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ON THE COVERS:

***Front* New members at the New Members Party**

Top: Abby and Heather *Middle:* Jeff *Bottom*: David and James, with brand new member Deccy showing us one of the advantages of having temporarily misplaced his central incisors

Back *Top left:* 17 year old Osayd graduating at summa cum laud with an Associates in Science from Collin College. *Top Right:* 13 year old Beckett graduating with an Associates in Science from Dallas College, giving a student presentation at the commencement. *Middle:* poker in May was "Stamm by Your Man" time with 1st - Allen Garner (seated), 2nd - Jim Stamm, 3rd - Michele Stamm
Bottom: Osayd and a friend playing chess at the recent GY chess afternoon

FROM THE NTM PRESIDENT

CATHY ALLSHOUSE

The Unspoken Struggles of Having a Few Extra Brain Cells

Being a Mensan comes with certain expectations—effortless mastery of challenging concepts and an uncanny knack for solving problems. But what some people fail to recognize are the real struggles that come with having an extra brain cell or two.

Take small talk, for instance. You find yourself trapped in an elevator, forced to endure the classic "crazy weather we're having!" conversation. But instead of nodding along, your mind takes a detour: Is climate change influencing local weather patterns? How does humidity alter the perception of temperature? What's the best way to explain chaos theory using coffee spills? Before you know it, the elevator ride is over, and you've missed your chance to simply say, "Yeah, wild weather."

Then there's the existential crisis triggered by everyday experiences. You sit down to eat a bowl of cereal, only to start contemplating: Was the spoon the greatest innovation since fire? Who first decided milk belonged in cereal? Why do some people pour the milk before the cereal—are they agents of chaos or pioneers of efficiency? Breakfast suddenly feels less like a meal and more like an intellectual experiment.

And let's not talk about game night. Mensans often really balk at

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Thanks for switching! —NTM Board

RC 6 COLUMN *by Penny Robe*

Happenings at American Mensa

July 2025 Newsletter Article by Penny Robe, RC6 (Region 6 Regional Coordinator)
Gulf Coast Mensa had its regional gathering over SynRG Memorial Day weekend, and I attended as RC6. At the "Meet your Regional Coordinator" meeting, people had many questions and I'll share a couple some of those questions and answers here.

Q: What is the difference between a regional coordinator (RC) and a regional vice chair (RVC)?

A: One difference is how RVCs versus RCs are put in place. RVCs are elected by Mensa members every three years. When an RVC is no longer serving in a region, the AMC (American Mensa Committee – American Mensa's board of directors) can appoint an RC based on the recommendation of the LocSecs of the local groups in that region. I was selected by the participating LocSecs of Region 6. Another difference is that an RC does not vote at the AMC meetings. Other than those two differences, the duties and responsibilities are the same.

Q: What is happening with the litigation that paused the special election for RVC?

A: As of this writing in mid-June, we are waiting for the judge to make a ruling on submissions from both sides. None of us can predict when the judge will rule. If you would like to read more about it, or check the status yourself, here is a direct link to the case in the NY State Uniform Court System. https://iapps.courts.state.ny.us/nyscef/CaseDetails?docketId=PnriGt/zrBH28zhEwwdb_PLUS_Q==

And speaking of regional gatherings, North Texas Mensa will hold its annual gathering over Thanksgiving weekend. Stay tuned for registration information as the date gets closer.

Ways to reach me as your Regional Coordinator: email: penny.robe.mensa@gmail.com or rc6@us.mensa.org; snail mail at 1901 N Central Expy Ste 200, Richardson TX 75080; or talking to me in person at Mensa events.

GIFTED YOUTH CORNER

by Bill Rock

As I looked over the new members last month, I noted that several of them were from Prosper. We added three new members from Prosper last month, for a total of 12 overall. I guess I need to start looking at what kinds of activities we can do in that area.

May is graduation time, and we had several outstanding GY graduates this year. Osayd got an Associates in Science, *summa cum laud*, from Collin College at age 17. He is also a member of the PHI THETA KAPPA honors society. Beckett also completed an AS at age 13 with Dallas College, is a member of the Mensa Honors Society, and plans to attend SMU. Congrats to all!

