June - July - August 2024

Greater Phoenix Mensa's Official Newsletter

# GPM Quarterly

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## AML Regional Officers

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| ***National Events Youth Program Coordinator*** | |
| Lisa Webster | youthevents@us.mensa.org |
| ***Regional Vice Chair, Region 9*** | |
| Kelly-Marie Jones | rvc9@us.mensa.org |

## Activity Coordinators

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| ***Ahwatukee M Happy Hour (Second Tuesday)*** | |
| Mike Riordan | phxlaw@mac.com |
| ***Original Games Night! (Fourth Saturday)*** | |
| Chris Ingle | christopher.ingle@yahoo.com |
| ***East Side Dine Out (First Thursday)*** | |
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## Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

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| ***GenX Ms SIG*** | |
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| ***Science and Technology SIG*** | |
| Marni Landry | scitechsig@phoenixmensa.org |

### New GPM Ombudsman Appointed

GPM now has an Ombudsman, David Snyir has stepped up and has been confirmed by ExCom. Members may now reach him at **ombudsman@phoenixmensa.org.**

***QUESTION: WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF WE STOPPED PRINTING THIS GPM QUARTERLY AND JUST SENT OUT A PRINTABLE PDF ATTACHED TO AN EMAIL?*** (We could save over $2000/yr) email a response to editor@phoenixmensa.org. *You could help now just simply log into your profile at the national Mensa site and in your "My Communication Preferences" and in "Publication Preferences" select "Electronic" for Local Group Newsletter. You will get a printable document via email.*

**Treasurer's Report FYTD as of 28 Jun 2024**

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| Income | 2,427.66 |
| Expenses | 3,080.63 |
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| CU GPM General Account | 9,197.15 |
| CU GPM Savings | 55.00 |
| Total | $9,142.15 |

# GPM ExCom Minutes

**Submitted by David Pivin, Recording Secretary**

The ExCom meets the 2nd Sunday of each month primarily by Zoom Teleconference or at the Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85004, at 2 PM (Consult GPM Live Web Calendar for actual location ).

***ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND INVITED TO ATTEND***

**April 14, 2024**
The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present online were LocSec Marni Landry; Recording Secretary and MAAM Editor David Pivin; Treasurer Jim Delton; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; Members at Large Lynda Zeise, Judy Herrmann and Seth Forester; Members Laura McGirr, and Ruth Forester; Guest Pete Costantino.

**Approval of Minutes**
ExCom Meeting, 10 March, 2024 - Motion to Approve by Richard Morris. Lynda Zeise seconded. Motion passed at 2:01.

**Old Business**
- LLL Recap - Laura gave feedback survey results: Venue 4.7 / 5, Presentation 4.1/ 5. Used the feedback to plan to do some things differently. Budget $2000 plus tax and gratuity, actual spent $2664.30 29 attendees. Pete is going to do a firewalk with Lara the speaker.
- RG Status - Still a no-go, but a modified two-day possible as Pete suggested. Venue choice uncertain. Continue to consider a T-Day Feast and a 3 speaker mini RG on Friday.
- Hospitality Plan Status - Ruth - every other month new member meeting planned. Invite new members to July ExCom in-person. Pete bought a machine to create buttons to give to new members and introduce hospitality members to them . Pete asked for more Mensa give aways. Marni would obtain. Dave Pivin has the Squeezy Brains.

**New Business**
- National Annual Financial Report - submitted by Jim Delton. Motion by Jim to change our fiscal calendar to match National April 1 to Mar 31, seconded by Dave Pivin approved 2:25PM.
- Adopt a Road trash bags needed to be obtained from 7506 E. Indian School Road or Horizon Park, 15444 N. 100th St. Laura said she would pick up bags.
- 7/14/24 In Person Meeting - Invite new members.

**Officer Reports**
Treasurer - Total Cash $9,850.12, Checking $9,795.12, Savings $55.00.
March Recap:
Recurring Monthly Expenses are:
- Mail Chimp email: $24.30

Ad Hoc Expenses are:
- $97.96 for new members and for Misc Learn, lunch, Linger

Recurring Income is:
- Dues from National: $783.75
- Dividend from CU: $0.81

Ad Hoc Income is:
- Zero

Anticipated expenses for April are:
- $25 for Mail Chimp.
- $100 for Forum Speaker Lunch and new games
- $695 Park Place Printing for Quarterly NL
- $2117 balance due for Learn, lunch, Linger

Anticipated balance at end of April is:
- $9850 + $800 (dues) - $2937 = $771

MAAM Editor - Working on limiting numbers of GPM Quarterly. Forum being taken over by Greg Pitz.
All others - NTR.

