

American Mensa Committee
November 13, 2024

Moved EAGER, seconded XXXXX to amend Article 10 (Hearings) of the ASIEs, to insert a new Section “B. Scope” following Section “A. Acts Inimical” and to renumber the subsequent sections accordingly:

B. Scope

For the purposes of this section, “Mensa” is defined as including American Mensa, Ltd., any recognized subdivision or Local Group of American Mensa, Ltd., any recognized national Mensa or subdivision thereof, Mensa International Ltd., and including any committees or sub-committees of the same.

1. National and Regional Hearings may be conducted to address the following:
 - a. Matters involving individual members acting in their personal capacity.
 - b. Matters involving an elected or appointed officer within Mensa acting outside of their official capacity.

2. National and Regional Hearings may not be conducted to address the following:
 - a. Any matter where there is a defined method for addressing disputes, including, without limitation, election rules, procedural rules, or Robert’s Rules of Order.
 - b. Any matter involving the actions taken by an elected or appointed officer within Mensa acting within their official capacity.
 - c. Any matter involving the decisions of any deliberative or decision-making body within Mensa.
 - d. Any matter where the complaint constitutes an Act Inimical as defined in Section A.
 - e. Any matter where the complaint constitutes an abuse of authority or retaliation.
 - f. Any matter where the appropriate venue is a court of law, whether criminal or civil.

EXPLANATION: The existing ASIE (Article 10) describing National and Regional Hearings lacks a clear description of the scope of authority of the respective Hearings Committees. This motion clarifies this.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Potential reduction in expenses and volunteer time.

STRATEGIC PLAN TIE-IN: Governance