In May we had a chance to play chess. The first thing I learned was that "workspaces" can be anywhere; this one was attached to one of those storage places. So thinking inside the (storage) box was needed to locate the place. The second thing I learned (that I already knew) was that I am not very good (to be polite) at the game of chess. When a side game of Parcheesi was started, it was much more my speed.

For this month, we're visiting the Verse in Rockwall at the Shenaniganz Entertainment Center. Let's target the 11 AM time slot on Saturday July 19th. I have signed up for the package deal, 2 verse shows and a game. Those that wish to can stay afterwards and share lunch. See www.verserockwall.com for more information and to book tickets.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! The following NTMers add another candle to the cake in July:

Gowri Shanker, Nelson Spencer, Karl Keffler, Daniel Gideon, Virginia Cochran, Jordan Pokladnik, David DeJongh, Joe Sailors, Kevin Bowling, Don Muchow, Rebecca Van Uum, Susan Wilkofsky, Thomas Fomby, Robert Donelson, Maridale Morgan, Kimberly Marriott, James Tew, Suzanne O'Brien, James Thomson, Robert Draper, Mike Keliher, John Wauson, Courtney Nall, Jason Day, Helen Burt, Linda Vollink, Dawn Riales, Heather Frisbie, John "mutiny, mutiny, mutiny" Grumbles, Jane Sleeth, Bruce Lawler, Shawn Prestridge, Jo Williams, Larry Wilson, Michael Martin, Matthew Rocco, Robert Kowalski, Orrin Stevens, Steve Salvatori, Derek Schoonmaker, Philip Tocci, Laura Eddy, Michael Scruggs, Carmen Tomlinson, Laurie Foster, Steven Cain, Douglas Jones, George Mixon, John Fox, Ronald Angus, Norma Dixon, Michael Stewart, William Looper, Sandra Hense, Edward Horne, Joe Bates, Amanda Bush, Jacqueline Walston, Ty O'Neal, Simon Robson, Jimmy Chapman, Raj "you can call me Rajkumar" Dore, Maria Hall, Eric Minor

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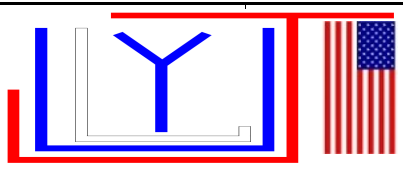		**01** 7 pm Beer Garden	**02** 1 pm VDG	**03** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**04** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch	**05** 1 pm VDG
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13 2 pm Bright Ladies SIG	**14** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch	**15** 7 pm Beer Garden	**16** 1 pm VDG 7 pm MADEATS	**17** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**18** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch 7 pm Texas Hold 'Em	**19** 11 am GY at the Verse... 12:15 pm Mensa Testing 1 pm VDG 4 pm Small Group Meeting 6:30 pm Games SIG
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~WEEKLY EVENTS~

MONDAYS

7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Munch Bunch - Addison
Location: **BJ's Restaurant,** 4901 Belt Line Rd., Addison 75254
BJ's is an upscale brewpub with an extensive menu. On the north side of Belt Line just a couple of blocks west of the Tollway. Ask at the desk for the Mensa table.
Contact: **Roger Durham** (214.349.4521)

TUESDAYS

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Beer Garden – Dallas
Location: **District 9 Draught Haus**, 718 N. Buckner Blvd., Dallas
This is a neighborhood pub in the shopping center, corner of Buckner & Northcliff, which is the first stoplight south of NW Hwy. on Buckner. They have a good beer selection, wines and ciders on tap, and a tasty, but somewhat limited, menu. Ask for the Mensa table.
Contact: **Roger Durham** (214.349.4521)

THURSDAYS

1:00 PM - Plano Lunch Group
Location: **King Buffet**: 521 Central Parkway, Plano, TX 75074
Yelp loves King Buffet Plano's wide selection which ranges from pizza to made-to-order hibachi favorites. Look for Ty. https://www.yelp.com/biz/king-buffet-plano-3
Contact: **Ty O'Neil**: (214.394.7364 cell)

