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Welcome to November, the penultimate month of 2026. The ninth month if you like the old Roman calendar. Pretty soon we'll be welcoming a new year, so this is a good time to get your name in if you want to be part of the Mensa election cycle. It's going to be an exciting one, with a few new referendums on the ballot.

A series of amendments to the Bylaws will be passed to a voter referendum to help us keep our rules aligned with International Mensa and the State laws for where we as an organization are incorporated. There are thirteen small changes to the wording in the Bylaws that range from elections to recalls to hearings. The next referendum deals with referendum timing, with the goal being to publish proposed changes in the Bulletin across January, March, and April rather than starting the referendum a month or two earlier. There is a referendum to incorporate the current Robert's Rules of Order by reference. Prospective candidates for the AMC will be required to sign an 'acknowledgement of responsibilities.' There is a clarification of Committee limitations. Conflicts of interest by Board members must be disclosed. The definition of a quorum is being updated. A mandate for a whistleblower policy is being added. A few terms related to the Annual Business Meeting are updated. There is a motion to update how Officers are suspended or removed.

Since these are all referendums going to ballot, you will get a chance to vote on whether you want them to proceed or not. These summaries are my own interpretation, so if you're interested you may want to download the AMC agenda from the September meeting and read the original measures on your own. You can also send me an email and I would be happy to discuss what I know. I hope this article starts a dialogue rather than being a definitive list as I may have made some mistakes transcribing. If you notice anything off, please let me know.

Ballot referendums only apply to changes to our Bylaws. We also had a few changes to our ASIEs. The most controversial in my opinion was a motion to retire local group testing. I think this is an important step for the future of Mensa, but this article is already the longest I've ever written. To continue the discussion please feel free to send an email.

~ Curt