



Dear Mensans,

Last year, Mensa Singapore celebrated our twentieth anniversary. A lot has changed in these two decades, and Mensa Singapore needs to change with the times.

The last change made to the constitution was almost 10 years ago. In 2008, the Management Committee decided to begin reviewing the constitution with a view to update it and the Constitutional Review Committee was formed to undertake this effort. This committee's recommendations were made to the MC, which then reviewed and debated the changes to be made. After obtaining agreement from the MC, the proposed changes were then submitted for review by the Mensa International Board of Directors who gave feedback on it and gave suggested alterations and improvements. This entire process was repeated several times, and now, the Constitutional Review Committee, the MC and the IBD have all agreed on a final set of changes.

Amongst the multitude of changes proposed, there are two items are worth pointing out. The first is the appointment of an ombudsman for dispute resolution and the second, changes in the election process of the Management Committee. Both changes will bring us in line with current Mensa International best practices.

It has been a long road and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Constitutional Review Committee, and in particular, our Honorary Secretary, Prakash Menon, and Immediate Past President, Marina Tay, for their tireless efforts in getting us to this point.

The next step is now to call an Extraordinary General Meeting to present these proposed changes to the collective membership. In order for the EGM to approve these changes, at least 50 fully paid up members must be in attendance and two thirds of those who attend must vote in favor of the changes. If the EGM approves the changes, then the proposed changes will be sent to the Registrar of Societies for their approval, and if granted, the changes will be incorporated into our constitution. The constitution forms the backbone of the society, and so we hope that through these changes, it will put Mensa Singapore in a strong position for the next decade and beyond. For this reason, we are asking all members to please come to the EGM, let us hear your views on the future of our society and lend your voice to shaping it. We really need your support.

Mensamicably yours,

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