

Speaking Mensan

Mensans seem to love acronyms. So, for those new- or non-M's, here is a list of the most popular ones. Other terms that apply to Mensa that are not actually acronyms are also included:

Acronyms:

AG	Annual Gathering. A meeting held annually on a national level. Members from across the nation and around the world attend. It provides the opportunity to hear noted speakers and participate in educational workshops, games, tournaments, and various social activities. Read the Mensa Bulletin for dates and location as well as registration information. The Annual Gathering is usually held over the July 4th weekend.
ABM	Annual Business Meeting of the organization; normally held at the AG.
AC	Area Coordinators.
AMC	American Mensa Committee. The governing body of AML. It includes national and regional elected officers and selected appointees.
AML	American Mensa, Ltd. The national organization.
ASIE's	Actions Still In Effect. This compilation reflects actions taken by the American Mensa Committee with the four numbers before the dash generally indicating the year of the action and the numbers after the dash indicating the sequence of actions for that year (e.g., 1994-014 indicates the 14 th ASIE in 1994).
CAP	Community Activities Program. Occasional weekend gatherings held at various locations regarding topics such as Medicine in the 21st Century and The Politics of Politics. They are more intellectual and less social than an RG or AG.
CQ	CultureQuest.® An annual event in which teams across the nation compete in answering questions testing their cultural knowledge. Entry fees provide scholarship funding. CQ is held in the spring.
ExCom	Executive Committee. As generally used, the group comprised of the local elected and appointed officers.
GC	Gifted Child/Children.
GCC	Gifted Children Coordinator.
GOTYA	Group of the Year Award. This program is designed to recognize and reward local groups' membership-related activities. The National Office calculates the point standings of each group.
GYM	Gifted Young Mensans.
IBD	International Board of Directors.
IJ	International Journal

IM	Isolated M. This is a SIG and a pseudo-local group. The SIG publishes a newsletter that connects Mensans from around the world, which serves as the local group for those individuals. Members abroad in the military and foreign members are part of this group.
LDW	Leadership Development Workshop. Coordinated by the RVC in whose region it is held. An LDW provides training and development opportunities for current and potential leaders.
LocSec	Local Secretary. This term is borrowed from our British parliamentary roots and is the equivalent of president. The LocSec is the official liaison with other local groups and AML.
MERF	Mensa Education & Research Foundation. This is a tax-exempt arm of American Mensa that supports education, awards scholarships and grants, and conducts research in intelligence. Their publication, the Mensa Research Journal, is available by subscription.
MOM	Missouri Ozarks Mensa, our local group.
MRJ	Mensa Research Journal.
NomCom	Nominating Committee. As generally used on the local level, the committee that nominates candidates for the coming year's offices. See bylaws.
NTD	National Testing Day.
PE	Prior Evidence. A person who wishes to join Mensa can provide prior evidence of testing and, having achieved the necessary score, gain membership.
PRP	Publications Recognition Program.
RG	Regional Gathering. Hosted by local groups; similar in format to the Annual Gathering, but with a regional focus.
RVC	Regional Vice Chairman. An elected regional representative of the AMC.
SIG	Special Interest Group. National SIG's must be officially registered by AML. A regular column in the Bulletin provides updates on national SIG's. MOM currently has two SIG's, a motorcycle SIG and the LunchBunch SIG.
SIGHT	Service of Information, Guidance, and Hospitality to Travelers. This service provides contact with Mensans in other groups as they travel. Check the semi-annual directory for U.S. SIGHT coordinator information in the Mensa Bulletin.

Other Terms:

InterLoc	A publication that provides a channel of communication among the National Office, the AMC, the local officers, and other interested members. Any member may request a subscription free of charge from the National Office. InterLoc is intended as a forum for the exchange of ideas to benefit Mensa and, as such, encourages debate and permits diversity of opinion.
Mensa Bulletin	The national American Mensa publication. A subscription to this publication is included with American Mensa membership. Non-member subscriptions are also available.

Mensa World	The quarterly publication of the IBD, designed to be a communication link for Mensans in leadership around the world. Check the Bulletin for subscription details.
Mind Games	Mensans meet for a weekend to play games submitted by manufacturers seeking the Mensa Select Seal®.
Project Inkslinger	Continuing project to collect books and funds that are donated to libraries. It evolved from the 1993-94 project to restock a library in Kansas that was destroyed by flooding.
Recorder	The secretary of a local group. See Scribe.
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