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Beware the Ides of March! The untimely demise of Julius Caesar comes right on the heels of the March Equinox and Spring. The equinox marks the point where we have more light than darkness, and Spring reminds us of the birth and renewal that comes with each season. Hopefully, these brighter days shine new light where there has been darkness.

Speaking of those dim and foreboding events that precede the warm days to come, your American Mensa leadership has had some troubling news. Eight Regional Vice Chairs (RVC) and two appointed officers were brought before the Hearings Committee for acts stemming from the Sept 21 AMC meeting. Their actions were found to be "acts inimical to Mensa" and the ten members were removed from office. Unfortunately, anything that happens during an Executive Session or during the Hearings process is considered confidential. A lot of members have reached out with concern, asking for an explanation why such severe action was taken, but little light has been shed. I wish there was more I could provide here, but that's about all I know.

The American Mensa Committee (AMC) is focused on moving forward with what we have. Any action we take is going to be limited to filling the vacated positions. Filling the RVC spots will require an election, which is going to take some time. In the meantime, the LocSecs from each of the eight regions directly affected have been contacted to nominate their Regional Chair (RC). This is a temporary non-voting position appointed by the Board that has other rights and responsibilities of an RVC. It is our priority to make sure each Region has a voice on the AMC.

Region 7 is less affected because we still have an RVC. Local group events can keep going as they always have. March is renewal season, so if you're expiring this year please renew and remind others in your group to check their membership dates.

If you're interested in learning more about the AMC, our next meeting will be held on March 15. Because, of course it will. Almost 2,070 years after the tragic events in Rome. While darkness fell on the Curia of Pompey that day, let's remember they were just trying to protect the Republic. It only gets brighter from here.

Et Tu Brute?

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