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What are the specific accomplishments, projects or activities that you have had for the reporting period?

I have written three RVC columns (April, May, and June). I attended the April AMC meeting and participated in the May AMC conference call.

I participated as a member of the Communications Committee, Leadership Development Committee, and Finance Committee. I chaired the Site Selection Committee. I also continued to head up the Leadership Development Committee's subcommittee on the Leadership Interactive Training (LIT) program. As part of the LD Committee, I coordinated the LDWs for this year's AG.

I visited Eastern Oklahoma Mensa, New Mexico Mensa, and Paso del Norte Mensa. I also held a RVC Q&A session at SynRG – Gulf Coast Mensa's Regional Gathering.

How do they tie in with the AML Strategic Plan?

Leadership Development – serving on the LD Committee, planning LDWs for the AG, developing the LIT program, recruiting content developers

Finance – participation as a member of the Finance & Audit Committee

Membership – visiting local groups and meeting with members

Governance – participation as a member of the AMC and other committees

If you have a strategic plan or goals for your region, how do they tie into your regional plan?

For the coming term, I plan to focus on creating more inter-group conversations and connections among the local groups of Region 6, both for officers and members.

I will also be returning to some of the groups that I have previously visited to try to reach the more outlying areas in those chapters.

I have had two groups contact me to express interest in holding LDWs in the region. I will work with the local groups to facilitate these workshops, as I believe LDWs are essential to the growth of Mensa as a whole.

Are there any things that happened in your region that particularly stand out, and why? If yes, please include information on whether they are positive, negative or neutral and how broadly applicable you consider them to be (e.g. exportable to other regions).

Central Oklahoma Mensa and Gulf Coast Mensa both participated in the first annual Mensa Cares! Event. COM members spent an afternoon entertaining residents of an assisted living center, while Gulf Coast Mensa members helped with prairie restoration at the Houston Arboretum. It is my hope that this program will continue to grow in the coming years with more local groups participating around the region and nation.

What ongoing or future projects do you have planned, and in what timeframe?

I will continue to work on committee projects as well as working directly with local group leaders to provide resources for their projects and challenges they face.

What methods, goals, performance indicators and/or measures are you using to determine the success of your program? Please include both previous quarter progress toward goals and specific goals in the upcoming quarter.

I continue to use direct correspondence with my local groups' officers to seek out both problems and opportunities within the region. I will also continue to make myself available for as many in-person meetings among the region as possible.

What additional information, assistance or policies do you need to accomplish these projects?

None at this time.

If appropriate to your position, how were your discretionary funds spent this quarter? How did this benefit Mensa/your region?

Funds were spent for my travels to Tulsa, Albuquerque, Santa Fe, El Paso, and Las Cruces.

I also provided funds to Central Oklahoma Mensa to help support their new event – a “Smart Art” gallery show that will be held in July.

Additional comments:

I would like to thank all of the local group officers in Region 6. They are a group of dedicated volunteers who are consistently looking for improvements and solutions in their local groups. I would also like to thank my regional scholarship chairs from the last two years, Carla Young and Johnnie Vaughn. I appreciate their dedication to ensuring that we have a strong program in Region 6. I thank my regional ombudsman Randy Brack for his reasoned approach to all things. Finally, I would like to thank the members of the outgoing AMC and the National Office staff. While there is still much to do, I do believe that the team effort has done a great deal to turn us in the right direction.