

Aquilino, Jason A.

From: Al Heigl [webmaster@minnesotamensa.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2005 11:59 AM
To: Aquilino, Jason A.
Cc: Camille Ede
Subject: Re: MinnesotaMensa.org

"Aquilino, Jason A." wrote:

>
> Mr. Heigl:
> By way of this email, I am asking Ms. Ede from Go Daddy to
> keep the domain name unlocked

Uh, since the registration is proper, and correct, and the way I want it, wouldn't I also want it locked up nice and tight so it can't be changed? Let's lock it up for the next five or ten years. Or is this like the Tar Baby story -- "Oh, please, don't lock the domain name! Anything but that!"

> to allow you another attempt to satisfy my
> request.

From which I infer the likelihood that you wake up every morning thinking that you live in a world filled with people just praying for chances for them to attempt satisfying your every request. Sadly, you are very low on the list of the world's priorities. (Free hint -- you'd have better luck with requests that are more intelligent, reasonable, and appropriate.)

>
> Your change of the registration information to Minnesota Mensa
> is not acceptable.

It's perfectly acceptable to me, which is what counts around here these days.

> Despite what Ms. Donahoo may have asked you to do
> earlier,

I'm sure Pam will be pleased that you put her in the category of "despite-able" and that you, not she, is in charge of her office.

I actually spent over half an hour at the AML website (<http://us.mensa.org/>) searching for some indication that you hold a leadership position with American Mensa, Ltd. and can therefore call the shots. No such luck. I can find no evidence that you are in charge of AML.

(What's more, I'm at a loss for finding any evidence that you're even a *member* of Mensa, and a growing list of reasons to suspect that you would not qualify for membership.)

> my request was quite specific.

It was also moronic and inappropriate. To quote D.W., you are not the boss of me, and I don't believe that you are the boss of Pam Donahoo. What she wrote stands, I consider it highly out of line for you to attempt to trump her, and actually, she got what she asked for.

> In my February 1st, 2005, email
> I specifically asked you to change the registration information to the
> details reproduced at the bottom of this email.

Yes, you did. Incredibly poor judgment on your part.

> You gave me no
> indication that you planned to stray from my request.

You failed to notice that I gave you absolutely no indication that I would go along with such idiocy. If you review my replies (available on the Internet if not readily to hand for you), you will note that I consistently referred to Pam's letter and nothing else. Also, I hardly consider my doing what is right and appropriate to be "straying" -- if you approach all of your projects from that highfalutin standpoint, you will find life to be quite frustrating.

> The change you
> made on February 13, 2005, only changes the name of the Registrant but
> continues to keep the domain name under your control.

Yes. I am the Webmaster for Minnesota Mensa. Quite appropriate.

> Therefore, you
> have not adequately addressed the problem here.

Neither have you.

> The main issue - which
> I am sure you are aware - is that you were never authorized to
> register this domain name in your name, to be kept under your control.

That is *your* opinion, which is flawed, faulty, and reveals ignorance of the whole situation.

(You should have written "of which" -- you have poor grammar skills, too, in addition to a lack of attention to details.)

You have made a false statement in your opinion. I was also the original Webmaster of Minnesota Mensa; I set up the first domain name and created our website. I was fully authorized to register the domain name (mnmensa.org) and it was "in my name" for over four years without anyone raising any complaints.

During the summer of 2002, I was rather "tricked" into relinquishing control over that domain name, and within 24 hours, an utter incompetent had totally destroyed our website. I do not intend to be tricked again, by you or anybody else that I have reason to distrust.

Here's the real "main issue" we have here:

Had you done even the least due diligence background investigation, you would have seen that I now have a signed written agreement with Minnesota Mensa establishing (re-establishing, actually) me as our Webmaster. This took the Webmaster position from "volunteer" status to "contract vendor" status, and put my relationship with Minnesota Mensa under Minnesota and federal contract law.

The agreement can be seen at <http://www.millcityrecords.com/mndensa/agreement.htm> and the authorization for it is at <http://www.millcityrecords.com/mndensa/emails/ag-email46.htm>.

The fact that a couple of malcontents and malfeasors on the Board have chosen to fight Minnesota Mensa's compliance with this agreement and hassle me instead does not change the validity of this agreement.

Most to the point, I have fully complied with my side of the agreement, and I intend to in the future, no matter what obstacles I have to overcome, until one of the following two conditions are met:

1. Minnesota Mensa and I sign a subsequent written agreement modifying or ending the terms of the first one; or

2. I die.

Unless your real intention is to simply run up the bill for Mensa, you would be well advised to tell Pam Donahoo that the proper way to deal with this situation is to work with Minnesota Mensa and me to resolve the underlying situation.

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> I will give you until noon (EST) on Thursday (2/24) to change
> ALL contact information for MinnesotaMensa.org to the information
> below.

Ooh, an ultimatum. Sounds like grade school. Anyway, feel free to give me years or even decades, I still won't do something that's wrong.

The "information below" is silly, inappropriate, and not worth including in this reply. Internet readers of this message can read it in your previous e-mail.

> Feel free to let me know earlier if you have no intention of complying
> with this, or if you need a little more time to comply.

I would consider meeting you half-way, given more time.

How about if I request a delay until:

1. You browse to <http://www.millcityrecords.com/mndensa/domains/>, where

2. You will see a list of 21 local Mensa groups (as I write this), none of which have their domain names registered to American Mensa, Ltd.

3. Pay particular attention to the asterisked ones (click on any asterisk) -- you will see that SEVEN local groups have domain names that aren't even registered to the local group.

4. If you can first convince EVERY ONE of those other 19 local group Webmasters to transfer their domain names to American Mensa, Ltd. (per your "request" and also especially including what is now a rogue site, mnmensa.org), then you have my word that I will not be the sole hold-out.

5. However, it will also be a condition for my doing the transfer that American Mensa, Ltd., in addition to taking over the minnesotamensa.org domain name, will also assume the signed written agreement I have with Minnesota Mensa, and will put in writing beforehand that AML will fully honor Minnesota Mensa's side of that agreement. (Which will mean I will continue to have control over minnesotamensa.org PLUS assume control of mnmensa.org.)

> I will be sure
> to pass your intentions on to American Mensa and Ms. Donahoo.

Like I indicated above, your best chance to come out of this smelling like a rose is to pass on to Pam Donahoo the wisdom that it is high time she offered to intervene directly in the ongoing dispute between the few malcontents at Minnesota Mensa and me, and work to resolve the basic underlying issues.

Otherwise, and as matters now stand, my "intentions" are to continue to fully honor my side of the signed written agreement I have with Minnesota Mensa (until it is superseded by a subsequent signed written agreement, or my demise), and to be the best Webmaster possible under extremely adverse circumstances.

So you can choose to be part of the solution, recommending to Pam that she offer to assist with the underlying issues here at Minnesota Mensa, or you can choose to continue hassling me, which makes you part of the problem. And as you have no doubt figured out, "the

problem" is being posted in its entirety on the Internet, and it seems to me that this will hardly enhance the image/reputation of Mensa, or Venable for that matter.

> Thank
> you.

You're welcome, Jason.

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