

Letter with News

INTERTEL REGION 7



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WELCOME

I am the new Region 7 Director, and this is our first attempt at a newsletter, but as the title implies, it will be more a letter with news. First, a bit about me. I joined Mensa, Intertel and ISPE in 1983 while living and working in Okinawa, Japan. I retired in 2005 from a 25 year career as an Information Systems Manager with the US Department of Defense, live in a small North Dakota town now, enjoy world travel, and serve in a number of volunteer roles. I tend to accept positions no one else wants. In other words, I enjoy a challenge, and have as my goal to improve communication and interaction among the members of our region.

James Stiles (aka Jim)

HOW CAN WE HELP?

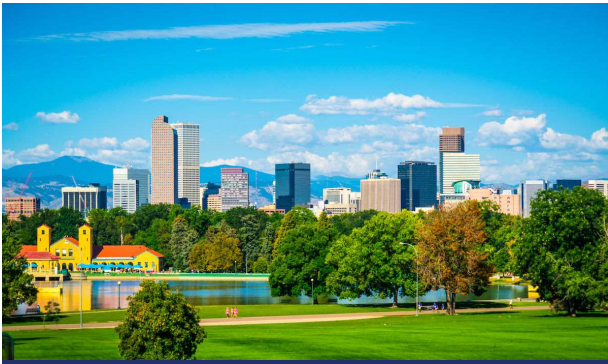
First, what would you like this newsletter to be? What sorts of content would you prefer? Naturally, submissions from all members are encouraged: personal introductions, essays, artwork, photos and more. This is your forum which I will do my best to facilitate. And please suggest a new title, as the current one is considered temporary. We will strive to keep you informed of news and events within the region, and hope to be able to publish photos of member gatherings. All submissions will be welcomed. My email address is: jstiles74@yahoo.com but you can also simply respond to this message as well.

SOCIAL MEDIA

In the past week, we established both a Facebook Group and a Google Group for the region. Invitations were sent to all members, and the groups are growing: There are now 33 members in the Facebook Group and 47 in the Google Group. Overall, there are about 172 of us in the region, so we are off to a good start. The links to both can be found on the Intertel homepage here, under Web Presences:

<https://intertel-iq.org/>

If you have any questions about how to join either, please contact me. Also, if you would prefer another type of social media just ask.



INTERTEL 2020 AGA: JUNE 24-28

Denver will be the site, and an outstanding program is being planned by our AGA Coordinator Ed Schreiber. Registration is now open, and hotel reservations (if you need a room) can be made. Follow this link for details: <https://intertel-iq.org/event-3481695>

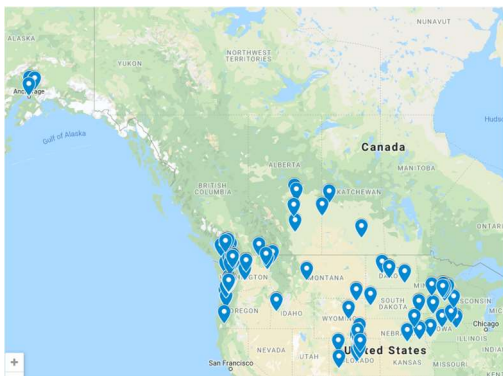
We shall have an excellent opportunity to get together in Denver for the 2020 AGA. I plan to attend and then will be moving on to Kansas City for the Mensa 2020 AG the following weekend. I'm looking forward to meeting many of you for the first time at Denver. This will be a weekend with a robust program, designed for our entire membership.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The role of Area Coordinator is vital to our far flung region. This would be someone who helps to facilitate events and gatherings within a local or statewide area. Currently, we have one: Brewster Gillett in Portland. Would you like to volunteer for your area? Perhaps you are already doing something like this unofficially, or you have done it before. Or perhaps you would simply like to try something new. Please contact me if so. I will be taking this role on for the Dakotas area. Here's a link to the job description of an Area Coordinator: <https://intertel-iq.org/ACjd> Of course, if you volunteer, I shall be available to assist and support your efforts in all ways possible.



PLEASE RENEW



This is a map showing the distribution of our members. There are currently about 172 of us, but only about 137 have renewed as of the start of December. If you have not already done so, we urge you to renew your membership now. Please stay with us. The coming year promises to be an active one.

YOUR SPACE

This can be your space in the next edition. Please send us your content for inclusion.