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ON THE COVERS:

Front *Top:* Henry Leskiw has achieved the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award. *Bottom left*: Cookie Neely, winner of the "invaluable" prize from our August contest after correctly identifying that 72 RPM was not one of the "big 3" record speeds. She is shown here with her Missouri Foxtrotter stallion, Tex, the year she won the Texas Foxtrotter Championship in Trail/Obstacle class. *Bottom Right:* Ty O'Neal celebrating his recent birthday with panache.

Back *left:* Remembering Tom Lehrer. *Right:* July poker winners (*l-r*): 2nd - Bill Rock, 1st - Gerald Law, 3rd - Chuck Briggs

FROM THE NTM PRESIDENT

CATHY ALLSHOUSE

Although it's still hot in Texas, for sure, I always eagerly anticipate the month of Septem -ber. That back-to-school feeling is a lovely new beginning for me. People return from their summer vacation revitalized and ready to take on new challenges. The Autumn equinox (in the northern hemisphere) is for me a time for change, perhaps some new resolutions, learning something new and reflecting on the balance between light and darkness. Plus, I can't wait to bring out my sweaters and to cook pots of soup! Be sure to check out the calendar for the many-event s happening within our North Texas Mensa community. There's something for everyone, especially our **NEW MEMBERS PARTY** on the 27th of this month! *Come out and join the fun!*

I hope you'll also join us for the general meeting in September which will be great fun as well as highly mentally stimulating. We will be playing the popular game CODE NAMES. You will be competing with your smart Mensa friends to solve word connection puzzles and to give the best clues to your team. It's a wonderful time and I look forward to seeing you there!
Have a great fall season, my North Texas Mensa friends!

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: Corrie Carley, Prishaa Jain, Oliver McCleskey

Moving to NTM: Jyme Mariani

Rejoining Mensa and NTM: Carol Carroll, Daniel Yankovsky

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

HOWDY!

ELECTION COMMITTEE

The NTM Board is pleased to announce the Election Committee for the 2026 NTM BOD.

Lauren Ogden (chair) 972.207.1776, lrngdn76@gmail.com
Chris Cree, ccree@earthlink.net , 214.701.4681 **Randy Brack**, mrbrack46@gmail.com, 972.495.2659 The Alternate member is **Karen Brack**, 214.477.1151 kwbrack18@gmail.com
Please feel free to contact any of them if you have a question about the upcoming election.

RC 6 COLUMN *by Penny Robe*

Happenings at American Mensa

American Mensa's board of directors is the American Mensa Committee (AMC) and it meets quarterly. American Mensa's 10 geographic regions each have representation on the AMC. When a regional vice chair position is vacant for any reason, regional coordinators fill the position on an interim basis. I was appointed to represent this region as RC6 in February of this year.

Litigation Update: On August 6, 2024, the Court issued its final ruling in the lawsuit filed in March of 2025, styled Eager et al v. American Mensa Ltd in the trial court of Kings County, New York. The ruling denied the requests of the petitioners, and dismissed the case. The final order, and all the pleadings and orders in the case are public records, and available through the New York State Uniform Court System. This link is directly to the case: https://iapps.courts.state.ny.us/nyscef/CaseDetails?docketId=PnriGt/zrBH28zhEwwdb_PLUS_Q== If that somewhat complex link does not work for any reason, go to the case search link at: https://iapps.courts.state.ny.us/nyscef/CaseSearch?TAB=name and put American Mensa in the business name search box.

Special Election Update: The case discussed above included a temporary order that put on hold the American Mensa 2025 Special Election, including the election to fill the vacancy for region 6's regional vice chair. The final ruling means it is no longer on hold, however, the deadlines in the original notice have passed. As of this writing, new deadlines have not yet been established by the Elections Committee. Please stay tuned for those details, which will likely be sent to you by e-mail.

