Guidelines for "Cyber-Speak"

"Cyber Rules" sounds like a statement acknowledging the influence of the electronic age on our lives. In this case, however, it means guidelines for communication on the Internet. American Mensa's Director of Information Systems, J. Howard Prince, states that American Mensa's Cyberspace Committee is in the process of developing a set of policies to be put in place to provide such guidance. Accordingly, at the June 25, 2000, meeting of our local Executive Committee, a similar proposal was discussed and has been approved.   The following guidelines have been reviewed by J. Howard Prince, who confirms that they do not conflict with those at the national level, adding only that we should reaffirm that opinions expressed are of the individual and not Mensa.

The newsletter editor and webmaster are given authority to intercept and reject exchanges that do not represent the chapter with decorum.

1. Messages will be directed toward issues and opinions, not toward persons.

2. Language will be civil, conform to common courtesy, without profanity or personal attacks.

3. Editor of the newsletter will moderate printed material.

4. Webmaster will moderate electronic communications. S/He can withhold any message not conforming to policy, or prevent known spammers or flamers from joining the official Missouri Ozarks Mensa electronic mailing list.

5. Names may not be added to any e-list by proxy.

This policy was compiled by a committee chaired by Mediator, Sherman Vandaveer, and presented to the Executive Committee for approval and for publication.