7:00 - 9:00 PM HOTDAM
Hang out Together with Denton Area Mensans
Location: **Sidewalk Cafe**, 2900 Wind River Lane, Denton, TX 76210
Meet us for games, revelry, and more. Look for the owl statuette on the table. See YOU 'round!
PLEASE CALL OR TEXT CONTACTS FOR MORE INFO
Contact: **Deb Ramsey** (940.391.9657) or **Christie Miller**, (940.765.0429)

FRIDAYS

1:00 - 2:30 PM East Dallas Lunch Bunch
Location: **Fish City Grill**: 7170 Skillman Street,
Dallas 75231 Fish City Grill is a neighborhood seafood restaurant that delivers the best quality and fresh ingredients.
Contact: **Roger Durham** (214.349.4521)

MONDAY / WEDNESDAY / FRIDAY / SATURDAY

1:00 PM M Virtual Discussion Group (VDG) SIG *(from mid MI Mensa)* Location: **Zoom Meeting**: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86726108623?pwd=cUgyelF2K0ZLQzNWbVByZE9UMXpxdz09 Meeting ID: 867 2610 8623 Passcode: 1234 We can talk about whatever anybody wants to talk about in Mensa; we can talk about current events, or we can talk about what is going on in our lives.
Contact: **Ken Lawrence** MVirtualDiscussionGroup@gmail.com

July Events

06 SUNDAY

12:30PM - NTM Gifted Youth Book Club
(First Sunday of each month)
Location: **Zoom Meeting**
At this meeting, we will be discussing ***Ballad & Dagger*** by Daniel José Older.
Meeting Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87284610508?pwd=WnZWQ2JhbmlEamJzcmc1TkRBcFZjZz09
Contact: **Bill Rock**: (972.396.8160, william.m.rock@gmail.com)

09 WEDNESDAY

9:00PM – M-Aura Calendar Deadline (The 9th of each month)
Contact: **Calendar Chair, Sara Hawkins**: (calendarchair@northtexasmensa.org, or 214.801.4704)

10 THURSDAY

9:00PM – M-Aura All Copy Deadline (The 10th of each month)
Contact: **Editor, Bill Rock**: (william.m.rock@gmail.com or 972.396.8160)

12 SATURDAY

7:00PM – 9:00PM – Singles Chat and Chew
(Second Saturday of each month)
Location: **Jason's Deli**: 9100 N. Central Expressway, Suite 139, Dallas, TX 75231.
This at the NE corner of Central Expressway and Park Lane. Come join other singles for dinner and have great conversations.
Contact: **Laura Stuart**: (214.641.2520)

13 SUNDAY

2:00PM – 4:00PM Bright Ladies Gathering (Second Sunday of each month)

Location: **la Madeleine French Bakery & Café**: 15125 Montfort Dr., Dallas
(one block east of the Tollway, on Montfort) Look for us (and the Bright Ladies logo) as you come in.
Contact: **Call Kathy McWhorter for directions or more details**: (214.215.5809)

16 WEDNESDAY

7:00PM – MADEATS

Location: **Maharaja**: 4152 W. Spring Creek Pkwy., Plano, TX 75024
MADEATS is always looking for something new, and something we haven't done before is Indian food. So let's do it! Maharaja has an extensive menu of vegetarian/vegan and non-vegetarian fare guaranteed to satisfy. It says so right on their website. It's a big menu, so you might want to look at it online in advance. Maharaja is BYOB. RSVP: As always MADEATS hopefully requests, but does not require, RSVPs.
Contact: **Karen Brack**: (kwbrack18@gmail.com; 214.477.1151)

18 FRIDAY

7:00 – NTM Scholarship Foundation Friday Texas Hold-em

Location: **Paul & Anne Whiteman's Home**: 4424 Ringgold Lane, Plano, TX 75093,
In July, we'll be meeting at the home of Paul & Anne Whiteman for a pleasant evening of cards, bluffing and fun. No big winners or losers, just bragging rights for your $10 contribution to the kitty, and a $5 re-buy if you wish – all of which goes to the Scholarship Foundation. Plenty of snacks and drinks, and those new to the game are welcome to join in. As always, the party starts at 7 PM, and the game commences at 7:30 PM.
PLEASE RSVP: Anne Whiteman: (Text: 214.868.4410) or anne.whiteman1@gmail.com