Gatherings Update: North Texas Mensa will hold its regional gathering over Thanksgiving weekend. More information, including registration details, can be found at this link: https://www.northtexasmensa.org/rg_event/

Other regions will also have regional gatherings, and details can be found https://www.us.mensa.org/attend/calendar/

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

This month we will take advantage of better weather* and attend the Dallas Area Rocket Society (DARS) Fall Classic. Should be plenty to see there; the theme this year is "Classic Starships" (a lot of them will be flying at some point during the day). And we, as the "voting public" can be part of the participatory democracy choosing the best in show.

July was a fun time at Shenaniganz. No actual beings were harmed that day, however a few electrons were perhaps temporarily inconvenienced.

Some of you may have noted that our recent Dallas College grad Beckett Potter is a Mensa Honors Society member. The MHS (and Jr MHS) are open to those in 5th through 12th grade who show integrity, intellectual curiosity, academic commitment, and service. For more details on the program, visit https://www.us.mensa.org/learn/gifted-youth/honor-society/mhs-overview/

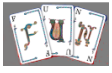
Speaking of service and commitment, I have learned that Henry Leskiw has achieved the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award-Bronze Level. This award recognizes achieving goals in volunteering, physical and social skills, and planning and completing an expedition. To learn more about the award, visit https://usaward.org

** what I hope will be better weather, as I write this on a 104 degree day in July)*

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

Michael Jarvis, Sally Fallis, Thomas Denton, John Parnell, Carolyn Garner, Suzanne Wills, Gilbert Daniel, Catherine Fontaine, Clif Bonner, Jerry Bassett, James "moon" Goodnight, Robert Frowe, Robert Hallam, Howard LaGrone, Martin Mahony, Matthew Palububicki, Clifford McCarthy, Eldon Tucker, Hannah Binti Mohd Zaman, Brett Wheeler, Aaron Taylor, Mark Eitzen, Kristin Corr, Kirsten Faulder, Jennifer Shaw, Henson Rogers, Marisa Basso, Roger "hizzoner" Durham, James Dobbs, Benjamin Cohen, Jeffrey Tarrant, Debra Hodges, Chris Cree, Lisa Clark, Misty Simons, Michael Peters, Mary Turner, Kat Walston, James O'Reilly, Penny Robe, Bruce Zak

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August 31st,(left out last month)	**01** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch 	**02** 7 pm Beer Garden	**03** 1 pm VDG	**04** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**05** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch	**06** 9:30 am Mensa Testing 1 pm VDG
07 12:30 pm GY book club 	**08** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch	**09** 7 pm Beer Garden 9 pm *M-Aura* Calendar Deadline	**10** 1 pm VDG 9 pm *M-Aura* All-Copy Deadline	**11** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**12** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch 7 pm Texas Hold 'Em 	**13** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Singles Chat 'n Chew 6:30 pm Games SIG 
14 2 pm Bright Ladies SIG 	**15** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch	**16** 7 pm Beer Garden	**17** 1 pm VDG 7 pm MADEATS	**18** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**19** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch	**20** 1 pm VDG 4 pm Small Group Meeting
21 4:30 pm SFRM Speaker 6 pm NTM Board Meeting 7:30 NTM General Meeting	**22** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch	**23** 7 pm Beer Garden	**24** 1 pm VDG	**25** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**26** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch	**27** 11:30 am GY and DARS 1 pm VDG 7 pm **NEW MEMBERS PARTY**
28 1:30 pm Eclectic Book Club 2:30 pm Theodore Talk	**29** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch	**30** 7 pm Beer Garden				

~September 2025~

FOR CALENDAR UPDATES, PLEASE VISIT
HTTP://WWW.NORTHTEXASMENSA.ORG

~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

September Events

06 SATURDAY

09:30AM - 11:45AM 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)

07 SUNDAY

12:30PM - NTM Gifted Youth Book Club
(First Sunday of each month)

Location: **Zoom Meeting**

At this meeting, we will be discussing ***Found*** by Margaret Peterson Haddix. Meeting Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87284610508?pwd=WnZWQ2JhbmlEamJzcmc1TkRBcFZjZz09

