

# Mensa Los Angeles

## Agenda, Secretary Ross' draft, for the Regular monthly meeting of the chapter's Board of Directors

2021 December 4th, Saturday at 11 AM, local time; 18:00 UTC, 27458 days since the founding  
of *Mensa* on 1946 October 1st

### Attendance

month	September	October	November	December
Officers attended and/or eligible to vote	Albert Bickel Burnett Elliott Munro Nolan Phillips Ross Schneider Seiter Smith Walker Woo	Albert Bickel Burnett Elliott Friedlander Frey Nolan Ross Seiter Smith Stillson Walker Woo	Albert Bickel Burnett Elliott Friedlander Frey Munro Nolan Ross Seiter Smith Stillson Walker Woo	Bickel Elliott Friedlander Munro Nolan Ross Schneider Seiter Smith Stillson Walker Woo
3rd absence consecutive			Williamson	Schneider

### Opening

- Call to Order, on [Zoom](#) #82644795045, by Executive Vice-Chair, Seiter;
- Approval of Amended Agenda, pursuant to motion of a Board member or Committee Chair; and
- Approval of the amended Minutes of the previous month's meeting, pursuant to motion of a Board member or Committee Chair.

### Reports

#### Executive Board

Chair (LocSec) Munro  
Executive Vice-Chair Seiter  
Administrative Vice-Chair Schneider

Secretary Ross  
Treasurer Woo

### **Area Delegates & Secretaries**

1. Mid-City: VACANT, VACANT
2. Coastal: VACANT, Munro
3. San Fernando Valley: Stillson & Bickel
4. East L.A. County: VACANT, VACANT
5. High Desert: Ross, VACANT
6. Inland Empire: VACANT, Woo

### **Members @Large**

Nolan  
Schneider  
Seiter  
Smith  
Walker

### **Committees**

1. Awards, Chair Elliott
2. Elections, Chair Fenig, Deputy Friedlander
3. Finance, Chair Munro
4. Gifted Youth, Chair Walker
5. Membership, Chair Munro, Co-Chair Seiter
6. Regional Gathering, Chair Walker
7. Special Events, Chair Walker
8. Scholarship, Chair Munro
9. Strategic Planning, Chair Munro

### **Coordinators**

1. Archivist, Schneider
2. Data, Munro
3. Historian, Ross
4. *Mensa* Phone, VACANT
5. Mensa Testing, Munro
6. Ombudsman, Friedlander
7. Open Forum, Albert & Ross
8. Periodical Circulation Manager, Stillson
9. Periodical Editor, Frey
10. Public Relations, Ross

11. SIGHT, Chew
12. SIG's, Bickel
13. Social Media, Seiter
14. Webmaster, Gilliland
15. Young Adult *Mensa*, VACANT

## Special Orders

Filling of Board vacancies by standing special order, pursuant to § V-E-4 of the Election Procedures: Should multiple vacancies be filled during the same meeting, our protocol is to process them in the following order: Area [,"being filled in increasing order by Area population",] Secretaries, Area Delegates, Members @Large. — Elliott

The following positions are actually or effectively vacant:

### Executive

Administrative Vice-Chair

Executive Vice-Chair (listed as vacant in our newsletter of November)

Treasurer

### Area Secretaries:

1. Mid-City Secretary

4. East L.A. County Secretary

5. High Desert Secretary

### Area Delegates:

1. Mid-City Delegate

2. Coastal Delegate

4. East L.A. County Delegate

6. Inland Empire Delegate

### Coordinators:

Webmaster

*Mensa* Phone

Young Adult *Mensa*

## Unfinished Business

## New Business

Elections: There is an error in the 2022 notice of the election for our Board of Directors, as printed in our newsletter. Terms stated therein are inconsistent, indicating an error. Fenig is responsible for consulting the bylaws and publishing the correct terms. — Munro

**Closing**

- Good of the Order; and
- Adjournment.

## Appendices (written reports submitted in advance of meeting)

### Executive Board

Chair (LocSec) Munro reports that she is unable to access materials necessary to perform the duties of this office because she is denied access to national data accounts by Kibler & Seiter.

Executive Vice-Chair Seiter

Administrative Vice-Chair Schneider

Secretary Ross has received from Seiter her inquiry of November 18th: “At one point you had mentioned that you were unable to post the meeting minutes to the CCS. Have you resolved that? If not, please send me the past minutes that you have done so I can post them.” Ross replies that he has still not succeeded at mastering the CC system. He will provide to Seiter the meeting minutes he has recorded, this month.

Ross has performed the following regular functions of his office pursuant to ASiE #2018.025 Guidelines for Officers, Los Angeles Chapter: Secretary [29]:

§ (A) [Ross sent his] [draft Agenda](#) to all Board members and other officers between 7-10 calendar days before [the present] Board meeting.

