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- 910227 The RG Chair is directed to present a broad budget proposal to the ExComm that shows the intent to break even.
- 910327 The authority to settle disputes is delegated to an ombudsman subject to the following rules:
- I. Since the ExComm is accountable for disputes (by bylaws), the ExComm has decided to,
 - a) vest the appointed ombudsman with the authority to decide disputes
 - b) hold ExComm dispute hearings only if the ombudsman is not accepted by the disputants or if the ombudsman findings are disputed by the interested parties.

 - II. Assignment of an ombudsman must be agreeable to both disputants. The disputants will be offered, in order,
 - a) the ExComm-appointed Ombudsman
 - b) an ombudsman-appointed surrogate
 - c) a disputant-nominated surrogate.
 - 1) If none are acceptable, see I.b, above.

 - III. Ombudsman or Surrogate Procedures (after the ExComm assigns the problem and disputants accept the assignment)
 - a) Obtain a signed agreement by the disputants agreeing to binding arbitration.
 - b) Petition for, and review, written complaints and depositions.
 - c) Conduct fact-finding interviews with the disputants.
 - d) Obtain a signed agreement, from the disputants, honoring findings.
 - e) Provide diplomatic compromises whenever possible.
 - f) Keep all information, except the findings, strictly confidential.
 - 1) Except the ExComm may release findings it deems relevant to the general membership.
 - g) Seal all information. It is to be opened only if disputants have further need for an Ombudsman.
- 910424 Boston Mensa shall confine its charitable contributions to scholarships.
- 911029a The RG seed fund is part of the General Fund.
- 930127b The LocSec is authorized to appoint an independent committee to determine the recipient of an annual Gloria Saltzberg Memorial Award. It cannot go to a member of the committee or to someone who has received it in the past. The award will be a plaque honoring a Boston Mensa member who has contributed substantially to the chapter.
- 931027a The ExComm adopted Robert's Rules of Order, as published in The New Robert's Rules of Order, Revised Edition, Barnes & Noble 1993.

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- 940427a The Treasurer is directed to maintain a separate bank account for the entire scholarship fund.
- 940427b The lamp made by Paul Sullivan for a wedding present to John and Ralphine Coons is to be passed on to incoming LocSecs when they take office.
- 940831a The Editorial Policy is adapted.
- 940831b A host/hostess may disinvite anyone to a Mensa event in their home. A person hosting a Mensa function in a non-public place has the right to exclude anyone from the event, and the sponsor of any Mensa function has the right to evict anyone whose conduct is disruptive or harmful. [From 891005]
- 940928 ExComm attendance should be noted in three categories, preceding each meeting's Minutes: ExComm members attending, Absent ExComm members, and Other attendees.
- 950125 Barbara Crowley Canup has been granted a permanent subscription to the Beacon.
- 950830 The Editor can use his/her judgment concerning the announcement of non-Mensa charitable causes. Conflicts may be taken to the ExComm.
- 960327 Requests for dues waivers shall be referred to the Ombudsman, who will investigate the request and make a recommendation to the ExComm.
- 970603 The abbreviation of the Executive Committee is standardized to ExComm.
- 010117b Beacon advertising rates for non-members are set at double the rate for members.
- 020224 Mensa members may receive online/email final copies of the Beacon for 1/2 the printed subscription price.
- 020324b The refreshment budget for MOGs is set at \$25 maximum per meeting. [From 910925b]
- 020324c There will be no admission fee to the MOG. Voluntary Contributions are encouraged. [From 910925c]
- 020324d The maximum honorarium for MOG speakers is \$50.
- 020324e Authorize spending \$75 maximum per meeting on a venue for the MOG.

