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LocSec Deb Stone

Last summer, when my family reunion trip to Hawaii kept me from the AG in Denver, I told myself that the 2009 Pittsburgh AG would be my consolation. After all, Pittsburgh is actually a pretty nice place, as well as being within driving distance (no airplane travel is a good thing.) And now, I can't go this year either! My (non-Mensa) family is having another reunion, this time here in NH, and it's the same time as the AG. So I hope that some of you are attending and can bring back pictures, stories and news of new friends made. I'll have to live vicariously through you this year, and keep in mind that there's always 2010! And sitting on our own little private beach on Alton Bay, with a beautiful house in which to stay and my family gathered together isn't too shabby either.

On the Mensa front, we're working on an update to NHM's bylaws. Over the years, we have gotten out of step with National's minimum standard bylaws, and in some cases our bylaws have fallen behind the times and current technology environment. We have a draft of updated bylaws that will be discussed at a special business meeting in July. Here's the process – if the bylaws are voted on at the special business meeting and pass, they then go to the AML bylaws committee for consideration and to make sure they are in compliance. Once that happens and AML gives us the go-ahead, NHM puts them out to a referendum of our membership. All this is preface to say that if you are interested in the NHM Bylaws we would love to see you at the special Business Meeting in July. As an added benefit, you will also get to see your ExComm in action, as we will be meeting after FSM and before the Business Meeting. After all that, I'll start the grill and we'll hang out and eat and drink and talk some more (if there is still anything to say!)

Scholarships winners have been announced for the 2008-2009 program, and we have a couple of NH winners. Congratulations to Young Son, Nashua NH (winner of the regional Kuhnel Scholarship of \$500) and our own Lynne Guimond Findlay, Penacook NH (winner of the Karen Cooper Memorial Scholarship of \$300.) NHM will announce winners of its own local scholarship awards shortly – check the website!

As usual, here is my monthly plea for people to get involved in their Mensa group. We are still looking to fill several positions, including *Programming*, *Public Relations* and *Proctor (or Testing) Coordinator*. We have starting planning for the 2010 RG, so if you can't wait to volunteer or are a great speaker looking for a place to speak, or know of someone else who fits that description, get in touch with Holly Green (you can reach her at RGChair@nh.us.mensa.org) or one of the ExComm members. And check out the calendar! There are lots of fun things happening here in NH and around the region – and some that pop up at the last minute and are posted on the website. I'll hope to see you soon.



Upcoming Testing Sessions

Tell Your Friends!

Information on testing and prior evidence can be found at nh.us.mensa.org. Anyone 14 or older who wishes to take the Mensa Admissions Test should pre-register with the respective proctor listed below, who can provide testing site information. The test costs \$40; a photo-ID is required.

Date	Proctor	Location
18, July 10:30 a.m.	Bill Alleman 603-529-4446	Weare, NH

Due to the advanced nature of deadlines there may be other testing dates that did not make it to press in time for this issue. Please refer to the NH Mensa website (<http://nh.us.mensa.org>) or contact the Testing Coordinator (see inside back cover for contact information) for more up-to-date information.



RVChat

Region 1 Vice Chair Lori Norris

Well the AG is finally here. If you're attending, please check out the "Playlist" on AML's Web site. There are some great Leadership Development Workshops listed. These workshops are not just for current and future officers, but for anyone interested in the operation of Mensa. The skills gained in these sessions can be applied to other organizations or in your professional life. And on Wednesday, July 1st, some of the Region 1'ers will be having dinner together. Contact me if you're interested in joining us.

The AML Web site contains quite a bit of reference material. There are handbooks for many of the officer positions. These handbooks are updated regularly by the Leadership Development Committee. This past year I have put in a lot of work on the Area Coordinator and LocSec handbooks. They are both in the final stages of the approval process and will be on the Web site once they are finalized. Other handbooks including the Membership Officer handbook are close to completion.

Ron and I did some traveling around the Region in May. Boston's Mini RG at Cape Cod was enjoyed by about 130 fellow Mensans. Along with about 20 other CTWM Mensans, we spent a pleasant afternoon collating and preparing the membership directory for mailing. Had a good time, great conversations and a few paper cuts. We attended a book discussion meeting here in RI and the RI New Member Dinner with 27 members attending, both new and experienced. We traveled to upstate New York and participated in a MoNNY Games Night featuring some of this year's Mind Games contestants and then the next day we had brunch in Vermont with 15 other members. Brunch attendees included members from Vermont, RI, CTWM and Boston. On Memorial Day, we attended a CTWM New Member BBQ and spent a sunny day with 41 members, new and not-so-new. And then we closed out the month by joining a group of friends outside of Boston for a magnificent Italian dinner. It was a busy month.

Would you like to see an activity on your local calendar, perhaps encompassing your favorite past-time? Consider hosting the event yourself. Contact your group's Program Officer or Area Coordinator for details and event planning assistance. Ron and I have hosted events here at our home as well as at public places. Attendance has ranged from two guests to well over 20 guests. Events of any size are enjoyable and rewarding to the hosts as well as the guests.

This month marks the beginning of my second term as your RVC. I look forward to continuing to work with all of the local groups and doing what I can to make your Mensa experience all that you hope for. As always, I welcome your comments and questions.