1. General format of the Agenda... remain[s] consistent with recent practice,...
2. All items of Unfinished Business [are] included which are expected to be in order during the meeting. Each entry... include[s] a reference to the Board member or other officer who currently has primary responsibility for that item, and a brief summary of the current status of the item. Items [are] listed in the order in which they were originally introduced.
3. All items of New Business [are] included which are submitted by Board members at least 10 calendar days before the meeting, per Paragraph XIII-C-5 of the chapter’s Bylaws. Items also [are] included if submitted by petition of at least 25 members at least 15 calendar days before the meeting, also per Paragraph XIII-C-5 of the Los Angeles Bylaws. The Secretary shall have discretion to either include or exclude any New Business items requested by other officers prior to circulation of the draft Agenda.
4. All officer reports submitted in advance shall [are] included as appendices in the draft Agenda.
5. [Ross’] method of Agenda distribution is by [his] e-mail list comprising all current Los Angeles officers, and any other Los Angeles members who express interest in receiving such notices, per Motion #2016-025.

§ (B), [Ross has taken and kept,] as [a] permanent record[,], the [Minutes](#) of all meetings of the Board of Directors... .

1. Robert’s Rules of Order states (11th Ed., p.468, ll.16-18) that ‘the minutes should contain mainly a record of what was done at the meeting, not what was said by the members.’ However, it has been found useful within (*sic*) the history of Los Angeles for the official record to include the key reasons offered by Board members either for or against any given proposal, both as an aid in evaluating the performance and wisdom of specific Board members, and also to help inform any subsequent deliberations as to whether some given action should be modified or repealed. It is therefore customarily left up to the Secretary’s editorial judgment as to how much detail of any discussion should be included in the Minutes, subject to override by the full Board.
2. Each set of Minutes once duly approved by the full assembly shall be sent to the Webmaster for permanent posting on the Los Angeles website....
3. [Ross’] draft of each set of Board Minutes [is] circulated to [officer] attendees at earliest practical opportunity, in order to maximize everyone’s freshness of recollection.

§ (C) [Ross has] prepared a shorter summary of [the previous month's] Board meeting, to be known as the '[Mini-Minutes](#)', and sen[t] it to the Editor [in time] for publication in the next available issue of the chapter newsletter. The '[Mini-Minutes](#)'... include a precis of each main motion of Unfinished or New Business addressed by the Board, along with those report items which in [his] judgment as Secretary are likely to be of the greatest interest to the general membership. Length of the document [fell] within recent practice or the Editor's specifications.

Treasurer Woo

### Area Representatives

1. Mid-City

Secretary VACANT

Delegate VACANT

2. Coastal

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Delegate VACANT

3. San Fernando Valley

Secretary Bickel

Nov 20, 2021 5:27 PM

From: Jana Bickel

Craig, Nikki, and I are at the San Francisco RG. Attendance here is 165 to 170. According to Eric Eichorn the RG chairman this is their normal attendance. He said they had higher than usual attendance from outside the group. Based on their experience and the Chicago RG experience which had 2/3 of its usual attendance I think we should be looking at higher numbers for our RG. Of course this predisposes that we have put out enough publicity. I had not brought any RG registrations with me but with Nikki's help we were able to download a form from the Mensa website so we now have some available registration forms. I am getting some questions about our RG including the room rate. I think we need to have an RG meeting to discuss the hotel contract as soon as possible.

Delegate Stillson

4. East L.A. County

Secretary VACANT

Delegate Elliott

5. High Desert

Secretary VACANT

Delegate Ross has written, on behalf of his constituents, to the AML Chairperson, Timmy King:

Timmy King

Chairperson

chair@us.mensa.org,

**Re: "Executive Committee response to the Lindsay Ross [personal pronouns: he, him] complaint concerning Rachel Kibler"**

Mr. King:

Regarding your recent decision, "After reviewing all of the material provided along with all related ASIE's, [you] have decided that [you] will not be sending this to the full AMC nor will [you] take any further action on the matter." Your passive sanction of bullying shows weakness,

lack of perception, and failure of leadership. You looked away from an incident of one girl set upon by four: Eugenia Schneider, Madelline Pinsky Walker, Courtney Seiter, and Rachel Kibler.

Like all catfights, it's over male attention. Schneider phoned me, and others, asking for help in getting national to "fire Alma", saying she'd alienated Brain Madsen. I disputed her opinion that he was a positive force in our group. For twenty years, I've seen women swayed by his cock-sureness. Even now, with no position on the board, they give him the last word on any matter he deigns to enlighten us on, and he declines to relinquish information we need to replace his functions.

Another dimension of their resentment for Munro is suggested by the fact that she used to support herself working as a model. She appreciates the value of attractiveness, something that you spoke to in your quarterly report of Nov. 13th: "Value: American Mensa provides excellent value for the dues our members pay. We deliver value by helping members form communities of common interest, offering great events, and delivering an attractive local group experience." I've been disappointed with AML officer's failures to respond to my various requests for help in pursuing each of these ideals.