19 SATURDAY

11:00AM – Gifted Youth Visit the 'Verse

Location: **Shenaniganz Entertainment Center**, 1290 I-30, Rockwall, TX 75087

Verse Immersive does an AR "experience" in Rockwall at the Shenaniganz Entertainment Center. Let's target the 11 AM time slot on Saturday July 19th; they have several "verses" to choose from (dinosaurs, wildlife, space, etc.). I am thinking that the package of 2 "verses" and a game is the best bet, $37 per person. Those that wish to can stay afterwards and share lunch. See www.verserockwall.com for more information and to book tickets.
Contacts: **Bill Rock**: (972.415.5302, or william.m.rock@gmail.com)

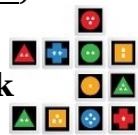
12:15PM - 2:30PM– MENSA Admissions Testing

Location: **Dallas Public Library – Timberglen Branch Conference Room**: 18505 Midway Rd., Dallas, TX 75287
Know someone who may qualify for Mensa? Please refer all interested testers (or anyone with questions!) to Rebecca Raymond at NTMTesting@northtexasmensa.org to obtain the pre-registration link and all other required details for this session.
Contact: **Rebecca Raymond**: (ntmtesting@northtexasmensa.org)

4:00PM – 6:00PM - Small MENSA Meeting Canton / Wills Point (Third Saturday of each month)

Location: **We meet in each other's homes on a rotating basis**
We will send out a reminder about a week before each meeting giving this month's location and subject matter to be discussed. Purely a discussion group; no games, no food fests, no partying. Enjoy the exchange of thoughts and ideas without contention!
Contact: **Gerard Brohman**: (gbrohman@live.com)

6:30PM – Games SIG



Location: **Bill & Ellen Rock's Home "The Rock Pile"**: 701 Victorian Drive, Allen, TX 75002
We have some classic board games and some new ones, and we're happy to try anything you care to bring over. Snacks and soft drinks will be available.
Contacts: **Bill and/or Ellen Rock**: (972.396.8160 •/+ 214.356.5819, william.m.rock@gmail.com)

20 SUNDAY

4:30PM – San Francisco Regional MENSA Speaker Series

Location: **This is a Zoom meeting.**
To register for this presentation, visit https://livepresentation.link/JULY. You will receive a confirmation email from Zoom that will contain the link needed to join the presentation.
Topic: Have you ever wondered what "Spy School" was like during the age of the Cold War? Find out from someone who was there.

6:00PM- 7:00PM - Board Meeting (Third Sunday of the Month)

Location: **Five Star Premier Residences of Dallas**: 5455 La Sierra Drive, Dallas, or **Zoom Video**: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81692083286?pwd=UWFmMlVvRUpiazBZNldHcmxwSGpvZz09, or **Zoom Phone**: +1 346 248 7799 (in lieu of video call), Meeting ID: 816 9208 3286, Passcode: 448903
All members of NTM are welcome to attend and to address the board. The board conducts the organization business decisions. Members are welcome to bring items to the board's attention if they wish. Following the Board Meeting there is usually time for socializing before the program. If you prefer, you may also attend via Zoom – links above.
Contact: **Cathy Allshouse, President**: (president@northtexasmensa.org)

7:00PM – 7:30PM – Refreshments and Socializing Following the Board Meeting

7:30PM – Program Following the Board Meeting (Third Sunday of the Month)

Location: **Five Star Premier Residences of Dallas**, 5455 La Sierra Drive, Dallas, or **Zoom Video**: (same as board meeting above):
North Texas Mensa's Annual "Best Book I've Read." Back by popular demand, we present our interactive discussion of "The Best Book I've Read this year, this month, ever." Please join us to discuss your favorite read, be it a novel, non-fiction, memoir, etc. We have done this the last couple of years and participants have really enjoyed getting new recommendations for their next read. We'll each have a few informal things to say about our chosen book, no long presentations required. We will also have a book swap, participation optional. Please bring a book you've enjoyed but don't want to keep and go home with something new. The discussion will be led by our own **Cathy Allshouse**, NOT a writer, not even an English major, but a self-proclaimed bibliophile who always has that itch to read something new.

