**NTM - North Texas Mensa**
A Local Group of
American Mensa Ltd.
A NY Not-for-Profit Corporation
September 15, 2024 Board Proceedings

**NTM Board of Directors minutes for September 15, 2024**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Eric "Gunny" Hartman. President Eric "Gunny" Hartman.. Present in person were Vice President Ken Roberts and Secretary Paul Whiteman, Treasurer Cathy Allshouse, Present via Zoom: Board Members at Large Chris Cree, and Jonathan Bethune. Absent: Board Membership: Juan Faura.

## 1. Reports

**President –** Eric "Gunny" Hartman … "Next Board Meeting: 6PM October 20, 2024 at Five Star Premier Residences of Dallas (5455 La Sierra Drive, Dallas)
Election Committee Members: Jeff Bromberger (chair), Andy McKellar, Cookie Neely, Ken Roberts, and Eric Hartman, Jr.
Regional Gathering Chair: Roger Durham
Beware of Scam/Phishing attempts within NTM, particularly emails impersonating other board members with financial solicitation.

**Secretary –** Paul Whiteman … The minutes of the August 2024 board meeting, were prepared by Hartman and emailed to the board. No changes.

**Treasurer** – Cathy Allshouse … New members'Subsidy of $ 1109.44 was received from national. Expenses were $213.16, which resulted in a surplus of $896.28. Financial statements for 2024 YTD, January through August 18th, were distributed. We have had a positive YTD new income of $2,219.33. At the end of August total NTM assets at $26,472.17. RG account balance is $1,500. Report accepted.

**Ombudsman** – Roger Durham … Nothing to report.

**Membership –** Ken Roberts … 8 New members. 1 leaving. 182 lapsed. 5 Renewed. 15 Prospects.

**Marketing –** Vacant …

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

**Editor -** email M-Aura shipped to printer Saturday. Two extra sheets this month for Election and RG flyer.

**Gifted Youth –** Bill Rock … 12 families attended the electronics workshop. 16 Young Eagles will be going flying for September. October plans a trip to the ATTPAC.

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**Circulation Manager –** Val Beasley … No report

**Scholarship –** Lauren Ogden … "Today opens the scholarship submission portion of the season: The link for the scholarship application portion of the program will be available on the Foundation website on

September 15, and applicants will have until January 15 to apply. The link to access the application will be mensafoundation.awardspring.com/.

The new online platform changes my tasks a lot and the judges a little. As Chair, I no longer have to sort and correct labels on each essay by scholarship. I don't have to assign individual essays to judges. Most of my background prep work is gone. I do still need to recruit judges and train on scoring guidelines. Changes for judges include not being allowed to judge before January 15th, the platform will assign essays randomly from the pool of all essays submitted nationally, and no restrictions for judges who have family members submitting applications.

Otherwise, I'm still on the Scholarship Program Committee that is collaborating to develop new judge recruitment materials and new directions for using the online platform.

Please send me any follow up questions you have. I'm currently working a job on Sunday evenings and cannot attend meetings. I hope to come in person in October though."

**Web Contact –** Andy McKellar … Nothing to Report. Bethune has access to the site backend. Discussion about changing to Word Press for a small cost, a few hundred dollars. Audit underway by Bethune to investigate to scope of the change.

A man made a motion to appoint Jonahan Bethune as webmaster. Bethune was agreeable. Motion seconded by Roberts. Motion passed unanimously.

**Testing –** Rebecca Raymond … email New Report email. "We had 2 testers in our September session. 2 October sessions are on the books to coincide with the 50% off Mensa special, Octoberr being the only month with such discount.

**Calendar** – Sara Hawkins … "The calendar is going great. I am behind updating the online calendar but will get caught up this weekend."

**Programs** - vacant.

**Social Media/Facebook** – Collene Goldman … "Facebook North Texas Mensa Page
Humorous posts are significantly more often viewed than serious posts.
Facebook Page stats:
Posts engagement: 1,884
Reactions: 873
Comments: 108
Photo views: 334
Examples of various post reaches (you can view in the attachments):
3708 - The cartoon about the kid being called a nerd
820 - Holding a stick & everyone looks like a piñata
1653 - GPS says turn left now
5280 - If people want to know why Gen X is always mad
Most engagements are Friday night and Saturday.
The % of women and men who follow the page remains about equal.

**Regional Gathering** - Roger Durham … Planning for the RG continues. A number of speakers have been signed up, and registrations are coming in. All committee positions have been filled, and tastings are being arranged. The hotel is looking forward to hosting us again, and has asked if we would consider

a multi-year contract for 2025 and following. They have been very cooperative and easy to work with. The listing for the Bulletin and the national website calendar has been submitted; we are now listed in the on-line calendar, and hope to be in the October issue of the Bulletin. We need to send a registration form as an e-mail flash to all of Region 6. The registration online is having issues. It is a new module.

**Election Committee** – Jeff Bromberger … Will use a home address instead of a post office box for mail in ballots and complaints.

**Bylaws Committee -** Chris Cree, Roger Durham, and Paul Whiteman … Proposed updated bylaws are published in the MAura. This will be included on the ballot.

New Member's party. Oct 25 at JJs $10 includes soft drinks snacks Beer and wine provided by NTM.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM after a motion was made by Cree, which was seconded by Roberts, and passed.

**Submitted October 17, 2024 Paul Whiteman, Secretary.**