



The Monthly Journal of Northern Michigan Mensa

March Calendar

EX-COMM MEETING Saturday, 9 March, 2019, 11:00 am at the Cottage Inn, 470 Munson (at 8th), Traverse City

MEETING PURPOSE:

This meeting is open to all members who are interested in the future of Northern Michigan Mensa. We will be discussing several options with John Voymas, Region 3 RVC. Some of the options on the table are:

- 1) Disbanding NMM and rejoining Western Michigan Mensa out of Grand Rapids.
- 2) After following option #1, forming a subgroup of WMM and having a local coordinator.
- 3) Trying to revitalize this chapter and having it become a going concern under new officers.
- 4) Other suggestions you may care to put on the table for discussion.

Bobbi Walker
LocSec NMM

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Since no one has stepped up to take over as editor of our newsletter, to simplify things for the next few months, I will continue to act as editor until we resolve the issues described above.

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News from the RVC3

Hey, I did it! Yes, that's right, I provided this article to all newsletter editors on January 31, 2019. This should enable all sixteen local groups in Region 3 to publish my article in the same month. Of course, if your local newsletter is not monthly, you may see more than one of my missives in a single issue.

Some reminders ...

Membership renewals are due by the end of March since our fiscal year runs from April 1 of the current year until March 31 of the subsequent year. If you do not renew by March 31, you will not be able to vote in the elections for AMC board members nor for the Bylaw proposals. You may want to consider a multi-year renewal. One decision can cover three years, five years, or a lifetime.

Which brings me to the second reminder ... our every-two-year election period when you can cast your votes is from April 15, 2019 to May 15, 2019. There are a few Bylaw proposals on the ballot. The first one "Procedure relating to discipline of members whose conduct has been deemed to be harmful" is proposed by the Event Safety Task Force of which I am a member. There has been a number of requests from the membership for the AMC to "do something" about problem members and incidents that make attending a local group event or an RG (or even this past year's AG) at the very least uncomfortable and in some cases intolerable. Although Mensa encourages incidents to be resolved at the local level, we know that sometimes escalation is in order. One change that is proposed is that instead of requiring members equaling 150% of the number of local group ExComm members to request a regional hearing, we are proposing to lower that to two or more members who are willing to come forward to provide documentation and request the hearing. Before you vote on this please read the entire proposal as well as both the Pro and Con statements.

On a lighter note, CultureQuest® is scheduled for Sunday, April 28. Facing questions that range from film to politics, from literature to geography, from music to history and further afield, Mensan teams of up to five members gather in their neighborhoods on a single day across the U.S. and Canada and, for 90 minutes, compete for cash prizes and cultural literacy bragging rights. Last year, four of the top twenty teams were from Region 3 as well as the Teen Team winner.

Events in Region 3 include:

The Dayton Area Mensa RG from March 29 to 31 in Sharonville, Ohio

Mind Games (sold out) from April 12 to 14 in Wadsworth, Ohio

The Southeast Michigan Mensa RG from April 26 to 28 in Romulus, Michigan (maybe field a CultureQuest® team of members of different local groups that attend this RG)

Looking forward to seeing many of you at one or more of the gatherings.

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