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Hi ExComm and Bylaws Committee members,

Per our discussion at the last ExComm meeting and discussion at the Bylaws committee meeting several months ago I agreed to find out and pass on the latest information on email addresses for local groups (email aliases) and how they related to standard functions and positions at local groups. Here is what I found out.

1. National office maintains a list of standard email addresses for local group positions and functions. Each local group maps the aliases to the officers who hold those positions or functions regardless of the titles of the officers. (More than one officer may be mapped to a standard alias position or function.) Unassigned standard aliases are forwarded to [locsec@lsm.us.mensa.org](mailto:locsec@lsm.us.mensa.org) which I presume goes to Ron. Here are our standard addresses:

Positions:

[LocSec@lsm.us.mensa.org](mailto:LocSec@lsm.us.mensa.org)

[AsstLocSec@lsm.us.mensa.org](mailto:AsstLocSec@lsm.us.mensa.org)

[Editor@lsm.us.mensa.org](mailto:Editor@lsm.us.mensa.org)

[Ombudsman@lsm.us.mensa.org](mailto:Ombudsman@lsm.us.mensa.org)

[Postmaster@lsm.us.mensa.org](mailto:Postmaster@lsm.us.mensa.org)

[RecSec@lsm.us.mensa.org](mailto:RecSec@lsm.us.mensa.org)

[Treasurer@lsm.us.mensa.org](mailto:Treasurer@lsm.us.mensa.org)

[WebContact@lsm.us.mensa.org](mailto:WebContact@lsm.us.mensa.org)

[Webmaster@lsm.us.mensa.org](mailto:Webmaster@lsm.us.mensa.org)

Functions:

[Calendar@lsm.us.mensa.org](mailto:Calendar@lsm.us.mensa.org)

[Distribution@lsm.us.mensa.org](mailto:Distribution@lsm.us.mensa.org)

[GiftedChildrenLocSec@lsm.us.mensa.org](mailto:GiftedChildrenLocSec@lsm.us.mensa.org)

[Membership@lsm.us.mensa.org](mailto:Membership@lsm.us.mensa.org)

[SIGHT@lsm.us.mensa.org](mailto:SIGHT@lsm.us.mensa.org)

[Testing@lsm.us.mensa.org](mailto:Testing@lsm.us.mensa.org)

2. Email aliasing is available as a standard service rather than something ad hoc as was the case when John began to set up addresses.

3. Additional aliases for functions or positions may be requested. We at least one I can think of, [PayPal@lsm.us.mensa.org](mailto:PayPal@lsm.us.mensa.org)

4. There is a AML Webpage dealing with the subject:

<http://insideaml.us.mensa.org/Sites/InsideAML/NavigationMenu/WebServices/EmailAliasing/default.aspx>

5. The "Web Contact" (John in our case) is responsible for providing the officers addresses to the NO, maintaining a manual list of assignments, and forwarding changes with the NO via email or by the form on the AML Website. The NO is working on a feature for [www.us.mensa.org](http://www.us.mensa.org) that will allow Local Group's Web Contacts to manage their aliases in real-time but it is not complete yet.

My conclusion for the ExComm:

1. We might consider who in our structure should worry about coordinating and maintaining our address assignments (as opposed to mailing changes to the NO). It seems to me that could be either the responsibility of the Leader Roster Coordinator under the Recruitment Committee or the Elist Coordinator under the Communications Committee. Or we could decide to let all the aliases point to Ron and let him decide.

2. We might consider making appropriate assignments for all the functions. It appears that the standard names editor and calendar would be appropriate for newsletter input. I would think addressing these to Kathie's two addresses and Rachael's address might be appropriate.

My conclusions for the Bylaws Committee:

We might want to look at some of the titles and functions we addresses last week in light of these standard email addresses.

What do you think?

Semper fidelis,

Don

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