Boston Mensa - Actions Still In Effect (ASIEs)

2012-01-09

19910227.1 The RG Chair is directed to present a broad budget proposal to the ExComm that shows the intent to break even.

19910327.1 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.

19910424.1 Boston Mensa shall confine its charitable contributions to scholarships.

19911029.1 The RG seed fund is part of the General Fund.

19930127.2 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.

19931027.1 The ExComm adopted Robert's Rules of Order, as published in The New Robert's Rules of Order, Revised Edition, Barnes & Noble 1993.

19940427.1 The Treasurer is directed to maintain a separate bank account for the entire scholarship fund.

19940427.2 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.

19940831.1 The Editorial Policy is adopted.

19940831.2 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]

19940928.1 ExComm attendance should be noted in three categories, preceding each meeting's Minutes: ExComm members attending, Absent ExComm members, and Other attendees.

19950125.1 Barbara Crowley Canup has been granted a permanent subscription to the Beacon.

19950830.1 The Editor can use his/her judgment concerning the announcement of non-Mensa charitable causes. Conflicts may be taken to the ExComm.

19970603.1 The abbreviation of the Executive Committee is standardized to ExComm.

19010117.1 Beacon advertising rates for non-members are set at double the rate for members.

20020224.1 Mensa members may receive online/email final copies of the Beacon for 1/2 the printed subscription price.

20020324.2 The refreshment budget for MOGs is set at $25 maximum per meeting. [From 910925b]

20020324.3 There will be no admission fee to the MOG. Voluntary Contributions are encouraged. [From 910925c]

20020324.4 The maximum honorarium for MOG speakers is $50.

20020324.5 Authorize spending $75 maximum per meeting on a venue for the MOG.

20020324.6 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]

20020324.7 Meredy Amyx has been granted a permanent subscription to the Beacon.

20020324.8 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.]

20020324.9 ExComm meetings are open to all active members of Mensa. Non-members of Mensa may attend meetings by invitation of the ExComm. [From 891107b]

20020324.10 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]

20020420.1 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]

20020420.2 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]

20030623.1 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.

20030623.2 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.

20040308.1 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 the subscription should continue until it expires without the need to recheck the membership.

20040308.2 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.

20040726.1 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.

20040913.1 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.

20040913.3 To authorize the editor to outsource the Beacon mailing. [From 030224]

20040913.4 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]

20041018.1 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.

20051024.1 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]

20051024.2 The following is the procedure for ExComm votes other than at meetings.

a. A vote of the ExComm may be taken between meetings.
b. The Chair for the vote may be the LocSec, or the Assistant LocSec, if the LocSec is unavailable.
c. 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.
d. The text of the motion and an explanation of the issue shall be sent by email to all ExComm members.
e. The Chair for the vote shall be considered the mover. No second is required for an email vote.
f. Ninety-six hours shall be considered adequate time for ExComm members to respond. The vote may be closed earler than this at the Chair's discretion upon receipt of a 2/3 response.
g. 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.
h. 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.

20051208.1 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.

20060306.1 ExComm members will not be excused from meetings in the future except in extraordinary circumstances.

20071016.1 Any event which is listed in the Beacon and not held three times in a year may not be listed in the Beacon for twelve calendar months.

20090720.1 If someone puts a blue dot on their name tag at a chapter sponsored event, their picture should not be taken and/or published in any form and that if anyone requests a their picture be taken down it should be taken down. [Modified 5 Oct 2010 to use orange wristbands instead of blue dots.]

20100209.1 The Chapter Timeline is adopted as official chapter document.

20100413.1 Membership of the Boston Mensa Facebook Page is restricted to members of Boston Mensa or anyone approved by a Boston Mensa officer.

20100413.2 Any member of Boston Mensa may have an event listed on the Boston Mensa Facebook page, but only offcial events will have invites sent out, and non-offcial events will have a disclaimer added.

20100801.1 The following Meetup Group Policy is adopted:

a. At LocSec's discretion any group member may be made an admin (type TBD by LocSec).

b. Recommended: LocSec, Webmaster, Membership, Activity Coord are "Co-Organizers".
c. Any Mensa member may be an "Event Host" at a Co-Organizer's discretion.
d. Mensa members + family/SO's may join group at a Co-Organizer's discretion.
e. Prospects & lapsed members may be added to group for 60 days at Membership's discretion.
f. Any Event Host may post events.
g. Any group member may send messages, etc. as determined by group confg.
h. Care should be taken that event contact information and locations (particularly members' homes) are not publicly visible unless the event is open to public (like testing, for example).

20100801.2 It is Boston Mensa policy not to grant dues waivers. [Supercedes 19960327.1]

20110328.1 ExComm meeting minutes shall be posted to the password-protected area of the Boston Mensa website.

20110512.2 No other events may be listed against any offcially sponsored Boston Mensa event (e.g. Region 1 AG, Boston Mensa RG, ExComm Meeting, and any other event as decided by the ExComm) except with the prior approval of the ExComm. [Supercedes 20020420.3]

20110730.1 The Beacon's calendar section boilerplate shall contain the following notice: "Those wishing not to have their pictures published should notify photographers at events."

20110730.2 Members of Boston Mensa, who list and host an event, may be reimbursed for up to $50 in receipted expenses per calendar month. [Supercedes 20110512.1]

20120109.1 The Records Retention Policy is adopted as official chapter document.