

Deb Stone – Candidate for AML Chairman

It's almost election time as I write this; don't forget to vote! Electronic voting is the default this year for the first time. If you would prefer a paper ballot for AML voting, you can request one through the American Mensa website or by calling the National Office. Make your voice heard!

I hope you will consider giving me your support. I'm a 31 year Mensan, and an active volunteer for 28 of those years. I have held almost every local position, I have been RVC1, and I have helped run 3 AGs (in 1994, 2004 and 2014.) I have seen the ways Mensa has changed over the years, and also the ways it has not changed. I think we need a new direction – and I would love the opportunity to work toward that.

I think our current national focus is on Mensa the organization, not Mensa the members. But members are the heart of Mensa. I think our current actions are based too much on how things have always been done. But how we have done things is not necessarily how we should do things. I believe that, with the right information we can determine what resources and programs can help Mensa grow and thrive. But we either don't have that information, or we don't have access to it. I believe that Mensa needs strong leadership on the AMC. But I don't believe we have enough of it right now.

If elected, I will engage in what I am calling an 'agonizing reappraisal' of the way we run Mensa. That means working to change the organizational focus back to having members be front and center, and finding ways to use their volunteer spirit and expertise at the national level. That means looking for new ways to do things, to reflect the changing world around us. That means transparency much beyond what exists now. And that means metrics that help us understand whether the things we are doing are actually a benefit to Mensa.

For more about my views on AML or the bylaws amendments, please visit my website (DebStoneforChair.wordpress.com), Facebook group (Deb Stone for Chairman) or email me at debforchair@gmail.com.

I would appreciate your vote!