Lori



Business Meeting Agenda for Sunday July 19, 2009

Submitted by Deb Stone, LocSec

Old Business	None
New Business	Consideration of amended NHM Bylaws Presentation of draft Discussion Vote (to send on to AML Bylaws committee for review)
Adjourn	Other new business



News from the Archives



The New Hampshire Mensa Archive received from Bob & Jill Oxford in May a package of old 1990s Mensa "Momentum" copies, RG & AG programs, all in new condition. These items have been added to the Archive for future member access.

Thank You,
Walter Wakefield
Archivist

"Mensautumn" sponsored by
Conn. & Western Mass. Mensa
Oct. 16 - 18, 2009

Celebrate Mensautumn 2009 with the members of Conn. & Western Mass. Mensa! The theme is "All Things October" and is a celebration of Autumn in beautiful New England.

We'll be at the Super 8 Motel, 20 Taylor Street, Manchester, Conn. Call 860-643-1864 for Super 8 room reservations. The standard King room is available for \$70 per night by requesting the Mensa rate.

The RG registration is \$65 per person until Sept. 15 (\$80 thereafter). Children under 12 are half the adult rate at the time of registration. The registration covers an entire weekend of fun, food, beer tasting, poetry, great speakers, dancing, games, tournaments, good company, and many more surprises.

Please supply name, address, phone, email, and the number of attendees along with a check made payable to C&WM Mensa RG. Mail to Ann Polanski, 1406 Durham Road, Wallingford, Conn. 06492.

We hope to see you there!

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ExComm Meeting 24 May 2009

Recorded by Krista Katz

Attendees: John Bauman, Asst. LocSec; Wayne Eddy, Treasurer; Ric Werme, Publisher; Mark Becker, Editor and Member at Large, Tom Shiel, Member at Large; Ann Majeske, Member at Large; Lasse Pitkaniemi, Elizabeth Becker, Nicholas Becker, RG Committee; Krista Katz, RecSec

Unable to attend: Deb Stone (& sammi), LocSec;

Treasurer's Report – Income down due to where we are in the renewal cycle.

Committee Reports:

Public Relations still open –

Young Mensans – no report

Scholarships – Names still not available as of 5/22 & until National makes their announcement there's not much we can do. Discussion tabled.

Membership – 303 NH members with 96 lapses, 7 new members 5 reinstated, net loss 84

Mensa National membership – 46,952

Gifted children – no report

Testing – John Bauman tested 7 people in April and 3 people in Nashua. Bauman gave his final notice re: coordinating further testing, having given initial notice over 90 days ago. John coordinated over 20 test dates last year and his efforts are greatly appreciated. Bill Alleman's efforts in this area are also recognized.

2010 RG Update – Proposals from Best Western Executive Suites, Marriot Courtyard in Concord and the Hampton Inn in Bow. The Hampton Inn is the frontrunner but there is a hotel in Portsmouth still to be visited, maybe two. Top 2 hotels w/ preliminary contracts will be presented at June ExComm.

New Business:

2nd Bylaws Revision – Second draft changes for local Bylaws were emailed and handed out. Procedural issues as well as further clarifications are still being ironed out but the bulk of the work has been done. All issues will be forwarded to Deb.

RecSec Katz excused herself from the meeting at 6:04 and Wayne Eddy took subsequent minutes.

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The Board voted to hold a special business meeting July 21 to vote on sending the bylaws amendments to AMC. This is also the date of the July ExComm meeting that will be held at LocSec Stone's home. The time of the business meeting will be announced in the next issue of Momentum.

Discussion about hosting a future AMC board meeting in NH – no action taken.

Mark Becker, Momentum Editor proposed the following. New Hampshire Mensa will not publish, or mail newsletters for other chapters without a prior proposal with funding in place, that has been approved by the ExComm. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn, unanimously voted at 6:28



Business Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2009 Recorded by Wayne Eddy

The regularly scheduled business meeting was called to order at 6:29. There being no old or new business the meeting was adjourned at 6:30.

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Rates: \$450. double occupancy (\$900./room), \$650. single. Under 12 no charge if 2 adults in room. This INCLUDES 4 nights (ability to check in 11AM, out Sun. til 3PM!), ALL inhouse food (11 meals!) by our Chef & Hospitality Staff (as well as hot dish 24/5!), beer, wine, all non-alcoholic drinks; Professional Musician on-site (bring your Instruments, sing, etc.), all taxes. No other costs inhouse whatsoever. Premises in adjacent building has cafe/bar open til 1AM every night. We prefer attendees stay in the Inn rather than day-attend. Registration open not just to INTERTEL members; but, prospects, guests, family members and MENSA members.

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Calendar of Events

July 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01 Deadline for Aug. events	02	03 Temperance League	04
05	06	07	08	09	10 Brady Bunch Japanese Dinner	11
12 Second Sunday Brunch	13	14	15	16	17 Winnipesupper	18 Movie Night Nashua Temperan- ce
19 FSM/ ExComm Business Meeting	20	21	22	23	24 M & I	25 Road Rally
26 VT Picnic	27	28	29	30	31	