

Lonestar Mensa
Standing Rule
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LSM Member Speakers
at the Monthly Meeting
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LSM members may be selected as speakers at regular monthly meetings if their presentations meet the following criteria:

1. No personal attacks on anyone, either fellow Mensans or otherwise. This does not mean you can't express a negative opinion about what someone has done, but keep it to the facts and actions, not personalities.
2. No campaigning for a specific political party. In election season we may try to set up a debate for the different parties to be represented and present their viewpoints, but no freelancing.
3. No proselytizing for a religion or cult. You can refer to religions in a comparative manner, but no promoting or attacking a specific religion.
4. No sales pitches. If your talk includes examples of a particular technology or program or project that your company is involved in, it's fine to use that as an example.
5. Use good sense about what you think your fellow Mensans would really like to hear. If your vacation is spent diving Spanish treasure galleons in the Caribbean and you've got some great underwater shots, or you like doing archaeological digs in Mayan ruins in the Yucatan, that is probably interesting. Otherwise vacation presentations are discouraged.

If you want to speak to the group at a monthly meeting, contact the Program Chair, Symposia Committee Chair, and/or the LocSec, let us know what you want to talk about, when you want to speak and whether you will need a projector and/or lap top computer.

Members may volunteer or be invited to speak at "soapbox" events that feature multiple speakers, that are open for any member to sign up, and that have specifically enforced short time presentation times.