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**Message #4 - Exciting End Of Term In Sight!**

**Robert K Roth, LocSec**

I must admit that I am pleasantly surprised by the signs of life that I have observed in SCAM within the last month. I have spoken to several individuals who have stepped forward to express interest in becoming active in the group.

On the prior page, you will notice the addition of Julie Costopoulos as Membership Chair. She has hit the road at full speed by working with Testing Coordinator Hank Rhodes to hold a successful test cycle for several candidates on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Julie has indicated that she will be preparing several more potential members for testing in November and 2019. YOU can assist in this effort. You, and every Mensa member, were mailed a TEST COUPON CODE from the American Mensa National Office in September. If you have not used, nor intend to use, this code to help a friend or associate test for FREE, please send your code to Julie Costopoulos at [costopoulos@fit.edu](mailto:costopoulos@fit.edu). Your generous gift of your unused test coupon code will help our new membership chair reverse the trend of recent years and actually increase the size of SCAM membership.

**GEORGE PATTERSON**, who served as LocSec for seven years this century died October 16<sup>th</sup>. George was a man of towering intellect, whom I was just getting to know this past 18 months. We offer our deepest condolences to his wife Barbara. Anyone who knew George better than I did, is invited to write about him for a future issue. I am sure it would be interesting reading.

Rob

**Next ExComm Meeting is November 13th at 6:30 pm, at the home of Karen Freiberg (address on page 2). You are invited and encouraged to attend. You will enjoy the companionship of like-minded persons engaged in intelligent conversation. An RSVP would be appreciated.**

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## Report of The NomElComm

*Robert K Roth*

There are five positions on the Space Coast Area Mensa Executive Committee (ExComm). These five director positions shall be filled in an election to conclude in December 2018.

Directors are elected “at large.” Once elected, the five directors meet to elect their officers to serve for the next year. In addition, they will vote to either replace or reinstall the many volunteer position holders that support the ExComm.

The NomElComm (Nominating and Election Committee) this year is comprised of Wynn Rostek and Lee McLamb. A third member may be added if a volunteer presents him/herself.

The NomElComm has issued its final report to the LocSec that the following candidates have expressed interest in serving in one of the five ExComm positions, are approved by the NomElComm and shall appear on the ballot:

Julie Costopoulos

Karen Freiberg

Jenny Stewart

Aron Travis

Val Valek

**You are encouraged to consider submitting your name to serve on the Executive Committee for 2019, by sending your intentions by email to Wynn Rostek, Chair NomElComm, [wynn.rostek56@gmail.com](mailto:wynn.rostek56@gmail.com). You may also mail your self-nomination to Wynn Rostek, 3456 Willis Drive, Titusville, Florida 32796-4535.**

**All nominations received NOT LATER THAN November 1st, shall be included on the OFFICIAL BALLOT mailed to members shortly thereafter.**

Are you the Mensan at work? Do you work with other Mensans...or...are you the only one? If the latter is true, do your coworkers know that you are in Mensa? What about your boss? What are your impressions and experience at work? Do you have a leadership position? Do you serve in any kind of “support” (formal or informal) role? Does your status as a Mensan have a positive or negative **A Mensan In The Workplace**

impact on your work relationships? Finally, if preparing a resume, would you include your Mensa membership as an item (or would you state that you qualified to join Mensa)? Why or why not? Let us hear from you.

## **Report From RVC10, Thomas G Thomas**

In the aftermath of Hurricane Michael, American Mensa reached out to members in affected areas including Northwest Florida Mensa, Tallahassee Area Mensa, North Florida Mensa, Tampa Bay Mensa, and Mensa In Georgia. The most badly hit group was Northwest Florida Mensa, and while initial efforts to reach those members have received a limited response (only 30 out of 170 members have checked in as safe as of this writing), outside of our efforts some members have reported that they are safe and have continued with their activities such as happy hours and a local group picnic in late October. The American Mensa Committee (AMC) has appointed **Carole Lane** of San Diego Mensa as Disaster Relief Coordinator. She'll help organize our relief effort for those in need by mobilizing and promoting fundraising efforts, coordinating with SIGHT officers to provide temporary shelter, and facilitating the temporary housing of animals. Carole can be reached at [disastercoordinator@us.mensa.org](mailto:disastercoordinator@us.mensa.org).

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The AMC held its fall meeting in Arlington near the national office owned by the Mensa Foundation. It was recently announced that the office building was sold by the Foundation, and our operations will be moving to a new facility in December. More detailed information about the move can be found at <https://www.us.mensa.org/featured-content/mensa-on-the-move/>.

Actions taken during the AMC meeting included the creation of the AML History Task Force, to be chaired by Howard Prince, and the referral of three motions regarding changes to the ASIEs regarding Responsibility to Control Offending Parties to the Event Safety Task Force (a fourth motion was defeated). The agenda and mini-minutes for that meeting, as well as an audio recording, can be found at <http://us.mensa.org/meetingreports> by selecting 2018-09-29 - Arlington, TX from the dropdown. The next meeting of the AMC will be a teleconference on October 30. The agenda for this meeting has not yet been finalized but will likely include approval of the minutes from the September meeting (after which they will be posted at the preceding link), as well as discussion of proposed Bylaws changes to be presented to the membership in the 2019 election.

