

Name of SIG: Mentors Entrepreneurs & Leaders (MEL)

" Mentors Entrepreneurs & Leaders" is for anyone who leads a team, has started a business or a nonprofit and wants to join a close circle of smart, like-minded individuals to learn from and do something good with. We are establishing an international network of entrepreneurs, social innovators, and leaders to support each other through meetings, workshops, online communities, accountability partners, etc. We will lead the charge to make our high IQ society a high impact society as well!

The purpose of this group is to foster a supportive community of Mensans (and non-Mensans) who are actively involved in initiatives, projects or organizations related to the following topics:

- Entrepreneurship
- Leadership
- Social innovation & change

We aim to help our members achieve their goals by:

- Organizing in-person and online events and groups
- Conferences and unconferences
- Establishing professional relationships for partnerships, joint ventures, mentorship, peer-support network and other means of engagements.

As the first step, please join our Facebook Group [here](#). [Note: If the "member request" function on Facebook is malfunctioning, please contact mel.contact.post@gmail.com]

You are encouraged to share ideas, participate actively and invite others. Please send an email with any suggestions, comments or feedback.

Please note: This community is geared towards action-oriented initiatives and efforts.

Member Bulletin

"I started my own business in 1989 to "get out of the corporate rat race." I retired about 2 years ago and am now open to helping others achieve their dreams. The toughest decision is the one to "just do it" - after that you are committed and will work through the problems. Looking forward to providing advice!" Nick Shepherd - EduVision Inc. based in Ottawa, Canada.

Mentors Entrepreneurs & Leaders By-Law

Article 1 Name and Purpose

- 1.1. The name of this organization shall be Mentors Entrepreneurs & Leaders Special Interest Group.
- 1.2. Mentors Entrepreneurs & Leaders Special Interest Group (SIG) is a Special Interest Group of the Mensa Canada Society (MCS) and will remain in conformity with its constitution, by-laws and regulations in order to remain recognized as such by that Society.
- 1.3. The purpose of the SIG is to foster a supportive community of entrepreneurs & leaders.

Article 2 Membership

- 2.1. Membership in the Mentors Entrepreneurs & Leaders SIG is available to:
 - Members in good standing of MCS, who may hold elected office and vote in Mentors Entrepreneurs & Leaders SIG elections.
 - Members in good standing of other national Mensa organizations and Mensa International, who may vote in Mentors Entrepreneurs & Leaders SIG elections.
 - Others, as Associate Members, who are not members of Mensa, who are nonvoting.
- 2.2. The terms "Member", "Membership" and "in good standing" are as defined by the MCS.

Article 3 Governance

- 3.1. The voting Officers of Mentors Entrepreneurs & Leaders SIG shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of: Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Past Chairperson.
- 3.2. Executive Committee members, with the exception of the Past Chairperson, shall be elected for one year terms and may be re-elected. The Past Chairperson position shall be held by the most recent previous Chairperson, not removed from office, who is a member in good standing and willing to serve.
- 3.3. The Executive Committee may appoint and dismiss non-voting Officers to carry out specific duties such as a Newsletter Editor, a Webmaster, an Elections Officer and others by simple majority vote at their discretion. These Officers shall not be considered part of the Executive Committee, except that a member holding one of these positions may also hold a position on the Executive Committee listed in 3.1.

Article 4 Duties of Officers

- 4.1. The Chairperson shall:
 - Function as coordinator of the SIG and have general responsibility for its business and affairs;
 - Report as required to the MCS SIGs coordinator on the activities of the SIG;

- Be responsible for liaison with other SIGs, with MCS and such other associations Mensa Canada Guide to Organizing and Operating a SIG or individuals as deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee;
- Ensure the provisions of these By-laws are met;
- When in attendance, preside at all Executive Committee and General meetings.

4.2. The Deputy Chairperson shall:

- Act as Chairperson in cases where that Officer is unable to carry out their duties;
- Act as a liaison with appointed Officers of the SIG.

4.3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall:

- Ensure that proper notice is given for, and proper minutes are recorded at, Executive Committee and General Meetings.
- Keep the financial records of the SIG and submit regular financial reports to the Executive Committee;
- Publish an annual financial report to be received by each SIG member;
- File any required reports with MCS.

4.4. The Past Local Secretary shall:

- Provide insight, support and advice to the Executive and others, as appropriate.

Article 5 Meetings

5.1. Executive and General Meetings will be called by the Chairperson or a majority of the Executive Committee. In the absence of an Executive Committee with quorum or a Chairperson, the MCS SIGs coordinator shall have the authority to call a General Meeting at which elections will be held.

5.2. Quorum for Executive Committee meetings will consist of a majority of its members. Quorum for General Meetings, will consist of the Officer who called the meeting and one other member or five per cent (5%) of the SIG's voting membership, whichever is greater.

5.3. Notice of the location, date and time of an Executive meeting shall be given in written or electronic form to all Officers at least one week in advance of the meeting unless a schedule of meetings has been set in advance or Officers waive notice of the meeting. Notice of the location, date and time of a General Meeting will be given through the SIG newsletter or by electronic means generally available to members at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

5.4. Each Officer shall have one vote on any issue to be decided by the Executive Committee, and each voting member shall have one vote on any issue at a General Meeting, with the exception of the Officer acting as Chair of the meeting, who shall vote only in the event of a tie.

5.5. Proxy voting is not allowed at Executive or General Meetings.

5.6. The Executive Committee shall meet at least two times in each calendar year. There shall be at least one General Meeting, the Annual General Meeting, in each calendar year. Executive and General Meetings may be held through online means, provided all members entitled to vote may participate.

Article 6 Elections

6.1. Elections for Executive Committee positions shall be held annually using an election process similar to that of the MCS Board of Directors, involving mail and/or electronic balloting.

6.2. No member may submit more than one (1) ballot for any position. Proxy voting is not allowed in any SIG election or referendum.

6.3. A plurality of votes for a position is necessary to elect a candidate in an election unless, prior to the election, the Executive Committee approves a system of voting, such as the single transferable vote, which would ensure and require a candidate receive a majority of votes to be elected.

Article 7 Finances

7.1. The funds of Mentors Entrepreneurs & Leaders SIG shall be deposited with such financial institutions as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine.

7.2. Cheques and other documents requiring the signature of Mentors Entrepreneurs & Leaders SIG shall be signed by any two of a list of at least three signing authorities approved by the Executive Committee, which would normally include the: Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer.

Article 8 Amendments

8.1. Amendments to this By-Law may be adopted by majority vote at a General Meeting or by referendum, providing that notice of the amendment is included in notice for the meeting or referendum.

8.2. Notice of any potential amendments will be given to the MCS SIGs coordinator when notice is sent to the members and they will be notified of the result within two days of the vote.