**Comments from Members or Guests**
- Pete showed his custom made button.
- David Snyr got an email from Chad saying he resigned his national ombud post. Also got an email from a Globe member who wanted to start "something" in Globe but nobody had gotten back to him.

**Next Meeting**
12 May 2024, 2:00 PM by Zoom Teleconference.

**Adjourn**
Motion to Adjourn by Richard, Jim Delton seconded. Motion passed at 2:50 PM.

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**May 12, 2024**
The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present online were LocSec Marni Landry; Recording Secretary and MAAM Editor David Pivin; Treasurer Jim Delton; Assistant LocSec Gene Holmerud; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; Members at Large Judy Herrmann and Seth Forester; Member Steve Broe; Guest Pete Costantino.

**Approval of Minutes**
ExCom Meeting, 14 April 2024 - Motion to Approve by Richard Morris. David Pivin seconded. Motion passed at 2:01 PM.

**Old Business**
- Nominating Chair Slate Report - linked to a file with the following:

LocSec, Marni Landry
Assistant LocSec, (none)
Recording Secretary, Barbara Dabul
Treasurer, Jim Delton
Member at Large 1, Judy Herrmann
Member at Large 2, Seth Forester
Member at Large 3, Laura McGirr
Parliamentarian, Richard Morris

LocSec asked if there were any additional nominations. None noted. Motion to declare the candidates elected by Gene Holmerud, Jim Delton seconded. Approved 2:07 PM. Motion to approve Gene to be Assistant LocSec by Richard Morris, second by Judy Herrmann. Passed by 2:08. Notice of all officers to be in MAAM and eUpdate, LocSec to report to NO.
- Monthly testing stipend change announced, no significant impact to GPM testing program.
- A Certified Proctor is moving to the area later this month and will be added to our list. We hope to be adding a session in June.

**New Business**
None

**Officer Reports**
Treasurer - Balance in GPM Accounts = $7762.97 + $55.00 = $7817.97
April Recap via email to ExCom:
Recurring Monthly Expenses are:
- Mail Chimp email - $24.30

Ad Hoc Expenses are:
- Misc Office supplies - $4.33

Recurring Income is:
- Dues from National – $806.75
- Dividend from CU - $0.62

Ad Hoc Income is:
- Zero

Anticipated expenses for May are:
- $25 for Mail Chimp.
- $100 for Forum Speaker Lunch ($30) and new games reimbursement ($75)

Anticipated balance at end of May is:
- $7818 + $800 (dues) - $125 = $8493

All expenses for the Lunch, Learn, Linger event have cleared and the Total for the event was $2671.09
RecSec - Glad to see I have a replacement for next term.
ISComm - Notified by MailChimp that we went over our 1500 member list limit and raised our monthly charge by $5. Currently we operate three independent eLists with that total number of subscribers. MAAM Digest and eUpdate are around 650 each with the third list is for Prescott, Yuma, and Flagstaff with a total of about 130.
Parliamentarian - Potential MAD venue search involved sticker shock. $3500+
All others - NTR.

**Comments from Members or Guests**
Laura McGirr - Same experience with venue $ choices experienced by Richard. Still wants to put together another MAD.

**Next Meeting**
9 June 2024, 2:00 PM via Zoom Teleconference.

**Adjourn**
Motion to Adjourn by Richard Morris, Chorus seconded. Motion passed at 2:36 PM.

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**June 9, 2024** (pending approval)
The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM as a Zoom teleconference. Present online were LocSec Marni Landry; Recording Secretary and MAAM Editor David Pivin; Treasurer Jim Delton; Parliamentarian Richard Morris; Members at Large Judy Herrmann and Seth Forester; Members Barbara Dabul (phone), and Ruth Forester; Guest Pete Costantino.

