

**NTM – North Texas Mensa**  
A local Group of  
American Mensa Ltd  
A NY Not-for-profit corporation

**Board Meeting for January 15, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 6:00PM by Eric “Gunny” Hartman.

**Present:** President Eric “Gunny” Hartman, Secretary Rajiv Lulla, Treasurer Cathy Allshouse, and Board Members at Chris Cree and Ken Roberts

**Absent:** Vice-President Collene Goldman and Board Member at Large Leza Mesiah

**1. Reports**

**President** – Gunny Hartman noted that the next board meeting would be February 19, 2023 at 6PM at Five Star Premier Residences (5455 La Sierra Dr, Dallas, TX 75231) and that the default for 2023 board meetings would be the 3rd Sunday night of each month at 6PM at the same location. He noted that we needed a chair or committee to head up the (new) members party. Cathy Allshouse agreed to do so and Karen Brack volunteered to help her. Someone who was not involved in the finances is needed to do a financial review of the 2022 books. Randy Brack volunteered. Since there were no suggested changes to the NTM Standing Policies, they will continue to stand and will be printed in the March M-Aura. Gunny noted that Board Members at Large are historically used to act as liaisons for other officers, to help keep communication active between them and the board. He solicited preferences and the ones mentioned will be reflected in the agenda for February.

**Vice-President** – Collene Goldman ... Vice-President has no report.

**Secretary** – Rajiv Lulla ... The December 2022 Minutes were distributed for posterity as the final official reporting of the activity of last year’s board.

**Treasurer** – Cathy Allshouse ... The treasurer's report for December 2022 was reported by Paul Whiteman as follows: “Bank accounts (as of Dec 31, 2022): Checking: \$7059.46 \$7,363.87, Savings: \$14,029.16, Loan to Scholarship Foundation: \$10,000. Total net worth: \$31,088.62 \$31,392.92. This is a decrease of \$304.30. This included two payments to the printer.”

**Ombudsman** – Roger Durham ... Ombudsman has nothing to report.

**Membership** – Ken Roberts ... Without access yet to Mensa tools, since the changes have yet to be incorporated by American Mensa, Ken was not able to give a report of numbers. However, Ken shared some things he had in mind with regard to increased activity, including making better use of our area coordinators. He will be working on assessing the different regions and coming up with some job descriptions.

**Communications** – Collene Goldman ... No report

**Publicity** – Collene Goldman ... No report

**Editor** – Bill Rock ... Awaiting RVC in order to go to print

**Gifted Children** – Bill Rock ... Board games in February and book club in February will be via Zoom.

**Programs** – Karen Brack ... Chris Cree will be speaking about Scrabble in January.

**Testing Coordinator** – Rebecca Raymond ... In the past, proctors had not sought reimbursement for expenses associated with testing, but with her input, changes were made to the 2023 budget to ensure people can get reimbursed.

**Publisher/Circulation Manager** – Val Beasley ... Postage will be going up, which will impact significantly the cost of mailing the M-Aura, which should be reflected in the 2023 budget.

**Calendar** – Sara Hawkins ... She is open to ideas if there are things that could be done better.

**Webmaster** – Andy McKellar ... He's happy to train someone else for continuity, though he's happy to continue serving. Rajiv Lulla will be taking on a significant role, especially in looking to update and overhaul the North Texas Mensa website, the potential cost of which is reflected in the 2023 budget.

**S.I.G.H.T.** – Gunny Hartman ... Nothing to report at this time

**Scholarship Chair** – Lauren Ogden ... This year, we are switching to the online judging platform for scholarships. "All judges will be invited to an in person celebration at the end of the judging season at the Whitemans! Judges would be reading up to 50 anonymous essays (550 word limit) and rating them by a prescribed judging criteria. With a high volume of 800 essays, we need 48 judges or less if judges are willing to judge more than 1 set of 50. Good news: Non-members can also be judges. This could be a great romantic volunteer experience for you and your significant other in February!!"

**Social Media** – Vacant

**Regional Gathering** – Karen Brack ... Regarding the potential of a 2023 RG, the Gathering Committee will check with other chapters to find out what they are doing, including regarding bringing in their own refreshments and types of locations.

## 2. Actions

- A motion was made by Chris Cree and seconded by Ken Roberts to change signatures at the bank to reflect the new officers who will have access to the accounts. It was passed without opposition.
- A motion was made by Ken Roberts, seconded by Chris Cree, and passed without opposition to appoint the following as 2023 officers:
  - Membership ... Ken Roberts
  - Communications ... Collene Goldman
  - Publicity ... Collene Goldman
  - Editor ... Bill Rock (term expires February 14, 2023)
  - Gifted Youth Coordinator ... Bill Rock
  - Programs ... Karen Brack
  - Testing Coordinator ... Rebecca Raymond
  - Publisher/Circulation Manager ... Val Beasley
  - Calendar Chair ... Sara Hawkins
  - Webmaster ... Andy McKellar
  - S.I.G.H.T. ... Gunny Hartman
  - Scholarship Chair ... Lauren Ogden
  - Social Media ... Vacant
  - Regional Gathering ... [Karen Brack has expressed interest, but we have yet to vote to have a RG in 2023]
  - Area Coordinators: 1. Denton & 2. Collin County & 3. Texoma Area ... Pam Kittenbacher; 4. East Texas ... Cookie Neely
- A motion was made by Ken Roberts, seconded by Rajiv Lulla, and passed only one in opposition to approve the following preliminary 2023 Budget. It is understood that the budget may change, for example, if expenses are decreased or a decision is made to a 2023 RG. (There is a desire to minimize storage expense. Gunny Hartman, Rajiv Lulla, and Paul Whiteman will investigate the contents and see what can be culled to minimize storage expense. Efforts will be made to explore ways to cuts costs of mailing the M-Aura.)

**2023 North Texas Mensa Budget:**

<b>INCOME</b>		<b>EXPENSES</b>	
AML Subsidy	\$12,000.00	M-Aura Printing	\$7,500.00
Loan Interest	\$400.00	M-Aura Postage	\$2,280.00
M-Aura Advertising	\$0.00	Storage Expense	\$1,300.00
Interest Income	\$1.00	Testing Expense	\$490.00
RG Income	\$0.00	Gifted Youth Expense	\$400.00
		Website	\$5,000.00
		General Meeting	\$600.00
		Membership Expense	\$300.00
		Mailing Supplies	\$150.00
		Election Expense	\$100.00
		Miscellaneous	\$120.00
		Virtual Meeting Expense	\$150.00
		Awards	\$150.00
		Officers' Expense	\$150.00
		Member Parties	\$500.00
		RG Expense	\$0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$12,401.00</b>	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$19,190.00</b>

*A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Cree; Cathy Allshouse offered a second. The motion passed without opposition. Meeting was adjourned at 7:13PM.*