Bullies might feel emptied after beating a helpless victim. Each of these queen bees has written reflections that betray this. Kibler's quarterly report is uninspiring and insecure: "I feel like I have accomplished nothing, and I'm going to need to do better about keeping track of things as they happen.... I wish a sad face emoji were acceptable.... GLAAM is also trying to keep things smooth during periods of transition." What is this "smooth... transition" to? We need to agitate officers who've contented themselves with mediocrity. We need to "transition" to dynamic, excellence-oriented leadership. Seiter also alluded to the trouble she's caused, writing to the members of our local group: "This has been a frustrating and difficult chapter for all of us. The best that we can do now is focus on moving forward in the best interest of GLAAM." She doesn't speak for me or for the two officers who quit, citing their disgust with this affair, who Munro and I had been counting on to help us "[move] forward in the best interest of" our group. I'm not complaining of "frustrat[ion] and difficult[y]". I'm fighting adversaries who are weakened by their shame.

Real men aren't going to be volunteering here where the national overlord has acquiesced to "frustrat[ed] and difficult" women in their ganging up on one they're jealous of. Munro reached out to me with respect for the work I'd done in creating "an attractive local group experience" in my (no one helped me) Open Forum program. I returned to the board because she's the first person I've encountered here who isn't hostile to my vision of **Mensa** Los Angeles as a prestige brand.

I'm urging our officers to defy you, by re-electing Alma.

LindsayRoss@Member.Mensa.org,

#### 6. Inland Empire

Secretary Woo

Delegate VACANT

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Editor, Frey: Members can put a free ad in L.A. Mentary on any subject. (Limit 400 characters). We used to have lots of free ads in our newsletter! For everything from “Clocks Repaired” to “Meditation Instruction,” even requests for volunteers to help with area parties. For the December issue, I’ll take ads up to Nov 16. Send your ads to the editor: NikkiFrey22@yahoo.com. P.S. Know anyone who wants to put in a paid ad?

Historian, Ross

*Mensa* Phone, VACANT

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Ombudsman, Friedlander

Open Forum, Chair Albert, Co-Chair Ross

Parliamentarian pro tem, Elliott: Our operating rules (comprising the Bylaws, the Standing Rules, the Guidelines, the Election Procedures, and other documents) are organized into sections and subsections so that we can refer to them quickly that way if needed (Standing Rule 12, Secretary's Guideline E, etc.)

Periodical Circulation, Stillson

Periodical Editor, Frey

Public Relations, Ross

Scholarship, VACANT

SIGHT, Chew

SIGs, Bickel

Social Media, Seiter

Webmaster, Gilliland will leave this office by the end of the year

Young Adult Mensa, VACANT



## Offices & Officers

Executive Board Chair (LocSec)	Munro	Committee	Elections Chair	Fenig
Executive Board Exec. Vice-Chr.	Seiter	Committee	Elections Deputy	Friedlander
Executive Board Admin. Vice-Chr.	Schneider	Committee	Finance, chair	Munro
Executive Board Secretary	Ross	Committee	Gifted Youth	Walker
Executive Board Treasurer	Woo	Committee	Membership	Seiter
Area Secretary 1. Mid-City	Burnett	Committee	Reg. Gathering	Walker
Area Secretary 2. Coastal	Munro	Committee	Special Events	Walker
Area Secretary 3. S. Fern. Valley	Bickel	Committee	Strategic Plan.	Munro
Area Secretary 4. East L.A. Cnty.	VACANT	Coordinator	Archivist	Schneider
Area Secretary 5. Hi-Desert	VACANT	Coordinator	Periodical Editor	Stillson
Area Secretary 6. Inland Empire	Woo	Coordinator	Data, officer	Munro
Area Delegate 1. Mid-City	Albert	Coordinator	Historian	Ross
Area Delegate 2. Coastal	VACANT	Coordinator	MensaPhone	Schneider
Area Delegate 3. S. Fern. Valley	Stillson	Coordinator	Mensa Testing	Munro
Area Delegate 4. East L.A. Cnty.	Elliott	Coordinator	Ombudsman	Friedlander
Area Delegate 5. Hi-Desert	Ross	Coordinator	Open Forum	Albert
Area Delegate 6. Inland Empire	VACANT	Coordinator	Periodical Editor	Frey
Member @Large	Nolan	Coordinator	Public Relations	Ross
Member @Large	Schneider	Coordinator	SIGHT	Chew
Member @Large	Seiter	Coordinator	SIG's	Bickel
Member @Large	Smith	Coordinator	Social Media	Albert
Member @Large	Walker	Coordinator	Webmaster	Gilliland
Committee Awards	Elliott	Coordinator	Young Adult M.	VACANT

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Guideline E under "BOARD MEMBERS, ALL", states that "Any detailed reports and/or specific motions that are offered or proposed should also be presented in written format to facilitate accuracy within the Minutes."

Pursuant to ASiE #2018.025 Guidelines for Officers, Los Angeles Chapter: Secretary [29] A. 4. "All officer reports submitted in advance shall be included as appendices in the draft Agenda."