

LSM Board of Officers Meeting Announcement for June 21, 2014

Howdy Lone Star Mensa Members, Board of Officers & Special Committee Chairs!

The May 2014 Board meeting information - mark your calendars:

1:00PM, June 21, 2014

Twin Oaks Branch of Austin Public Library: 1800 S. Fifth St., Austin, TX, 78704

A draft of agenda is provided below.

Reports vs. Agenda items:

In order to streamline effective meetings in a limited amount of time:

Reports will be added to minutes but not read during the meetings, so if there are specific needs/issues/changes/etc that should be brought up, please add these to the agenda.

Agenda items would require the person adding the item, or a designated, knowledgeable representative, to come briefly present the item that should be addressed.

All Special Committee Chairs: please email me a brief report that you would want added to the minutes. Also let us know if anything needs to be added to the agenda, and either you or a designated, knowledgeable representative, to come briefly present the item that should be addressed.

Board Members: please email me if you are unable to attend this meeting. Also let us know if anything needs to be added to the agenda, and either you or a designated, knowledgeable representative, to come briefly present the item that should be addressed.

All: Please also let me know if you have any updates to your preferred contact information, which should include:

*Name

Address (will not be included on website contact information)

*Telephone Number

*Email Address

****Items that will be included on website contact information***

If you would like to add or change the photo that we have of you on the website, please send it in an email and I can forward the photo and contact information to the appropriate people to update the website.

Thank you!

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**Lone Star Mensa
Board of Officers Agenda
1:00PM June 21, 2014**

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Introductions, Call to Order

Present:

1. Motion to adopt the agenda for this meeting: _____

Corrections/Additions:

2. Minutes of the **May 17, 2014** Board meeting not published until July 2014 ALG newsletter

3. Reports from senior officers and standing committees

- a. **President:** Geri
- b. **Treasure:** Douglas
- c. **ComComm**
- d. **EdComm**
- e. **MemComm**
- f. **SymCom**

4. Reports from special committees

- a. **LonestarRG Committee:** Leslie, Johnnie
- b. **Bylaws Review & Revision Committee:** Johnnie

5. Unfinished business

- a. **Tabletop Displays:** Leslie
Need more money? What do we want? (Bringing report)
- b. **Website**
- c. **Forums:** Leslie
Did we like the idea and want to set up one for the new website (Douglas?)
- c. **Newsletter Editor Appointment:** Geri
Stephanie Hilliard

6. New Business

- a. **Term Limits & Presidential Appointments Discussion:**
- b. **How do we pay for supplies online without shelling out our own cash?** Leslie
- c. **How are we serving our area? Possible Member Survey time again?** Leslie

7. Announcements

- a. General Members meetings will be following the Board of Officers meetings on the following dates and locations:

At Twin Oaks Branch of Austin Public Library: 1800 S. Fifth St., Austin, TX, 78704

July 19th: 1:00-4:45PM: Board meeting followed by General meeting
August 16th: 1:00-4:45PM: Board meeting followed by General meeting
At the Old Quarry Branch of Austin Public Library: 7051 Village Center Dr., Austin, TX, 78731
September 20th: 1:00-4:45PM: Board meeting followed by General meeting
October 18th: 1:30-4:45PM: Board meeting followed by General meeting
November 15th: 1:00-4:45PM: Board meeting followed by General meeting

b. Upcoming Testing Dates

Two testing sessions at the RG (Saturday and Sunday)

c. Trying to plan an event in Bryan College Station area for Aug 1-3 - contact

LeslieLStevenson@gmail.com

8. Motion to adjourn: _____ Time: _____

June 21, 2014 Additions to the agenda

Ron Edelstein

Newsletter:

Discussion and resolution the format and content guidelines to be given to the newsletter editor for publication, going forward.

Discussion and decision on physical layout of the newsletter--whether folded or flats, size (number of pages), frequency of publication.

Method of printing and publication:

Stickering and labeling by LSM members and posting through the USPS bulk mail facility or **printing labels by the printer and direct mailing by the printer with no further action by LSM members.**

This was discussed to some extent by the board last meeting but no conclusions have been reached. **This is both a social activity and a cost issue to be resolved.**

Method of holding LSM board votes for actions, propriety of e-votes and what constitutes an "emergency" which permits **such actions.**

Propriety of taking unilateral actions on decisions which are still open for discussion and have not been decided by the board.

Michael Richards

I believe that if we want to participate in the scholarship program again this year, someone has to be put forward by the board as the chair. I'm willing to serve again.

Doug Williams

I think we need to discuss what opinion(s) the board wants Geri to pass on to our RVC and the other RVCs on these(and possibly other) issues since important business will be conducted prior to and during Mensa's Annual Gathering at the beginning of July.

Dear LSM Board Members,

Here are some points to consider for your discussion regarding the ALG Editor position this coming Saturday.

First of all, if you've read the ALG you know I have included the following paragraph in every issue under Editor's Choice:

"I'm always happy to hear from our members. You can send in comments/reactions to newsletter items, ideas, poetry, essays, or whatever else you'd like to contribute."

Yet not one of you has ever come to me with any suggestions to improve the newsletter. Then without warning, at the last board meeting Geri pulled out several previous issues and proceeded to raise supposed problem after problem, yelling at me and humiliating me in front of all of you. Was that professional behavior? Is it any wonder I was hurt and upset?

Secondly, if you are establishing a term limit for the Editor position, to be fair you must establish a term limit for every appointed position. Assuming you do so, please publish this information so that our members are informed.

Thirdly, it's not that I wanted to hold on to the title of Newsletter Editor for life for myself. It's just that, given my illness, this job is the only one I was able to do well just sitting at my computer and I took a lot of pride in it. I would have been happy to work with other talented writers who might have a lot to offer the LSM community. But I was never offered that opportunity.

Rose M. Berkowitz