

Vote on AB09-06: Motion to accept the Official Discussion list
FAQ as enforceable

Vote started April 18, 2009

Vote ended May 24, 2009

Text of resolution:

That the Admiralty Board accepts the Official STARFLEET Email Discussion list FAQ, as submitted, and rule that they are enforceable by the list owner and their staff. FAQ, as submitted originally, is attached below.

The motion was made by Region 13 (Joe Sare), and seconded by Region 5 (Cathy Fuller).

Report of the voting:

R01: Nay

R02: Aye

R03: Aye

R04: Nay

R05: Aye

R06: Aye

R07: Aye

R08: Aye

R09: Abstain

R10: Aye

R11: Nay

R12: Aye

R13: Aye

R14: Abstain

R15: Aye

R17: Aye

By a vote of 11:03:02 this motion passes

SFI-L: The Official Mailing List of STARFLEET, TISTFA, Inc.

Frequently Asked Questions 1.21 20090107 WH

The SFI-L mailing list is an official mailing list that allows members of STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc. (known in this document as STARFLEET) to more easily exchange ideas and information about issues and policies affecting STARFLEET and it's members. As an official discussion list, the membership of this list expects a higher level of communication from and to the leadership of the organization. SFI-L operates under the authority of STARFLEET and of the list owner(s) and moderator(s). SFI-L is owned and operated by the Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET and administered by the list moderators.

The current SFI-L ListFAQ is available on the following website:

<http://lists.sfi.org/listinfo.cgi/sfi-l-sfi.org>

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A) Membership and Subscription Information

To be eligible for membership on this list you must be a current member of STARFLEET. When a subscription request comes in, a Moderator must verify your membership status in STARFLEET, as recorded in the STARFLEET Database. Please sign up using the E-mail address, first and last name that you have in the STARFLEET Database or a moderator will need to verify your information. We will compare the E-mail address you supply to the address listed in the STARFLEET Database. Once confirmed, your subscription request will be completed.

You can subscribe to the SFI-L by visiting the following website:

<http://lists.sfi.org/listinfo.cgi/sfi-l-sfi.org>

From this page, you will be able to subscribe, un-subscribe, set digest, have your password mailed to you, and other things.

If you have any problems, please E-mail the list moderators at listmods@sfi.org, and they can help you.

B) Contact Information

The SFI-L list owner is John Halliday

The current SFI-L Moderators are James Cecil, Gregg Kleiner and Marie Anderson.

Your first contact for most issues or questions regarding the list should be the List Moderators. Should you require further assistance or have a concern about how the list is being run, please contact the Senior List Moderator (currently that is the CoCO - compops@sfi.org).

C) Archives and FAQ

Digests of the SFI-L E-mail list are available on the server at

<http://lists.sfi.org/private.cgi/sfi-l-sfi.org/>. These archives are maintained on a space-available basis, and are not guaranteed to be available. In order to access the archives you must be a member of the SFI-L list.

D) Purpose

The SFI-L mailing list is an official mailing list that allows members of STARFLEET to easily exchange ideas and information as well as discuss policy of STARFLEET. This list is NOT a roleplaying or persona list. This list is owned and operated by the Chief of Computer Operations, STARFLEET and administered by the list moderators.

Announcements of upcoming chapter and Regional events are welcome, as well as discussions about policy and membership issues. Topics not allowed are dealing with religion, sex, real world controversies and other topics as determined by the list moderators.

The authority of the list owner as well as the list moderators, is controlled by the rules in this FAQ, but is not limited to only the rules in this FAQ. You are asked to abide by the rules set forth in this FAQ as well as requests made by the Moderators on the list itself.

The right to free speech guaranteed within the United States by the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States applies to the United States Government limiting your right of expression. It does not apply to private individuals or organizations and does not apply to sfi-l. Your continued privilege of posting to this list is dependent upon your appropriate use of it.

E) How to Post

To post a message to SFI-L, send an E-mail to sfi-l@lists.sfi.org

Your entire header (including, for example, To, CC, Subject) must not be longer than 1024 characters to conform to limitations in the mailing list software in use.

Your subject line should be brief, but descriptive. A subject line of "question" isn't informative, but a subject line of "where can I find the rules about Corry Ops" would be better.

In order for the list to know who they are talking to, all messages must be signed with, at minimum, an identifying name and E-mail address. Keep your signature line to 5 or 6 lines, maximum. This is for the benefit of members that are on digest mode, and to help minimize the size of digests.

Check the recipients of your replies. If you plan on sending a private reply check that the correct E-mail address is in your TO: field.

Rich text and HTML formatted messages are discouraged. These types of messages may not be formatted correctly and can contain a virus. Please only send messages to this list in plain text.

Attachments are prohibited on this list. The list software has been set to reject messages over a certain size to stop attachments from getting through. If you have something that you wish to make available to the members of the list, please post that it is available and that you will send it upon request or that it is available for download from a website.

This is a closed list. When you post, make sure that you post from the E-mail address that is subscribed. E-mail from any non-subscribed E-mail address will be rejected.

You are required to act in a professional manner on this list. While dissent is encouraged, you should make every effort to express this in a polite manner. Stating that "if that person were to state that the sky is blue, I would go to the window to make sure, because I don't trust him to tell the truth" would be inappropriate, as that would be a personal attack. However, if that was worded such as "I always seek to verify information that I have been given before accepting it" would be better.

F) To post or Not to post

Before you send a message remember that you are about to send your thoughts to a list subscribed by many people. If you're mad when you write your post, hold onto it for a few hours, and re-read it. You may decide to revise before sending or not send at all.

See the section on "What not to do" before posting to make sure that you are not violating a list rule before posting.

