

June 9, 2007

ExCom Minutes

We began to assemble in room 220 of the Main Library at 10 AM on Saturday, June 9. Dave Shiffman and Neville Mayfield were first to arrive, followed soon after by Charlotte Milton, David Stowell, and then Aimee Sufka. With an ExCom quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 10:30, following an informal discussion of the proposed bylaws and some suggested revisions. Greg Childers was absent (excused) due to a business trip, and Whitney Hartman (excused) due to a previous personal commitment. Whitney called in to discuss the new bylaws proposal, which we all had received the previous evening from the Bylaws Committee. Due to multiple changes just prior to the meeting, we did not adopt or operate from a formal agenda.

Shiffman moved to amend the Bylaws Committee proposal Articles III and VIII, with additional changes proposed by Charlotte and adopted, 3-0. After determining that Whitney was in agreement with submitting the modified proposal, Shiffman moved to accept it as amended - Adopted 3-0. Charlotte will modify the primary text according to our discussion and agreement, and submit the final Bylaws proposal to National.

Shiffman nominated Joe Baker as North Mississippi Area Coordinator - Approved, 3-0. Joe joins Joyce Townsend and Alan Rasmussen in this task, and each will be asked to host a local social event for their respective group during this year. Our Treasurer (Aimee) informed us that we have sufficient funds to allocate \$100 each for events in our three remote locations, and we discussed the possibility of conducting a formal ExCom meeting at each location. This serves the dual purpose of involving our rural members in Mensa operations and perhaps encouraging attendance by Memphis residents. Shiffman proposed allocating \$100 for each area - Adopted, 3-0. Shiffman will inform Joe Baker that the ExCom has accepted and confirmed his nomination, and ask him, and each of the other Area Coordinators, to prepare a social event for their group that could include an ExCom meeting.

James Carden is now officially a Proctor In Training in North Mississippi, and we plan to have him certified in time to participate in Mensa Test Day in October. Also, Joyce Townsend has recommended Jane Overall of Jonesboro as a new Proctor. I have sent Jane the necessary application and instructions, and will attempt to have her certified by October, as well. Shiffman proposed accepting National Mensa's request that we participate in the Mensa Test Day (10/06 to 11/04) national promotion - Approved, 3-0 (confirming earlier Email poll of ExCom.)

Memphis area residents have been awarded TWO scholarships this year. Charlotte Milton will receive a McGrew-Fruecht Scholarship for 2006-2007 in the amount of \$500 from the Board of Trustees of the Mensa Education and Research Foundation. Also, Waverly Carl McFarland Jr. will receive a MERF award of \$300. And in addition, Memphis Mensa will award \$300 from a local, anonymous benefactor. But with two winners, Shiffman proposed that Aimee ask our anonymous benefactor to specify how the award should be distributed - Approved, 3-0

Neville proposed a newsletter advertising rate of \$5.00 for a single, quarter page, black & white ad, and \$10.00 for color. Shiffman proposed instead to use a sliding scale considering column

inches, number of issues, color, and saturation, and based on sample cost. Neville withdrew his proposal, and Shiffman agreed to work with Neville to establish a sound basis for advertising policies and rates.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM