

January 21, 2024 Board Proceedings
North Texas Mensa
A Local Group of
American Mensa Ltd.
A NY Not-for-Profit Corporation

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by President Eric “Gunny” Hartman. Attendees: Vice-President Ken Roberts, Treasurer Cathy Allshouse, Secretary Paul Whiteman, and Board Member at Large Chris Cree. Absent: Board Members at Large Jonathan Bethune and Juan Faura.

1. 1. Reports

President – Eric “Gunny” Hartman ... The next Board Meeting will be 6PM February 18, 2024 at Five Star Premier Residences of Dallas (5455 La Sierra Drive, Dallas). Subsequent board meetings will be the 3rd Sunday of each month at the same time and location. Anne Whiteman secured new nametags for the 2024 board members as needed and sent them along to the meeting.

VP – Ken Roberts ... Nothing to report

Secretary – The minutes of the December 2023 board meeting were distributed via email.

Treasurer –Cathy Allshouse ... Financial statements for 2023 end of year were distributed. Cathy presented a proposed 2024 budget. A surplus of over \$1200 from the RG will be transferred to the NTM accounts leaving \$1500 in the RG account. It was suggested that this surplus be donated to the NTM Scholarship Fund.

Ombudsman – Roger Durham ... Nothing to report

Membership – Ken Roberts ... As of 12/31/2023, we had 1168 members, with 41 leaving, 178 new members, 158 lapsed members, 548 renewing, and 140 prospective members. NTM is the 6th largest chapter. The 5th largest has 1522 members.

S.I.G.H.T. – Gunny Hartman ... No requests for services this month

Editor – Bill Rock ... “February M-Aura was sent to the printer on Thursday night. Val can confirm if members are likely to see the M-Aura before the end of the month. Question on the possibly confusingly* worded minutes: do we lose money in that total cost of printing and mailing M-Auras exceeds our entire revenue from National, or is it that each M-Aura costs more than the pro rata reimbursement for each member? Given that we have not printed an M-Aura for each and every member for decades, this might make for a slightly different take on the matter. I assume that researching how other LG are approaching this is part of the analysis.”

Gifted Youth – Bill Rock ... “We had seven attendees at Virtual Games in January, including two from other local groups (one of whom waited patiently as she thought it was scheduled for EST). Event for February is White Rock Lake cleanup.”

Circulation Manager – Val Beasley ... Val sent along information comparing our current process and another method of getting our M-Aura printed and mailed, going through a company in Florida that services 25 other chapters. This seems to be an appealing option which Chris Cree in particular will pursue.

Scholarship – Lauren Ogden ... After judging together: “A very successful Kickoff Party! We ended at 76% completed for Round 1. All the panels have been assigned. Please finish your panels at your own pace. We are in really good shape. Then, we will assign panels for Round 2. I am so grateful for all your help and for meeting you in person! Thank you to Paul and Anne for hosting!!!”

Web Contact – Andy McKellar ... “Nothing significant to report. All is well (and current), so far as I know.”

Testing – Rebecca Raymond ... “We had two testers at our session yesterday (January 20) in Carrollton. There are two tests scheduled for February (February 3 and 24) to align with the National 50% off promotion!”

Calendar – Sara Hawkins ... “I still can't edit the online calendar. I had sent an email to Kishore but haven't heard back yet. All else is going great.”

2. Actions

- Paul Whiteman was appointed to fill the role of secretary on the board.
- Ken Roberts made a motion, which was seconded by Chris Cree and passed unanimously, to add to the 2024 NTM Officer's handbook the following congratulatory note of Recognition (to be added to page 1). “To do anything well and with longevity is impressive. For 30 years now, Randy Brack has been compiling and keeping up to date this useful handbook, which has been a great asset to the chapter. A past recipient of NTM's Server Servitium Award, Randy's dedication to the chapter is emblematic in this handbook. The 2024 NTM Board of Directors would like to congratulate and thank Randy Brack in this 30th anniversary issue. We hope that his service will be contagious, as it serves as an example for others to emulate.”
- Roger Durham accepted the task of giving a financial review of the 2023 financial statements.
- A motion was made by Ken Roberts, seconded by Chris Cree, and passed unanimously to reappoint the following officers: Membership, Ken Roberts; S.I.G.H.T., Gunny Hartman; Editor, Bill Rock; Gifted Children, Bill Rock; Circulation Manager, Val Beasley; Scholarship, Lauren Ogden; Web contact, Andy McKellar; Testing Coordinator, Rebecca Raymond; Calendar, Sara Hawkins; Social Media/Facebook, Collene Goldman.
- The proposed 2024 budget passed after a motion to accept it was made by Roberts and seconded by Allshouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM after a motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Cree, which passed unanimously.