Contact: **Bill Rock**: (972.396.8160, william.m.rock@gmail.com)

09 TUESDAY

9:00PM – M-Aura Calendar Deadline
(The 9th of each month)

Contact: **Calendar Chair, Sara Hawkins**: (calendarchair@northtexasmensa.org, or 214.801.4704)

10 WEDNESDAY

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 FRIDAY
7:00 – NTM Scholarship Foundation
Friday Texas Hold-em
Location: **Storm Ricamore's Home**: 1426 Dumont Drive, Richardson, 75080,
The next Texas Hold 'Em will be at the home of Storm Ricamore on Friday, September 12, 2025. Join us 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: **Storm Ricamore**: (972.235.5837) or storm@stormsmall.com

13 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)

6:30PM – Games SIG
Location: **Bill & Ellen Rock's Home**
"The Rock Pile": 701 Victorian Drive, Allen, 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)

14 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)

17 WEDNESDAY
7:00PM – MADEATS
Location: **Partenope**: 110 S Greenville Ave, Richardson, 75081 https://partenopedallas.com
Is Dallas a pizza town? I don't know, but MADEATS has sampled Brazilian pizza and Connecticut pizza. Let's go to the source and try Neapolitan pizza at Partenope in Richardson. A prestigious Italian judging committee has said this is one of the 20 best pizzerias in the United States four years in a row. Not too shabby.
MADEATS continuously requests, but does not require, RSVPs.
Contact: **Karen Brack**: (kwbrack18@gmail.com; 214.477.1151)

20 SATURDAY
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)

21 SUNDAY
4:30PM – San Francisco Regional MENSA Speaker Series
Location: **This is a Zoom meeting.** To register for this presentation, visit https://livepresentation.link/SEP. You will receive a confirmation email from Zoom that will contain the link needed to join the presentation.
Topic is: Why the Scopes Trial (1925) is Still Relevant

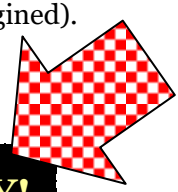
6:00PM- 7:00PM - Board Meeting (Third Sunday of the Month)
Location: **Five Star Premier Residences of Dallas**: 5455 La Sierra Drive, Dallas, or **Zoom Video**: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81692083286?pwd=UWFmMlVvRUpiazBZNldHcmxwSGpvZz09, or **Zoom Phone**: +1 346 248 7799 (in lieu of video

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**: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81692083286?pwd=UWFmMlVvRUpiazBZNldHcmxwSGpvZz09
Logic, deduction, solving riddles, reading minds, making that fateful decision…all of this is captured in the game CODE NAMES. Join fellow NTM'ers in this fun, challenging, and easy-to-learn game.
Contact: **Cathy Allshouse, President**: (president@northtexasmensa.org)

27 SATURDAY
11:30 AM Gifted Youth at the DARS Fall Classic
Location: DARS Gunter launch site, https://www.dars.org/Site-Gunter-Modroc.html
This is the big annual event for the Dallas Area Rocket Society. Vote for your favorite; theme is Classic Starships (real and imagined). Launches will be happening through mid-afternoon.
Contacts: **Bill Rock**: (972.415.5302, william.m.rock@gmail.com)



7 PM FALL NEW MEMBERS PARTY!
Location: Barbara Guzak's Home —
722 Penfolds Lane, Coppell TX 75019
Come one, come all to the semiannual Big Bash. A chance to meet new members and get together with longtime members. Free for anyone who has not attended a New Members Party, $5 for others; please bring a dish or entrée to pass. *Please RSVP* to **Cathy**

Allshouse, President: (callshouse1@aol.com) by the 24th

28 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 ***"The Rosie Project"*** by Graeme Simsion. 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: Antisemitism: Evolution and Escalation

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

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

THE BEST THING I HAVE READ IS...