**Approval of Minutes**
ExCom Meeting, 12 May 2024 - Motion to Approve by Richard Morris. Jim Delton seconded. Motion passed at 2:02 PM.

**Old Business**
- Request for dues coverage - No response from candidate.

**New Business**
- Updated Minimum Standard Bylaws for Local Groups and Model Bylaws for Local Groups (Link to GPM Bylaws) New Checklist dated 20240309
- Laura McGirr volunteered to review the checklist and report whether there is an impact to our Bylaws.
- FB group member review - Jim Delton moved that we revise the current rules that membership in the group open to current members or those who had been in the past 5 years. Marni Landry seconded. Passed at 2:32 PM. Dave Pivin to implement the change to Greater Phoenix Mensans Facebook Group.

**Officer Reports**
Treasurer - Balance in GPM Accounts = $8405.13 + $55.00 = $8460.13
May Recap sent via email to ExCom:
- Recurring Monthly Expenses are:
- MailChimp email - $36.00 [increase due to an added block of email addresses when we exceeded 1500]

Ad Hoc Expenses are:
- Speaker lunch tab - $31.21
- Reimburse Games Purchase (ck 2000) - $75.24

Recurring Income is:
- Dues from National – $783.92
- Dividend from CU - $0.69

Ad Hoc Income is:
- Zero

Anticipated expenses for June are:
- $36 for Mail Chimp.
- $35 Forum Speaker Lunch

Anticipated balance at end of June is:
$8460 + $775 (dues) - $35 (Forum) = $9200

MAAM Editor - Explained the increase in MailChimp cost.
RecSec - Talked to incoming RecSec Barbara Dabul who was present for this meeting via phone.
Parliamentarian - Still looking for a venue, got an input from Helen Goldman, but expensive. Will send a write up to ExCom for a review.
All Others - NTR

**Next Meeting**
14 July 2024, 2 PM in person at Burton Barr Central Library, 2nd Floor North end, remote support by Zoom if needed.

**Adjourn**
Motion to Adjourn by Gene Holmerud, Richard seconded. Motion passed at 3:15PM



## RVC9 Article - April 2024

***From Rachel Kibler - RVC9***

Happy April, Region 9! My magnolia tree is starting to bloom, and I'm looking forward to all trappings of spring. I'm also looking forward to my last events as Region 9 Vice Chair (RVC9), namely the San Diego Regional Gathering (RG) over Memorial Day weekend. If you want to join me there, register at https://sandiegomensa.org/events/regional-gathering/. It'll be… groovy! I will be at the Annual Gathering (AG) in July, handing off the reins to Kelly-Marie Jones from Channel Islands Mensa as your new RVC9. There's still time to register for it! Check out https://ag.us.mensa.org/ for more info. We will be co-hosting a meet and greet for Region 9, so come meet her and say goodbye to me!

I am so appreciative of all the support you've given me over the past three and a half years. It's been a wild ride at times, and it's also been an honor to serve you in this way. From constructive feedback to expressing your anger and frustration with me, I've heard it all and tried to do my best by the region.

As always, many local groups are looking for volunteers. One thing I keep hearing is that people want more events that appeal to them. The way to make this happen is to host them, let your board know so the board can advertise them, and show up! The adage "be the change you wish to see" holds true for Mensa events, as well as the future of the organization. The worst that can happen still leaves you with a pleasant evening, if you plan an event you're interested in. The best that can happen is that you find new friends, have fantastic engagement, and start a beloved tradition. What do you want your legacy to be?

Show up. Be engaged.

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## RVC9 Article - May 2024

***From Rachel Kibler, RVC9***

Happy May, Region 9! We're well into the throes of spring here in Utah, though at the time of this writing, I'm in New York to see the eclipse. It was cloudy, but totality was still really neat. The birds stopped singing, bats came out, and dogs started barking. In spite of the cloud coverage, I teared up at the suddenness of the darkness.

We're coming down to the end of my term! It has been a joy to serve you, and I hope Kelly-marie has a great time with it too. Volunteers are the lifeblood of this organization, so please be kind to her. On that note, please be kind to all the volunteers. Everyone cares about making Mensa a great experience for people, from people who host events to our valiant newsletter editors to those serving on boards. They all deserve your respect. I've heard of members verbally attacking volunteers who run events, and that is decidedly not okay. If you're not pleased with how events are run, there's always room for more events, so please step up and run them yourself.

