

Where is Your Money?

The Levine expulsion caused a lot of controversy and unwanted attention from numerous members. It was during this time that the AMC engaged American Mensa in a lawsuit against a large pharmaceutical company, Inpharmatica, that was coming out with a software platform called Admensa Interactive. The alleged complaint was trademark infringement, even though there have been numerous much more blatant instances of such that AMC never bothered to pursue. Rumor has it that this legal action was to go after a company with deep pockets in the hope of making a quick and substantial financial settlement, which would make AMC heroes and take the heat off the pesky Levine controversy. The lawyer for the case, Clif McCann, was a “friend” of AMC, who supposedly assured them it would be a “slam-dunk.”

Then they lost the case, and it cost \$2 million of the members’ money, which nearly bankrupted American Mensa. There was no mention of any of this until well after the fact.

So, where did all that money go?

To the lawyer? Their friend? Mr. Slam Dunk? Two million dollars? To lose the case? Because that is what they would have you believe. Does that make sense to any of you? – Yet despite numerous requests from members, there has been no even remotely proper accounting of that, *your*, the *members’* money.

Nobody knows whose idea it was to bring that lawsuit.

Nobody knows who all got a piece of that 2 million dollars.

But you, the members, are certainly now paying for it, over seventy dollars a year in dues, for what not that long ago was in the twenties. You are paying for their folly; you are paying for their arrogance; you are paying for their greed. And your dues keeps going up, because their folly, and arrogance, and greed, has no limits.

M.E.R.F./Mensa Foundation

The largescale finances for American Mensa, Ltd. fall under an entirely separate entity called the Mensa Foundation. This is the supposed charitable arm of American Mensa that manages its wealth. It formally was called M.E.R.F., which stood for “Mensa Education and Research Foundation.” Despite the impressive name, however, MERF had virtually nothing to do with “research” and had little to do with “education,” thus its name was changed to simply the Mensa Foundation, which does hand out a few scholarships each year, in the neighborhood of \$500 - \$1000 each.

American Mensa touts MERF/ Mensa Foundation heavily, encourages members to donate to that noble “charity,” especially in their wills, so it can continue to do all its supposed good work. Over time surely many hundreds, if not thousands of members have done just that – left a substantial portion of their estates to Mensa, trusting it would go to good deeds. In all these years certainly much has gone into that charity, likely many millions of dollars, yet very little seems to come out. A detailed accounting, however, of the assets in MERF/Mensa Foundation is something the members never see.

So who manages, controls, accounts for all this Mensa wealth? Surely it would have to be someone with long and honorable service to Mensa. Someone with impeccable credentials. Someone who can be trusted

beyond all question. – Indeed, the President of MERF/Mensa Foundation these past many years, the overseer for virtually all of American Mensa’s wealth, has been – wonder of wonders – Mr. Dave Remine.

In fact, the other major officers on the Board of the Mensa Foundation all seem to be Mr. Remine’s stooges, indeed, are the very same gentlemen who helped him out with his total corruption of Mensa due process:

There is the Vice President, James Werdell, the Mensa “judge” who proclaims that the expulsionary crime of “calumny” does not require falsehood.

There is the Secretary, Eldon Romney, the former Ombudsman yes-man whose refusal to honor his agreements brought about that corruption.

And then there is the Treasurer, Mr. Guy Conti, who watches over American Mensa’s wealth. Just prior to the Levine hearings, American Mensa created a brand new position called the “Advocate,” the purpose of which was to help out the little guy against the big guy should need arise. In Levine’s first hearing he utilized that first-ever Advocate, a marvelous, noble man named Ted Enzinga. Mr. Remine didn’t like that and with no warning or reason Ted was canned and replaced by Guy Conti, Mr. Remine’s heavy, who far from being the benevolent champion of the little guy “Advocate,” as intended, Mr. Conti was instead a hammer for Mr. Remine, his attack dog to go after adversaries. That got really ugly and it seems that American Mensa no longer has an “Advocate.” Mr. Conti, however, has been rewarded quite nicely. Indeed, he is now the fellow taking care of American Mensa’s wealth. – Mr. Conti is, however, an attorney. So it’s probably just fine.

Indeed, a few years back Mr. Remine was instrumental in separating MERF/the Mensa Foundation from AML proper. In the members’ best interests, of course.

So, with all this money that has certainly been going in, and with so little going out, it begs the question: How much money is, in fact, in the Mensa Foundation?

Mr. Remine, by the way, has long boasted that he is worth “seven figures.”