Thank you to the several Mensans who spoke about books they have read and enjoyed at the July general meeting! And many, many thanks to Lauren Ogden who took notes and compiled all this information for us. If you weren't there, check out some of these book titles for your upcoming "to be read" book stack. Here they are in no particular order:

Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind by Yuval Noah Harari. Anthropology intersects with sociology and biology to answer the question of why we are the way we are. The theory is that we are successful because we can cooperate with others in our species, more so than other species. We also have the ability to think about intangible concepts and myths. Thought provoking takes on modern ideas like capitalism.

Outlive: The Science and Art of Longevity by Peter Attia, MD. 2023 manual for longevity. Innovative advice on nutrition, exercise, and stability.

The Itty Bitty Dementia Book by Tam Cummings. Great explanation of dementia.

Swamp Story: A Novel by Dave Barry. A novel, written like a screenplay, in the humor category.

The Feynman Lectures on Physics by Richard Feynman. Physics lectures to freshmen at Harvard. You can watch online or read them, from the 1950's.

Breakthrough: Elizabeth Hughes, the Discovery of Insulin, and the Making of a Medical Miracle by Thea Cooper, Arthur Ainsberg, et al. Non-fiction book that reads like a novel that follows the discovery of insulin from 100 years ago. Her father was a political figure and so the book includes a more holistic exploration of medical history. Good information on modern insulin products and companies.

These Summer Storms: A Novel by Sarah MacLean. A novel about rich people behaving badly.

Starter Villain by John Scalzi. A comic, science fiction-ish fun read.

Food: A Taste of the Road (Travelers' Tales Guides series) by Richard Sterling. Collections of travelers' essays centered on food. The Traveler's Tales series is expansive and informative on different countries and aspects of traveling.

Memoirs of a Geisha by Arthur Golden. A novel about a young girl who goes through the Geisha system ending in the 1950s. The white author's perspective is so beautiful in describing the perspective of the young girl.

People of the Book: A Novel by Geraldine Brooks. The story about a specific, individual Jewish book called the Sarajevo Haggadah from the backdrop of war. Research and commentary on both the content of the book and the extra-textual analysis of the things attached to this individual book.

The Sirens' Call by Chris Hayes. A MSNBC host gives commentary on the selling of your attention.

Atlas Shrugged by Ayn Rand. An interesting novel that combines her political philosophy into a sprawling tale.

Happy reading!!!

> When I get a little money I buy books; and if any is left I buy food and clothes. —*Desiderius Erasmus*

Ed note: I'll add "Superbloom" by Nicholas Carr. A excellent deep dive into reality vs. the "world on-line".

NTM Election Code for Election of Officers (Excerpt for Nominees)

Section 2: Nomination Rules

Rule 1

Candidates must be members of North Texas Mensa in good standing, and listed as a member of North Texas Mensa in the most up-to-date membership list, to be eligible for nomination to office. No person shall be eligible for nomination to more than one office in this election. A member who has accepted appointment to the Nominating Committee or who has accepted appointment to the Election Committee is not eligible for nomination to office in this election.

Rule 2

All nominations shall include a signed statement from the nominee expressing his/her willingness to be nominated and, if elected, to serve and discharge the duties of the office. The term "signed" is interpreted to include facsimile and email signatures.

Rule 3

A. The Nominating Committee will expeditiously send a Nomination Form to anyone upon request.

B. Additional nominations (other than from the Nominating Committee) may be made in writing to any member of the Election Committee prior to October 1. Such nominations shall be made and subscribed by three members in good standing of North Texas Mensa, other than the nominee.

Section 4: Candidates

Rule 1

Noncompliance with the provisions of the Bylaws, if not remedied, shall deny inclusion on the ballot.

Rule 2

Nominees are responsible for acquainting themselves with the rules governing this election and complying with rules and deadlines thereof.

Rule 3

Each candidate may submit two statements: a written biographical statement not to exceed 100 words, and a written campaign statement not to exceed 150 words, as tallied by the word count feature of Microsoft Word. These election materials must be received by a member of the Election Committee not later than October 5. The Election Committee shall review these election materials. Each shall be cut from the point at which it exceeds the

allowed word limit as determined by the word-count function of MS Word. No other changes shall be made. The Election Committee shall then forward the reviewed election materials to the Editor not later than October 10 for verbatim publication in the November M-Aura.

