

MARCH BOARD MINUTES

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The March regular meeting of the Lone Star Mensa board of officers convened at 7:20 PM, Thursday, March 6, 2013 at Carver Public Library, Rooms 2-3, 1161 Angelina, Austin, TX. Attending were **Andrew Badgely, Don Drumtra, Ron Edelstein, Geri Neemidge, John Neemidge, Aaron Rabushka, Leslie Stevenson, Doug Williams and Douglas Yee**. The board adopted the agenda and the minutes of the February regular board meeting as printed in the March *Armadillo Literary Gazette*, and adopted the minutes of the February special board meeting as printed, except for noting that **Doug Williams** also attended the meeting. The *Gazette* is available on the LSM Website and paper copies are available on request.

The board received the following officer reports and took the following actions:

- **LocSec:** No report given.
- **Treasurer:** No report given.
- **ComComm:** Sean Medley has reported that he is unable to take over the ComComm as expected; we will begin searching for another ComComm chair. The Board discussed advertising in the ALG; the Post Office is checking us for it. We are unlikely to run afoul of the restrictions, but we must keep advertising below 10% or we risk significant trouble. Advertisements for gatherings which include hotel information are considered advertising.
- **EdComm:** No updates.
- **MemComm:** Fixed mail.
- **SymComm:** Our speaker will be Dr. Michael Brenner from UT. We are working on finding speakers for future monthly meetings. Several ideas were discussed.
- **Lone Star RG 2014 Committee:** RG is moving along; contract still in progress. Draft website is in progress.
- **Website Working Group:** Our website designer has moved out of the group. We are still hoping for that site to become our website, but she is currently very busy and has not been able to devote the time to it that was planned. Various options for moving forward were discussed.
- **Mind Games Committee:** We have 309 room nights reserved as of Mar 6 and 224 Mind Games registrations as of Mar 6, 2014. Both numbers are at expectations.
- **Nomination and Election Committees:** Elections are done. No challenges were received by the deadline so the election results are final. The records have been turned over to the Records Manager, and the committees, having completed their work, were automatically dismissed. These committees successfully managed the first full election complete with balloting since the current bylaws were adopted. Their work will set the standard for future elections. The board praised the Chairman, Linda Edelstein, and the committee members, Janet Kres, and Patsy Graham, for their ground breaking work.

New Business:

- Ryan Robinson, from Austin's planning department has volunteered to speak at an upcoming meeting.
- We have a teenage Mensa Member who wants to do volunteer work within the chapter over the summer. There are several possibilities, but we are not sure if Mensa would even truly count for what he needs. We will work with him to see what the options are.
- The Board discussed our participation in Mensa Testing Day.
- The Board discussed the Leadership Development Workshop to be held at the AG this summer in Boston.
- The Board passed a motion to commend the 2013-4 standing committees and coordinators for their support of LSM.
- The board provided advice for the incoming President on potential chairs of the standing committees (Com, Ed, Mem, Sym). The main advice was to consider the two candidates for the Board who were not elected. Andrew Badgely was present and may be interested.
- The Board provided advice for the incoming President on independent and special officers for 2014-5. Current officers serve until removed from office; however, Ron Edelstein is not permitted by the bylaws to continue as Ombudsman or Arbiter.
- The Board discussed possible goals for the 2014-5 board.
- The Board discussed dates, times, and locations for LSM meetings for 2014-5. Members expressed a great deal of dissatisfaction with Thursday nights and with the Carver Branch location on weeknights. The Board discussed having a combined board meeting, monthly meeting, and games night on the same night. The plan adopted is for a Saturday afternoon Board meeting, followed by the speaker meeting, followed by Games Night. There will be further discussion in April; our current plan is to transition to the new schedule in May, as Mind Games is in April on the same weekend.
- The Board very briefly discussed the budget for 2014-5. No action was taken
- There was a brief discussion of testing opportunities for blind potential members.

Announcements:

- The next monthly Board meeting was scheduled for 6 - 8 PM, Saturday, Apr 5 and Saturday, May 17 at Café Express. The May meeting time, date, and location is tentative.
- The next regular Monthly Member meetings are scheduled for 6:45-8:15 PM, Monday, Mar 10, and Monday, Apr 14, at the Carver Branch Library.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.