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Speaking of the 2019 election, the Election Portal has been opened (announced in the Mensa Wired e-newsletter on September 18), and information can be found at <https://www.us.mensa.org/lead/amc/elections/2019-board-election/>. Online candidate petitions for the AMC will be available from December 1 through January 31, although manual petition signatures may be gathered earlier using the forms at the link above.

The American Mensa website has a wealth of information for members wanting to serve at the National level, whether as an elected official or by volunteering for several of the national committees. Most important of these are the policy documents, including our Constitution, Bylaws, and Actions Still In Effect (ASIEs). These can all be found at <https://www.us.mensa.org/read/policy-documents/>.

# Sept/October 2018 Calendar Of Events

## OCTOBER

27<sup>th</sup> - **SNORT**, 5:30pm to ? Naoki Restaurant 3360 Dixie Hwy (US1), Palm Bay.

## November

- 11/1 - Deadline to receive self-nominations for ExComm Election.
- 11/6 - Sonny's BBQ, Melbourne, dinner/meet-n-greet, 6-7:30 PM.
- 11/13 - **ExComm Meeting and Disorganized Discussion Symposium**, 6:30 pm. Home of Karen Frieberg (See page 2 for address).
- 11/18 - All member meet-n-greet, Village Inn, Titusville, 2 PM
- 11/24 - **SNORT**, 5:45 pm. Naoki Restaurant, 3360 Dixie Hwy, Palm Bay.
- 11/25 - **GAME NIGHT!** At Robert K Roth's house, (RSVP/directions at robertkroth734@aol.com), Arrive anytime 1 PM, or later, until exhaustion. Light refreshments. BYOG or Exploding Kittens anyone?

### The Fine Print for Calendar Events:

Members are eligible to attend SCAM social functions. Escorted or invited guests of a member or host are invited as well. Adult family members of Mensans are also encouraged to participate in SCAM activities. However, attendance at any social function in a **private home** is subject to the hospitality (approval) of the host. Compliance with published house rules is required, and "kitty" payment is not optional. As a courtesy, notify the host if you plan to attend. Announced hosts should attend their events or arrange for a stand-in when unavailable. When reservations are required, you may not be able to participate if you fail to call.

*S-smoking, NS-no smoking, SS-separate smoking space provided. P=pets in home, NP-no pets present, BYO-bring your own: \_\_snacks, \_\_drinks, \_\_everything. SNORT-Saturday Night Out dinner at the Round (rectangular) Table.*

### A Mensan in the Family?

Are you the Mensan in your family? Or, is your spouse, child, parent or sibling the Mensan in your household? Are two or more (maybe ALL) in your household Mensans? If any of these apply, The SCAM is soliciting an article from you. All members of SCAM or family members are invited to respond. What are your impressions and experiences?

## **Minutes of September 2018 ExComm Meeting**

SCAM ExComm meeting 9/18/2018.

Called to order 6:07 p.m. at 876 Buxmont Ct., Rockledge, Fl.

Members present: Karen, Rob, and Val. Val took minutes. Guest present: Doug Starke.

Previous minutes approved.

Treasurer's rpt submitted.

No testing rpt.

LocSec rpt – Milestones for Election. We looked at our new “improved” bylaws and, although all the information is present, election information is confusing at first glance. More on election of SCAM ExComm below.

SCAM MiniGathering is on indefinite hold

Rob suggested SCAM represent at the Tampa RG - perhaps a SCAM Suite.

Newsletter Fold Staple and Label will be during Oct 17 ExComm meeting at 876 Buxmont Ct. 6:30 p.m.

SCAM ExComm vacancies – Rob suggested Karen update SCAM webpage.

New Business – upcoming election. NomElComm needed. Val suggested Wynn Rostek. Her action to ask him to head NomElComm. Mr. Rostek will arrange for three volunteers to staff the three-person committee.

Deadline for self-nomination to NomElComm is Oct 1. Members are encouraged to run for ExComm!

The ExComm adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday Oct 16 at 6:30 p.m. at 876 Buxmont Court, Rockledge.

**WELCOME TO SCAM**

**Jane Hertz**

**Link Kezer**

**WELCOME BACK!**

**November & December BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

Gregory Showman, November 1<sup>st</sup>  
Joann Webster, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
Warren McClure, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
Allan Torsney, November 11<sup>th</sup>  
Michael Benedict, November 13<sup>th</sup>  
Harold Long, November 19<sup>th</sup>  
John England, November 21<sup>st</sup>  
Thomas Magee, November 26<sup>th</sup>  
Desmond Macauley, November 27<sup>th</sup>  
Roberta Brock, December 9<sup>th</sup>  
Jim Fitzgerald, December 11<sup>th</sup>  
Christopher Glass December 16<sup>th</sup>  
Eric Bram, December 21<sup>s</sup>  
Travis Elmore, December 30<sup>t</sup>