Rule 4

Nominees may advertise their candidacy as follows:

A. Nominees who submit election materials under Rule 3 authorize publication of this material in the M-Aura. The M-Aura shall not publish any materials advertising any individual's candidacy other than those forwarded by the Election Committee.

B. Nominees may make written request for a copy of the NTM membership list to be furnished by the Election Committee at the nominee's expense. Campaign literature may be mailed or e-mailed to the voters at the nominee's expense.

C. Each nominee may make a campaign statement, not to exceed three (3) minutes, at the November General Meeting.

D. Beyond these provisions, each nominee may distribute campaign material to eligible voters at their own expense.

Rule 5

Any candidate for office aggrieved by what the candidate considers an irregularity or defect in the election procedure may bring the matter to the attention of the Election Committee.

A. Complaints may be brought before the Election Committee. The Election Committee may, at its option, take the complaint under advisement for more timely disposition or may respond immediately.

B. Complaints made to the Election Committee should be as specific as possible, stating the particulars of the grievance and specific requests for remedial action. Complaints must be received by the Election Committee no later than 30 days following the election. These complaints shall be adjudicated within 14 days. Complaints made after the 30 days date must be made to the Board.

C. Appeal of Election Committee judgment must be made in writing to the Board. The appeal shall contain the original complaint, the response of the Election Committee, and other pertinent information. The appeal must be received by the Board not later than January 31.

The following on Page 16 is the format of a printed petition nomination form. Emailed forms can be sent and signed & dated individually, but collectively they must be from at least three NTM members in good standing. Only one must have section one filled out.

Nomination Form

SECTION 1: NOMINEE

I, _____ hereby affirm that I am a current member of North Texas Mensa; that I accept nomination to the office of

_____ for the 2026 term, and that, if elected, I will serve and will discharge the duties of that office.

_____

_____

(Signature of nominated member) (Date)

SECTION 2: NOMINATOR(S)

We, the following members in good standing of North Texas Mensa, hereby nominate

_____

for the office of

_____

for the 2026 term.

_____

_____ _____

(Printed name of nominating member) (Signature) (Date)

_____

_____ _____

(Printed name of nominating member) (Signature) (Date)

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_____ _____

(Printed name of nominating member) (Signature) (Date)

NOMINATION COMMITTEE SLATE OF CANDIDATES

Your 2026 NTM Nom Com is pleased to present the following members who are running for a position on next year's Board Of Directors:

President:	Cathy Allshouse
Vice President:	Esther Bellah and Mark Magazu
Secretary:	Gunny Hartman
Treasurer:	Paul Whiteman

The following members are running for the three Board Member At Large positions:

Kristin Corr, Philip Tocci, Chuck Weis, Aaron Adair, Courtney Nall

Please note that if anyone else would like to run for the board, all that is required is to submit a completed Nomination Form by Oct 1. See pages 14 -16 for details.

NTM BOARD PROCEEDINGS-Sunday July 20th, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:05PM 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 Member at Large Chuck Weis. BMALs Jonathan Bethune and Juan Faura were present via Zoom.

1. Reports: The following reports were given.

President – Cathy Allshouse … The next Board Meeting: 6PM August 17, 2025 at Five Star Premier Residences of Dallas (5455 La Sierra Drive, Dallas) in the Glen Lakes Room. Cathy attended the AG in Chicago and took some leadership development workshops, spoke with other LocSecs, and came away with some great suggestions and ideas for improving NTM. She mentioned various awards and ways we might work toward them. NTM was a Sapphire award winner for the Class 1 groups (based on size) in 2024. Thanks to Chris Cree for sending out emails to lapsed members, for which we get compensation from national, in addition to the potential of members renewing their membership. Thanks to Karen Brack, Chuck Weis, and Paul & Whiteman for bringing refreshments for the general meeting. A home has been offered for our fall New Members Party. Other times during the week for the monthly program (i.e., general meeting) and the board meeting will be explored, including moving the board meeting to Zoom only. If NTM is interested in hosting 2027 Mind Games, a letter of intent must be submitted by July 31.