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- 020324f The Beacon shall only be distributed to members and individuals with offers to join Mensa; the Boston Mensa Membership Directory shall only be distributed to members. [From 001018 and 020324a]
- 020324h Meredy Amyx has been granted a permanent subscription to the Beacon.
- 020324i The Beacon USMail Subscription rate for Mensa members is set at the maximum allowed by law and AML. [As of 2000-03-24 this is twice the newsletter reimbursement rate from AML and would amount to \$13.50 per year.]
- 020324j ExComm meetings are open to all active members of Mensa. Non-members of Mensa may attend meetings by invitation of the ExComm. [From 891107b]
- 020324k The Recording Secretary should carry Robert's Rules of Order (as published in The New Robert's Rules of Order, Revised Edition, Barnes & Noble 1993), current chapter by-laws, the Proctor policy, and a list of standing policies made by the ExComm (ASIEs) to all official ExComm meetings. The Recording Secretary is responsible for maintaining the ASIEs. [From 001213a, 940330, and 930331a]
- 020420a That all bank accounts held by Boston Mensa, including but not limited to, the general account and the RG account, require two signatories, at least one of whom is to be a voting member of the ExComm. [From 910828b]
- 020420b Beacon advertising rates are set for members at \$50 per full page, \$30 per 1/2 page, and \$15 per 1/4 page. [From 910731a and 010117a]
- 020420c No other events may be listed against any officially sponsored Boston Mensa event (e.g. NE AG, NE Pilgrimage RG, Cape Cod Gathering, MOG, ExComm Meeting, Newsletter Review, Beacon Mailing, and any other event as decided by the ExComm). Note that this is an absolute and is not meant to be overridden by the Calendar Editor nor the event host and also applies to listing out of group events. [From 940525 and 001213b]
- 030623b Motion that the Webmaster take any obsolete records off the website and send them to the recording secretary (and any other interested parties) for archiving on the Yahoo Group.
- 030623c Motion that any new member, upon confirmation of their membership, may be sent an electronic copy of the Beacon by the MemCoord or a member of the ExComm until the new member's regular subscription starts.
- 040308a Motion that the editor should verify that anyone who subscribes to the Beacon is a Mensa member in good standing at the time they subscribe and that

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the subscription should continue until it expires without the need to recheck the membership.

- 040308b Motion that any appointment (LocSec appointment or otherwise) in Boston Mensa must consist of a recent offer by the appointer and subsequent acceptance by the appointee to be considered valid.
- 040726 All 'Other Officers' as listed in the Officer roster of the Beacon should give the ExComm a quarterly report (in person, by mail, or by email) on their activities. This should be presented to the ExComm at the meetings in Jan, Apr, July, and October; or at the next meeting following that month if there is not a meeting in one of those months.
- 040913a To authorize the Webmaster to setup a secure section of our website open only to members of Boston Mensa using the technology and services provided by American Mensa.
- 040913b Any member of Boston Mensa hosting a Mensa event in their home which is listed in the Beacon Calendar may request reimbursement with receipts for up to \$30 per month without the prior approval of the ExComm; additional reimbursement in circumstances such as holiday parties requires the prior approval of the ExComm. [From 910731a, 0911029b, and 020324g]
- 040913c To authorize the editor to outsource the Beacon mailing. [From 030224]
- 040913d The Webmaster be directed to maintain on the public portion of the website current versions of the Bylaws, ASIEs, and Editorial Policy as directed by the ExComm. [From 030623a]
- 041018 It is an intent of Section 2 of the Bylaws that for event to be listed in the Beacon it must be sponsored by a Mensa Member.
- 0512024a Any officer or appointed position of Boston Mensa may ask for reimbursement by submitting receipts for up to \$40 per fiscal year for phone calls, postage, copying, or other supplies used in the performance of their position without any additional prior approval. [From 030331]
- 051024b The following is the procedure for ExComm votes other than at meetings.
1. A vote of the ExComm may be taken between meetings.
 2. The Chair for the vote may be the LocSec or the Assistant LocSec if the LocSec is unavailable.
 3. Such a vote shall be used only for circumstances that, in the judgment of the Chair, require an ExComm decision before the next scheduled meeting.
 4. The text of the motion and an explanation of the issue shall be sent by email to all ExComm members in advance of the vote. The Chair is responsible

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for assuring, to the best of his or her ability given the circumstances, that all ExComm members are adequately informed of the vote and given an opportunity to participate.

5. Whenever possible, votes shall be taken by email. If necessary they may be taken in person, by phone, or by other means as deemed appropriate by the Chair.

6. A vote will be treated as an ExComm decision only if a majority of ExComm members participate (including explicit votes to abstain) and a majority of those voting vote in favor.

7. At the next ExComm meeting following the vote, the Chair is responsible for reporting the motion voted on, the members participating in the vote, and the outcome of the vote. This shall be included in the minutes of that meeting.

051208 The money from this year's 50-50 raffle and any future RG 50-50 raffles and / or silent auctions are earmarked for the Boston Mensa Scholarship Fund.

060306 ExComm members will not be excused from meetings in the future except in extraordinary circumstances.