You can find me at the San Diego Regional Gathering (RG) in just a few short weeks! Register at https://sandiegomensa.org/events/regional-gathering/. After that, you can find me at the Annual Gathering (AG), where I will be blissfully finishing up a few things with leadership development and not sitting in board meetings. Registration is still open at https://ag.us.mensa.org/, and it will be a lovely time.

There are a few people in Region 9 who have been immensely helpful to me during my tenure. One is the incoming Region 9 Vice Chair (RVC9), Kelly-marie Jones, out of Channel Islands Mensa, who served as my Region 9 ombud for the past three years. Her ability to solve problems has been wonderful. Another person is Jenn Morris, from San Diego Mensa, who has been my assistant to the RVC. Her counsel has proven invaluable. And then there's not enough praise in the world to be given to the brilliant Jen Guy, from Greater Phoenix Mensa, who took on the role of Regional Gifted Youth Coordinator. She is incredible and has done great things for the youth programs that we value so highly. Please thank these three remarkable people when you see them (or drop them an email!).

As always, you can reach me at rachelregion9@gmail.com. Thanks for all you do!

## RVC9 Article - June 2024

***From Rachel Kibler, RVC9***

Hello for the final time of this term, Region 9! I've been reflecting on the past 45 months, since taking office in September of 2020 as Regional Coordinator and then becoming Regional Vice Chair (RVC) in July of 2021. It's been quite the ride.

Region 9, the Far West, is a vibrant and fun region with lots going on, and I'm proud of all you've done with your local groups in this time. You've figured out how to gather virtually and then come back together and gather in person. You've had turnover on some boards, bringing in new blood, and have kept local groups going, providing stability.

You've voiced opinions and reached out with concerns and questions. You've shown up when the calls for help have gone out. You've come out to meet me when I've visited your local groups. You've been volunteers and participants and have been all the best that Mensa is.

I apologize for the times I've let my emotions get the best of me, and I'm sorry for the times I haven't been the most attentive. Being RVC is a volunteer position with a lot of responsibilities, and I've done my best, but at times it hasn't been enough. I wish I could have done more.

I'm proud of all we've done in Region 9, and I can't wait for Kelly-marie Jones to make her mark as your new RVC. I think I'm proudest of what the leadership development committee has done, with the Level Up! program and our virtual leadership development workshops (LDWs).

Keep in touch. I'm keeping the same email – rachelregion9@gmail.com. But for now, in the immortal words of Douglas Adams, "so long, and thanks for all the fish!"

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## Mensa Acronyms & Calendar

**AG:** Annual Gathering (convention)
**AMC:** American Mensa Committee (Nationally elected/appointed Officers)
**AML:** AmericanMensa,Ltd. (National Office Employees)
**ASIE:** Action Still In Effect (Existing AMC or GPM policy)
**ExCom:** Executive Committee GPM Greater Phoenix Mensa
**LDW:** Leadership Development Workshop
**LocSec:** Local Secretary/President
**M/Ms:** Mensan/Mensans
**MERF**: Mensa Education & Research Foundation
**MIL:** Mensa International, Ltd.
**NO:** NationalOffice
**RG:** Regional Gathering
**RVC:** RegionalViceChair
**SIG:** Special Interest Group
**SIGHT:** Service of Information, Guidance and Hospitality to Travelers

## Calendar Event Codes

**MO:** Mensans, guests and prospects only.
**ME/P:** GPM Event, public welcome.
**PE/M:** Public event, Mensans welcome.
**GYP:** Event hosted by our **Gifted Youth Program** to support our youth members, families and guests.

**IMPORTANT NOTE**: As of the time this calendar was printed, the following information was current. For more current information and updates, please go to the website**:**
**http://www.phoenix.us.mensa.org/**

### October date is TBD - Adopt a Road

9:00 AM to Noon - ME/P - ADOPT A ROAD - Join your fellow Mensans in cleaning the GPM mile in Scottsdale (Osborn Rd from Scottsdale Rd. To Hayden Rd.). Meet at 9am in the Dentistry of Old Town Scottsdale parking lot at 7449 E Osborn Rd. Trash bags, Gloves & Safety vests provided. Hats, good walking shoes, water, trash picker-upper gripper, & sunscreen recommend. I have 4 trash grippers and 10 prs of gloves. Convene afterward at Denny's on Scottsdale Road. (No host) RSVP to locsec@phoenixmensa.org so I can plan accordingly. For more information about the program https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/citizen-service/adopt-a-road.

