

Cincinnati Area Mensa
Executive Committee Meeting
July 13, 2008
Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order – Bob Charlton 1727
- II. Attendance
 - A. Excomm members – Bob Charlton, Heidi Macneal, Rick Magnus, Bryan Mott, Virginia Plottel, CE Reutter, Peggy Stapleton
- III. Correction/approval of Minutes of meeting held on 6/8/8 – Bryan Mott. Move to accept the Minutes with corrections by Rick Magnus – 7/0/0 Approved.
- IV. Reports
 - A. 2008 RG – Steve Fletcher has resigned as RG Chairman due to health issues, but has left the RG preparations in great shape. Heidi Macneal has completed the programs and Virginia Plottel has hospitality under control.
 - B. LocSec – Rick Magnus – “Conversations with Mensa” podcasts are now available at www.mensafoundation.org/conversations. LSAT evaluation is free in August. CAM web site did not win Best Mid-Size Web Site Award.
 - C. Membership – John Cunningham – We have until end of month (July) to contact lapsed members for reimbursement. 3 transfers in and one new member. Current member count, 329.
 - D. Web site – Misty Richmond – Looking good.
 - E. Scholarship – Tom Vonderahe – Tom is recovering from an infection and, although the results have been received, the announcement of the winners will be on hold for his recovery.
 - F. Activities - Games night was a success. MG picnic also a success with 30-35 attendees.
 - G. Mencinnatian – Is now being posted to CAM & AML web sites.
 - H. Culture Quest – Neither team was in the top 20.
- V. Old Business
 - A. Financial Assistance Policy – Changes from 6/8/8 meeting were made. Additional changes: Remove the part after the colon in section 1B, change “approve” with “vote upon” in section 3C, and “...shall receive more than three years of assistance.” to be changed to “...shall receive a maximum of three years of assistance.” in section 2A. Move to accept the Financial Assistance Policy & Procedure draft with the previous changes made by Rick Magnus – 7/0/0 Approved.
- VI. New Business
 - A. Move to accept with regrets Steve Fletcher’s resignation as 2008 RG Chair by Rick Magnus – 7/0/0 Accepted.
 - B. Move to appoint Misty Richmond to 2008 RG Chair by Rick Magnus – 7/0/0 Approved.
 - C. Activities
 - 1. Peggy’s Clubhouse has been reserved. GenX canoe trip (date unknown), GenX camping trip (Rocky Fork, Huston Woods, or

John Bryan) tentatively set for September 12-14. Halloween Party at CE's 10/18/08 to possibly be combined with an RG prep event.

- D. Future Excomm meetings: 8/9 @ Peggy Stapleton's Club House, 9/14 @ Plottel's, 10/12 @ TBD.
 - E. Discussion regarding membership numbers on Excomm petitions. Some feel there is a need to simplify the process.
- VII. Good and Welfare
- A. To wish Scholarship Chair Tom Vonderahe a full and speedy recovery.
 - B. To wish Steve Fletcher continued good health and thanks for his great work on setting up the 2008 RG.
 - C. Congratulations to Thea Teich on earning Associate Fellow for the Society for Technical Communication.
- VIII. Adjournment – Move to adjourn by CE Reutter @ 1847 – 7/0/0 Approved.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY & PROCEDURE CINCINNATI AREA MENSA

Adopted: 7/13/08

I. Policy

A. Mensa is neither a charity nor a necessity. However, we recognize that an active member may have hard times such as to make it in the interest of both the member and Cincinnati Area Mensa that the group extend short-term financial assistance to a member in payment of Mensa dues.

B. All financial assistance is to be in the form of interest-free loans, to be repaid at such time as the aided member is able to do so.

II. Assistance Amounts

A. An initial assistance loan shall normally be in the amount of annual dues, but may be less if requested by the assisted member. A member shall receive a maximum of three years of assistance.

III. Procedure

A. Excomm shall appoint a member of the group as Financial Assistance Coordinator ("FAC"), whose name and contact information shall be listed in the Cincinnatiian and on the website with other group officers.

B. Members seeking financial assistance will apply to the FAC, providing such information as the FAC requests as to Mensa participation and financial circumstances. The FAC will keep information received private, but may, with the permission of the member seeking assistance, ask other members for further information or verification of information provided.

C. Upon approval of an assistance loan, the FAC shall notify the LocSec, the applying member and the Treasurer. The LocSec will arrange for Excomm to vote upon the loan and appropriate the money, without knowing identity of the member being assisted. Upon Excomm's approval of payment, the Treasurer will send a check payable to American Mensa, Ltd. to the FAC for the dues to be paid. The member to be assisted shall send any forms (e.g., renewal form, PDQ) that are to be submitted with the dues to the FAC. The FAC shall mail the checks and any accompanying forms to the National Office.

D. Loan repayments from a member shall be sent to the FAC, who shall send the money on to the Treasurer.

E. The FAC shall keep a record of outstanding loans in a form that can be transferred to and understood by a successor FAC.