

## MENSA OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

Bylaws Amended May 7, 1999

1.

A. The name of this organization shall be MENSA OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK (hereinafter called MoNNY).

B. MoNNY is a local group of American Mensa, Ltd., and is subject to the Constitution of Mensa, the Bylaws of American Mensa, Ltd., and the resolutions adopted by the American Mensa Committee. American Mensa, Ltd. is herein abbreviated as "AML" and the American Mensa Committee "AML".

2.

A. Membership in MoNNY shall be open to all members of AML, in good standing in the geographic areas assigned to MoNNY by the AMC, or as otherwise assigned by AML.

B. Mensa members in good standing who are not also members of MoNNY are welcome to participate in the social activities of MoNNY at the discretion of the host or hostess. The National Ombudsman, his surrogate and members of the AMC shall be permitted to participate in the business affairs of the local group in the discharge of their official duties.

3.

A. The President of MoNNY shall be the chief executive officer and shall have the responsibility to conduct business on behalf of the membership, with other local groups and with the AML; preside over all business meetings of the Executive Committee and the memberships; appoint all committees and appointed officers except the Nominating and Election Committees. The President shall notify the national office within two weeks of the result of elections or any changes in officers of the local group.

B. The Vice President shall assist the President, preside over meetings in the absence of the President and succeed to the office of President if that office becomes vacant. In addition the Vice President shall assume such duties as are needed.

C. The Secretary Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of business and Executive Committee meetings and for keeping an account of funds belonging to the local group. The Secretary Treasurer shall disburse funds as needed and shall provide a financial report at least every six months for publication in the local newsletter. These financial reports shall contain schedules of income, expenses, and balances for all funds under control of the local group including RGs, scholarships and other special funds. In the event of the offices of both President and Vice President becoming vacant the Secretary Treasurer will assume the office of President.

D. The Editor shall edit the local group's newsletter. The Editor shall publish notices of meetings and programs, required ballots, results of business meetings and elections, amendments to the bylaws and related discussions and ballots, financial reports and shall prepare and publish Post Office forms if required.

E. The President shall appoint a Mediator to serve as needed in the Local Group area or adjacent Local Group areas.

F. The President shall appoint whatever other officers and committees deemed necessary in order for the effective functioning of the local group. These may include but are not limited to Membership Chairman, Program Chairman, Gifted Children Coordinator, Proctor Coordinator, and Area Coordinator. Their term of office shall be until an election and the installation of offices takes place. The executive committee shall replace them in the event of death, resignation or the inability to serve. Three consecutive unexcused absences from business meetings shall constitute cause for removal from office.

G. All elected and appointed officers must be current members in good standing of AML and of the local group. At the end of their term all officers are required to turn over all files and other materials within four weeks.

4.

A. The term of elected officers shall be for two years running from November 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>. Elected officers may be removed from office by reason of resignation, death, inability to serve or by recall election. A recall election may be called for by a petition signed by not less than ten percent of the membership listed on the current American Mensa accounting and it shall cite reasons for such an action. The balloting provisions of a regular election shall apply. A recall election must be held within 60 days of presentation of a properly qualified petition at either a regular or special meeting of MoNNY.

B. In the event that any elected office other than that of the President becomes vacant prior to the end of the term the President can appoint a qualified member with the approval of the majority of the remaining members of the Executive Committee to fill the vacancy until the next election.

5.

A. Elections shall be held on even years. No later than July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of the elections, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Nominating Committee of at least two members, which shall, no later than the deadline for the August newsletter, provide a list of nominees for each elective office. The report of the nominating committee shall be printed in the August newsletter. In addition any member may make a nomination at any membership meeting prior to the deadline for the September newsletter and if seconded it will be placed on the ballot.

B. No later than September 1<sup>st</sup> the Executive Committee shall name an Election Committee of at least two members who shall be responsible for conducting the election, receiving and counting the ballots and certifying the results. Neither members of the Executive Committee or candidates for the elective officers may be on the Nominating or Election Committee.

C. The ballot shall be printed in the September newsletter. Ballots shall be cast in person at a September meeting or may be sent by mail. All ballots must be received by October 10<sup>th</sup>. The election results will be announced at the October business meeting or will be available no later than October 20<sup>th</sup>. Any challenge must be made to the Executive Committee no later than October 30<sup>th</sup>. Any challenge must be resolved by the existing Executive Committee by December 13<sup>th</sup>. Any action by the newly elected body will not be effected by the outcome of such a challenge.

D. There shall be an annual financial review conducted during the month of November conducted by someone other than anyone who held the office of Secretary-Treasurer the previous year. It shall include all bank statements, receipted bills, and such other records as are necessary.

6.

A. Membership meetings shall be held at least once a month at an event designated in the newsletter. A quorum of five members will be necessary to transact business. A special business meeting may be called by the President or at least five percent of the members. The call to the meeting shall state the business to be transacted and the agenda is limited to the matters specified.

B. The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers and three appointed officers chosen by them. It shall meet when needed as determined by the president or a majority of its members. Members of the Executive Committee who hold more than one office will be limited to a single vote.

7.

A. Amendments to the bylaws may be proposed by the vote of a membership meeting. Such proposed amendments shall be submitted to and approved the American Mensa Committee before balloting by the local group membership. Following AMC approval, proposed amendments and ballots shall be mailed to all members either as an insert in, or as part of, the local newsletter.

B. There must be a minimum of 90 days between the date of publication of the proposed amendments and the deadline for received ballots.

C. An amendment to the bylaws shall require a two-thirds affirmative vote to pass.

D. These bylaws and any amendments shall not take effect until approved by both the AMC and the local group membership.

8.

A. AML has granted a royalty free, non-exclusive license to MoNNY for the use of the mark "Mensa" and a logo, consisting of a globe over a stylized "M" within a border, in connection with the services and purposes of MoNNY. AML retains full ownership of the mark and logo and all statutory and common law rights in the mark and logo.

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