented.

And as different as every human being is, so too is each conductor's physical vocabulary. Gustavo Dudamel (LA Philharmonic) moves percussively. Yannick Neget-Seguin (Philadelphia Orchestra) glides from beat to beat in a small box. Marin Alsop (Baltimore Symphony) lifts the music with her arms. JoAnn Faletta (Buffalo Philharmonic). Sarah Ioannides (Symphony Tacoma) treats the baton like a saber, quickly zig-zagging through the air. Take the same orchestra and same music and put multiple conductors in front of them and you would yield multiple results. Conducting is a unique type of leadership that as much about how you move than the words that you say.



Executive Committee Minutes
May 11, 2025

In attendance: Region 8 Coordinator - Dan Burg, Local Secretary – Bill Sheretz, Assistant Local Secretary – Nikolas Caiole, Treasurer / Testing Coordinator/ Proctor / Newsletter Editor – Tim Dees

Open positions: Program Chair, Publications Officer, Scholarship Chair

Call To Order at 4:03 PM

ExComm Officer reports

Region 8 Coordinator: Dan Burg

Current AMC Events – Lawsuit, Recall Election

LocSec: Columbia River Mensa Snapshot

Meeting with Region 8 LocSecs and Region Coordinator

Proctor-in-Training

Planetarium Event

Bank account signatures – **Approved**

Asst LocSec: Will submitting an article to May Chinook

Treasurer: Treasurer's Report

As of May 11, 2025:

Checking: $ 8790.35

Cert. of Deposit: $ 2686.70

Biggest expense - Newsletter

Review / Approve Treasurers report: Approved

Member-At-Large: Contacting Lapsed Members, Scrubbing membership list

Actions Still in Effect (Old Business)

Conditionally reimburse test / prior evidence fee – only if the candidate joins CRM – Approved at July 14, 2022 Excomm

Member Appreciation Dinner – ?

New Business

AMC Brouhaha – publish all three (Dan Burg's letter, Michael Eager's letter & the link)

Will repeat in next **Chinook**

Strategic Plan – On hold

Our Gifted Youth has transferred his membership to San Francisco Regional Mensa

May ***Chinook*** **–** Will solicit articles

Leadership Development Workshop / Membership Meeting (May/April)

Being on the ExComm isn't scary

Specific invitation to Millennials / Gen X via email

LocSec – will send out a poll soliciting activities

Barbecue?

Any other suggestions - Zoom events, in person events

For the good of the order – Facebook, Outward facing Facebook and Instagram?

Adjourned: 7:45 PM

Columbia River Mensa (989)
Annual Financial Statement
April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025

Assets on April 1, 2024			**$ 12,165.69**
	Checking Account	$ 9,489.70	
	Certificate of Deposit	$ 2,675.99	
Income			**$ 881.48**
	Dues and testing income from American Mensa	$ 870.77	
	Interest	$ 10.71	
Expenses			**$ 1,631.18**
	Newsletter printing	$ 1,158.32	
	Newsletter postage	$ 136.63	
	Recruiting	$ 149.10	
	Testing postage	$ 5.56	
	Mileage reimbursement	$ 181.57	
Assets on March 31, 2025			**$ 11,415.99**
	Checking Account	$ 8,729.29	
	Certificate of Deposit	$ 2,686.70	



Timothy M. Dees, Treasurer and Testing Coordinator

Columbia River Mensa



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Remember, being kind and respectful costs nothing.

Yours in Mensa
/s/ Justin R. Wall
National Ombudsman

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Columbia River Mensa is the chapter of American Mensa local to most of Eastern Washington. Mensa is an international society whose sole qualification for membership is a score in the top two percent of the general population on a standardized intelligence test. The word "mensa "translates to "table" in Latin. The name "Mensa" is reminiscent of "mind, table, month," which suggests a monthly meeting of great minds around a table.

Mensa has three purposes, which are outlined in its constitution. They are:

1. To identify and foster human intelligence for the benefit of humanity.
2. To encourage research into the nature, characteristics and uses of intelligence.
3. To provide a stimulating intellectual and social environment for its members.

We're on the Web!

http://crm.us.mensa.org

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