27 SUNDAY

1:30PM – 3:00PM - Eclectic Book Club

(Fourth Sunday of the Month)

Location: **Half Price Books Mothership**:
5803 E NW Hwy, Dallas, TX 75231

This month EBC is reading ***Oliver Twist*** by Charles Dickens (or, as Dallas Vintage Shop put it on their highway sign a couple of years ago "DICKEN'S"). Eclectic Book Club picks are generally available in hardback, paperback or for e-readers. They should also be available at your local library.

Contacts: **Larry Strickler**: (lstrickler1@verizon.net or 972.495.8076) or **Bill Rock**: (972.396.8160 or william.m.rock@gmail.com)

2:30PM – MENSA Theodore Talks

Location: **Zoom meeting with pre-registration required**

This free series of talks was created and is hosted by Mid-America Mensa. Fascinating speakers each month from Jan – October and it's free to members of Mensa.

Topic: Free Speech Opportunist: Elon Musk's Degradation of the Town Square

Register here: https://www.us.mensa.org/featured-content/2025-theodore-talks-getting-teder-all-the-time/

REGIONAL GATHERING NEWS

by Karen Brack

It's official. North Texas Mensa is hosting a Regional Gathering (RG) this year over Thanksgiving weekend. For the new folks, an RG is a great weekend for fun and camaraderie. We have games; fascinating speakers; a hospitality room with meals, snacks and beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic); an indoor pool; tastings and more. Best of all, it's a time to hang with lots of your fellow Mensans.

But nothing happens in Mensa without *volunteers*. **We need ideas for programs and people to run them.** We need speakers and people to find them. We need people to run games and tournaments, people to help out in registration and hospitality. That's where you come in.

Whether you are an old hand at RGs, or you are new to all this, if you have ideas, if you want to help, if you are looking for a way to get more involved in NTM, we want to hear from you! Contact Karen Brack, RG Chair, at kwbrack18@gmail.com or 214.477.1151.

(...from page 2) reading or following the rules. And our family and friends no longer will play with us because they're tired of losing.

Of course, there are benefits to our peculiar way of thinking. We turn seemingly pointless riddles into hours of deep philosophical discussion. And despite occasional misunderstandings from the non-Mensan world, we wouldn't trade our minds for anything—except maybe a device that prevents us from overthinking our grocery list.

Be sure to add the July 20th general meeting to your calendar. It will be a bibliophile's delight! See page 11.

We had a great time at the recent New Members Party where we got to connect with old friends and make new ones. It was lovely to see so many people laughing and enjoying other Mensan's company. Many thanks to all of the people who helped pull off the event and to all those who contributed yummy food.

So here's to us, the ones who make life just a little more complicated but infinitely more interesting. You are my favorite kind of people.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !

The following are new or rejoining members of North Texas Mensa. Please join us in welcoming them to our group.

New Mensans: Vivaan Ailani, Felix Galindo, Aiden Han, Asher Manley, Sophia Moctezuma, Deccy Okorodudu, Benjamin Sullivan, Viviana Thumma

Moving to NTM: No one in May

Rejoining Mensa and NTM: James Binford, Joseph Groner

We welcome you <u>all</u>, and look forward to seeing you at future functions!

HOWDY!

NTM BOARD PROCEEDINGS-Sunday May 18th, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:02PM by President Cathy Allshouse at Five Star Premier Residences of Dallas (5455 La Sierra Drive, Dallas). Also present were VP Chris Cree, Treasurer Paul Whiteman, Secretary Eric "Gunny" Hartman, and Board Members at Large Jonathan Bethune and Chuck Weis. Absent was BMAL Juan Faura.

<u>1. Reports:</u> The following reports were given.

President – Cathy Allshouse ... The next Board Meeting: 6PM June 15, 2025 at Five Star Premier Residences of Dallas (5455 La Sierra Drive, Dallas) in the Glen Lakes Room. Announcements: The resumed RG in Gulf Coast Mensa--SynRG, over Memorial Day weekend and the upcoming AG in Chicago early July. (The 2026 AG will be in Fort Worth.) The New Members party details are in the June M-Aura, but it is scheduled for June 7 at 7pm Richardson Event Space, 1201 S Sherman St Suite 213, Richardson, TX 75081. NTM will provide the meat entree and encourage others to bring sides. Cost is $450 and the space accommodates up to 75. They have tables, chairs, restrooms, kitchenette, chafing dishes, coolers ets. We'll collect a little bit of an entry fee. Cathy will do an email blast and a Facebook posting after the May 18 meeting.