## Monthly Event Details

***1st Thursday*** (moved tp 2nd Thurs for July)

- ME/P - East Side Dine-Out - 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM - Join us July 11th at Il Vinaio, 270 W Main St, Mesa, AZ 85201 Please RSVP by text or email by the Tuesday before to Les Rees - lesrees@yahoo.com, Mobile: 623-274-8970, New Mobile Phone: 480-476-2458. Returning to 1st Thursday in August at location TBD.

***2nd Sunday***

- MO - Executive Committee (ExCom), 2 - 3 pm via Zoom Teleconference or at Burton Barr Central Library, Rm A ***. Consult GPM Online Calendar for Zoom Link. MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!***

***2nd Tuesday***

- ME/P - Ahwatukee M Happy Hour, 5:30 - 7:30 pm Join us for a drink, a meal and stimulating conversation. Michael Riordan, PHXRiordan@gmail.com 480.335.9890. Every second Tuesday at CK's Tavern & Grill, 4142 E Chandler Blvd, Phoenix, AZ 85048

***2nd Wednesday***

- ME/P - Whine and Dine Happy Hour, 5 - 7 pm - Due to scheduling conflicts, only one meeting per month from now on. Location: Manuel's Mexican Restaurant 2820 E Indian School Rd. Phoenix AZ. It will be necessary to RSVP Bill Taylor by noon Tuesday, the day before, as to whether you are coming or not, at otherbill60@hotmail.com, so he will be able to make reservations for the actual number attending.

***2nd Saturday***

- ME/P - GPM Forum 2024, 10:00 AM to Noon. For July, Artificial Intelligence, presented by Nick Smith at Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N Central. On HIATUS August thru October. Please RSVP to Forum Coordinator, Greg Pitz at forum@phoenixmensa.org for more info.

***3rd Saturday***

- MO - Mensa Dine-Out - 7:00 - Closing. Location Varies Each Month. RSVP to Ellen Milner at elsbells417@ yahoo.com before Thursday, before to reserve your place. If you were a previous no show who didn't let me know, priority will go to those who did.We welcome newcomers and visitors to give this event a try. We're a very friendly group. AE - Adult Event.

***4th Saturday***

- MO - 6:00 to 11:00 PM - Original Games Night! Owl is $2.00 per person. SO, WBC. New host, Chris Ingle may be contacted at christopher.ingle@yahoo.com or by cell at 520-240-9810 for detailed directions to location near Baseline Rd and Loop-101 in Tempe.

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**GPM Virtual Meetiings**

While all events have resumed in-person meetings, the ExCom and two regular virtual events continue. This might be a good time to try and join one of these meetings. They are attended well by many GPMers you already know. Full details on how to join are available on our web site:
**http://phoenix.us.mensa.org/Info/index.html**

***Sundays at 6:00 PM***

**VIRTUAL IDEA EXCHANGE** discussion group. You may propose anything of interest to you. We discuss the topic(s) of most interest. A book, movie, news item, TV report, idea - ANY TOPIC of your choice. Join Zoom Meeting (visit the detailed link above for details) Pete Costantino, pete@usa1944.com, will run this meeting. Audio and Video required for participation. Contact: Jim Delton, jimntempe@yahoo.com. Feel free to email Pete (cc Jim) with your proposed topics.

***Saturdays at 3:00 PM***

**MENSA / INTERTEL VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR** - Even introverts get tired of being by themselves after a while! Are you getting tired of only talking to your pets? Connect virtually with other introverts on Zoom! (visit the detailed link above for details) Use the Zoom app, or use Zoom in your browser, or use the audio on your smartphone. Just follow the links on "Join Zoom Meeting". Audio and Video required for participation. BYOB - Bring Your Own Beverage, Contact Judy Herrmann, MensaDinner@gmail.com.

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