

## Summation

99.9 percent of the members of American Mensa have absolutely no interest in running things at the national level. Less than one-tenth of one percent, about 30 members out of 58,000, control American Mensa. In the past those people were, for the most part, responsible stewards, who would come and go every few years. That is no longer the case, as pretty much this same clique has been in power more than twenty years now. They like what they do. They have a very high opinion of themselves. Indeed, they have quite the sense of entitlement. This, in and of itself, would not be a problem in most organizations, as there are normally numerous checks and balances to keep them in line. But Mensa is not a normal organization, as these days there are no longer those checks and balances. Dave Remine saw to that, and his disciples have learned from him well, perfecting his Machiavellian techniques.

It can be tough being a leader of Mensa. The simple fact is that members of Mensa do not need to be “led.” So when those “leaders” cease being simply temporary stewards, and instead find need to impose their will, there is push-back. And so the only way you can stay in power, and impose your will, is to control *every* aspect of Mensa. You must have control over Mensa elections, and Mensa courts, and Mensa media, and Mensa money. You must crush dissent with an iron fist. And above all you *must* have zero accountability. Quite a tall order.

Yet that is precisely the American Mensa of today: Election requirements all but guarantee only those in the clique, who will not rock the boat, remain in power. Corrupt courts crush opposition, while granting those in power complete immunity. Total control of the media lets them lie to and bamboozle the membership while censoring that which they don't want those members to know. Total lack of disclosure lets them keep massive

amounts of the members' money unaccountable. Loyalty oaths eliminate dissent. Add to that a total lack of transparency, along with a naïve, trusting membership, and you have all the bases covered, and thus, remarkably, *zero* accountability. This, sadly, is the Mensa of today.

Yet that is the way those who run things like it. Indeed, that is the way they *need* it. Because those who run Mensa today are not "leaders." They are anything but. They are followers. They are, for the most part, nobodies, who are suddenly somebodies. Big fish in a little pond. Many have little else in their life outside of Mensa.

Indeed, these are clearly some of the worst people who could possibly run Mensa. Simply because they so *need* to run Mensa. Being smarter than everybody else they have gotten away with things their entire life and think they still can. Many have insatiable egos. But what they have most is arrogance, as is evidenced time and again. The arrogance of that local Atlanta board that fails to honor its agreements because "*it might be viewed as a sign of weakness.*" The arrogance of Mr. Remine and his cronies who deem that for a member to be expelled for calumny, falsehood is "*not necessary.*" The arrogance of that AMC that dare not remove that idiot word as an act inimical because "*How would that make us look?*" The arrogance of that AMC that finds the Ombudsman's criticism of their blatant malfeasance to be "*attacking the integrity of the Board.*"

These people have never once shown the slightest hint of contrition. They have shown zero good faith about anything. Expediency always trumps integrity. Those who run American Mensa today are, by any large, incompetent, irresponsible, self-serving, who have not only betrayed their most fundamental fiduciary responsibilities, they have betrayed virtually everything Mensa stands for. Mpol polled its 300 or so members on that forum, among the most in-the-know and concerned members in all of Mensa, and asked them to identify *anyone* on the AMC they felt to be honorable. There was not a single positive response.

The simple fact is that Mensa today is corrupt to the core. Though its officers have been asked time and again to do something about it, not one has so much as lifted a finger to do so. Why? Because it is not in their best interests. They must play along to get along. They must join the gang. Or, most assuredly, they will be long gone. It's as simple as that.

And in so doing this handful of Mensa officers – certified geniuses all – have not only let a Jersey thug corrupt all of them, they have then aided and abetted that man in totally destroying the integrity, the credibility, the honor of the entire Mensa society.

*“Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.”* Never has that maxim proved more glaring than in today's Mensa. *“Might makes right”* seems to be their entire operating philosophy.

Those who lead Mensa today lie, deceive, dupe and trick the membership as a matter of policy.

Those who lead Mensa today have robbed the members of their right to justice, robbed them of their right to accountability, robbed them of their right to be informed, indeed, robbed them of their money.

Those who lead Mensa today are shameless cheats. As such they have made all of Mensa a cheat. As Mensa is nothing more than its members, they have made every member of Mensa a cheat.

There has been a recent election. American Mensa has a brand new Chairman, LaRae Bakerink. Whether it makes any difference remains to be seen.