Vice-President – Chris Cree … Nothing to report as VP

Secretary – Gunny Hartman … The minutes of the April 2025 meeting were distributed via email and in person. They were accepted without modification. Paul has volunteered to take minutes for the June meeting.

Treasurer – Paul Whiteman … As of 4/30/2025, NTM had $29,096.52 in total assets, which includes $6,444.12 in checking, $12,032.01 in savings, and a note receivable of $10,000. The RG account balance was $3,127.71. As of 5/13/2025, NTM had $28,582.74 in total assets, which includes $6,550.73 in checking, $12,032.01 in savings, and a note receivable of $10,000. The RG account balance is $3,127.71.

Membership – Chris Cree … Per the April 30 report, we have 918 members, 28 additional family members, 7 new members, and 6 reinstating members. American Mensa will pay NTM fifty cents per lapsed member that we contact to renew, whether it be via text, email, or post. Multiple members volunteered to share the load in that endeavor. We receive $0.96 per member, but it costs more than that to send a paper copy to members who receive one. Presently, 397 NTM members take the M-Aura by print; 216 of them have email addresses on file. Following the example of Denver Mensa, who did this effectively, we are going to make a more concerted effort to get more of our members to receive the M-Aura electronically. We will send an email to the aforementioned 216 to give them easy options (e.g., link, QR code) to make the change, as opposed to each member having to log in to the American Mensa website and navigate to the account setting to make that change.

Ombudsman – Roger Durham … Nothing to report

Marketing – Juan Faura … Juan has some ideas for North Texas Mensa labeled items. There is a desire for some NTM branded merch.

S.I.G.H.T. – Gunny Hartman … Nothing to report

Gifted Youth – Bill Rock … "Chess event planned for a few hours before the board meeting. June event will be attending court in McKinney. July event is an AR space in Rockwall. Member Beckett Potter was a student speaker at Dallas College commencement [on Saturday, May 17]; he received his Associates in Science at age 13."

Editor – Bill Rock … "M-Aura will go to the printer Sunday night. Appreciate all the help with inputs and reviews. Printer seems to be working well; first class mail is much faster delivery (from Florida) than bulk mail (from Carrollton)."

Scholarship – Lauren Ogden … Awards have been made, so nothing happening at present.

Calendar – Sara Hawkins … "Calendar is going great! I'll have June updated online tonight."

Webmaster – Jonathan Bethune … Switching to WordPress is complete. Jonathan says there will be no cost to the chapter. We need to set up PayPal for the NTM account on the new site to complete all functionality. Andy is still being charged for some things, so he needs to be reimbursed and we will attempt to get him off the hook on that.

Testing Coordinator – Rebecca Raymond … "Testing update for May: We had 6 testers at our May test today (great turnout)! We have two tests scheduled for June (Saturday, June 7 and a new, bonus weekday session on Monday, June 16 that was offered due to a tester with limited availability). The Monday test is not in the M-Aura as it was just scheduled [Saturday, 5/17]!"

Social Media/Facebook - Collene Goldman … "The NTM Facebook page had 1,913 views over the pas t28 days. The most viewed post was a scientific explanation about why no horse has ever broken the record or performance of Secretariat."

Programs – Karen Brack … For June we have the head of the Monuments Men & Women organization. We need speakers after that. [Anyone interested in speaking should contact Karen.]

Bylaws Committee – Chris Cree, Roger Durham, and Paul Whiteman … The committee intends to submit, for board approval, a new set of bylaws that would comply with the newer AMC minimum standards. After board approval, the proposed bylaws would then be sent to national for review and permission to ballot. The intention is to vote on them this year, which entails 90+ days notice beforehand.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07PM after a motion was made by Paul Whiteman to that effect, which was seconded by Chris Cree, and subsequently passed.

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