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

Secretary – Gunny Hartman … The minutes of the June 2025 meeting that Paul Whiteman composed were distributed via email. They were accepted with notation of a few typographical modifications.

Treasurer – Paul Whiteman … As of 6/30/2025, NTM had $29,430.07 in total assets, which includes $7,397.86 in checking, $12,032.21 in savings, and a note receivable of $10,000. The RG account balance was $3,127.71. After reimbursements, the spring New Members Party had a total cost of $590.80. As of July 20, 2025, NTM had $7,796.87 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 … NTM gained 36 members.

Ombudsman – Roger Durham … Nothing to report

Marketing – Juan Faura … Things are in process for our own NTM logo, which can be used on our own branded merch in our own forthcoming online swag store. Logo options should be forthcoming soon.

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

Gifted Youth – Bill Rock … Two families showed up for virtual reality on Saturday the 19th. The August event is visiting the Medal of Honor museum in Arlington.

Editor – Bill Rock … "Minutes arrived on Friday; one last change to the RG registration form (hopefully this weekend) will send the M-Aura to the printer after the board meeting"

Scholarship – Lauren Ogden … Scholarship recipients from NTM were shared. There was discussion about ways to spotlight them on our website and/or in the M-Aura.

Calendar – Sara Hawkins … "The calendar is going great! Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything from me."

Webmaster – Jonathan Bethune … Jonathan will communicate to Sara Hawkins, to ensure she is able to update the calendar on the website via WordPress. Priority is put on making sure everything works properly for the RG (e.g., registering, paying, and accessing registrations).

Testing Coordinator – Rebecca Raymond … "We have two attendees currently testing in our July session. Our next session is Saturday, August 2. I've moved our schedule to earlier in the month for August/September to get us ready for 2 sessions in October for Mensa month!"

Social Media/Facebook - Collene Goldman … "All going fine. Over the past month we have 969 followers and 718 post 'likes.'"

Programs – Karen Brack … For July, we are discussing interesting books we've read, with the potential for book swap. For August, Roger Durham will highlight instances of stupidity among the criminal element. Increased attendance at the general meeting would make it easier to get speakers. [Anyone interested in speaking should contact Karen.]

Regional Gathering – Karen Brack … There was much interest at the AG and we have received some registrations. In addition to other venues, RG details are and/or will be shared with national, region 6, and the chapters therein, so that they can help advertise.

Bylaws Committee – Chris Cree, Roger Durham, and Paul Whiteman … The suggestions Randy Brack made helped solidify the draft which is ready for board approval. 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.

Nominating Committee – Bill Rock … Committee members: Laura Stuart, Sara Hawkins, and Anne Whiteman

Election Committee – Lauren Ogden … She will become conversant with the relevant aspects of the job that are detailed in the "2025 Officer's Handbook."

2. Actions: The following actions were taken.

* A motion was made by Paul Whiteman, seconded by Chris Cree, and passed by the board to have Randy Brack modify the bylaws draft to limit only the president and vice -president to two consecutive terms in the same role.
* A motion was made by Chris Cree, seconded by Paul Whiteman, and passed by the board to have Randy Brack submit the bylaws draft to national for review and permission to ballot.
* A motion was made by Chris Cree, seconded by Chuck Weis, and passed by the board to appoint Randy Brack to the Bylaws Committee.

After recommendation from the Gathering Committee, a motion made by Paul Whiteman and seconded by Juan Faura was passed for Cathy Allshouse to submit a letter of intent to national to express NTM's interest in hosting the 2027 Mind Games.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20PM after a motion was made by Paul Whiteman to that effect, which was seconded by Chuck Weis, and subsequently passed.

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