G) Replies, follow ups, and quoting

When replying to a message ask yourself the following question: Does the list need to see my reply, or should it only go to the person that sent the original message? If this is the case, make sure to change the To field to that of the sender.

When sending a reply remember that the list has already seen the message that you are replying to. You don't need the entire message in your reply. Simply remove any part of the message that you are replying to, and add your comments.

H) When things go wrong

If you believe that there is something wrong with the list, please contact the list moderators, don't test it for yourself. This also applies to testing your filters. Please leave the operation and testing of the list to the moderators.

If there's nothing wrong with the list but you have a complaint about something that was posted, please contact the moderators. Most of our activity is done in private. Since we moderate in private, please contact us privately as your issue may have already been dealt with. It is also possible that we haven't received a complaint yet and you may be alerting us to a potential problem.

If you're going to be away from your E-mail for a period of time or your E-mail account is going to be unreachable for a period of time, please either consider unsubscribing or set your subscription setting to digest mode. A full or unreachable E-mail box will generate a bounce notice to the mail software and a large number of bounces can cause you to be unsubscribed from this list. Also, please do not have auto-responders set up on the E-mail address subscribed to this list.

I) What not to do

No profanity will be allowed on the list. If you are unsure whether a word is considered profane, do not use it. If you test this rule by intentionally (in the opinion of any moderator) using a word just to see if it will result in moderation, you will be moderated.

As in generally accepted in netiquette circles, the following is a list of things that are prohibited on this list:

*No flames or trolling will be allowed on this list. Flaming is defined as the act of posting messages that are purposely hostile and derogative. Trolling is the act of making a post in order to provoke an angry response or to start trouble without adding anything worthwhile to the conversation.

*No forwarding of private mail. Messages sent to you privately are not to be shared with the list without the permission of the author. The same applies to messages from a limited access mailing list, unless the message is clearly marked "Cross Post as Necessary". Always seek permission first and if in doubt, please contact a moderator first.

*No forwarding of messages to the list from non-subscribers or subscribers on moderation. If someone asks you to forward their thoughts to the list, please have them contact a list moderator. If we think it's appropriate, we will forward it to the list for them.

*No posting of copyrighted material without permission. If the material is something that is of interest, feel free to post a link to the material.

*No excessive quoting. Do not include the entire original message at the beginning or end of your message ether. Simply remove any part of the original that you are not commenting on. Be thoughtful of those set to digest mode.

*No unmarked spoilers. While this type of posting is not appropriate for this list, if you must send a spoiler, make sure to leave at least 20 blank lines and mark your subject as a spoiler.

*No chain letters. Any message that asks to you send this to all your friends is a chain letter.

*No virus warnings. If you believe that you have a warning that just has to be sent to this list, please contact a list moderator about it. We will review it and if it is real and we determine that it should be sent, we will post it.

*No test messages. This includes messages to simply test your filters.

*No commercial non-STARFLEET related advertising or commercial sales pitches. This does not include the STARFLEET Quartermaster or chapters trying to raise money for a their charity, a Regional Summit, IC or other strictly STARFLEET related event.

*No "Me Too" posts.

*No personal paging without permission of the list moderators.

*Limit signature blocks to six lines, including all information, decorations, quotations and blank lines.

*Don't post replies to the list when you really only meant to send to one person. Check your to fields prior to sending your message.

*No attachments. No stylized text, no HTML messages.

J) Moderation and Suspensions from this list

If you are warned by a moderator not to do something, please respect that. Failure to follow directions from the moderator can and will, result in punishment. While the STARFLEET Membership Handbook guarantees the Right to voice your opinion at any

level of STARFLEET, this is not an absolute right to participate in this forum. You have the right to contact the leadership of the organization at any time. This list is not your only method. Repeated failure to abide by the rules can and usually will result in moderation or suspension from the list.

Typically, the first violation will result in a warning. Continued violation will result in a one week moderation. If, after that moderation is served, continued violation will result in a longer moderation, as determined appropriate by the moderators. Continued violations will result in the moderators contacting the list owner to determine if a suspension from the list is warranted or a complete banning from the list. While we will strive to follow the progression of punishments, we reserve the right to jump to a later one, based on the facts surrounding the punishment.

While you are moderated, your posts will be rejected by the list moderators. You will still receive posts from the list, but you will not be allowed to respond to the list. If you are suspended from the list your subscription will be removed and you will be only be able to re-subscribe at the end of a period of time to be determined by the moderators.

Warnings will be sent, generally in private, to individuals that have violated the list rules. This warning is to remind the member about the rule that he has violated. However, this warning is just that, a warning. While you may be subjected to greater scrutiny for a period of time, there is no punishment associated with it. We may also send a blanket warning to the list.

Any decision of the Moderators may be appealed. Your first line of appeal is to the senior moderator. If you feel that the senior moderator has not addressed the situation sufficiently, you are able to appeal to the full moderator board, or directly to the list owner. If you feel that you need to appeal higher, then you are directed to contact the Executive Committee of STARFLEET.

At times, the moderators will call for a closure of a thread that has lost its use (the thread has become a personal attack, is of topic, or other reason, as determined by the list moderators). We will post this closure to the list, generally with the following subject line: MODERATOR WARNING: CLOSED THREAD (was: old topic). While we realize that not everyone checks their E-mail constantly, we do expect that our closure to be respected. The members of the list will be given a 4 hour grace period if a normal delivery subscriber and 12 hours if you are on digest mode. You will also be given one post on a closed topic (and receive a private warning) before receiving a moderation or suspension. You, the list members, are expected to follow the rules and make sure that no threads have been closed prior to posting.

K) What did we miss?

This document is, by no means, a complete list of all possible situations that this list may encounter. The list moderators reserve the right to make decisions on issues that are not specifically addressed in order to allow us to maintain this list. If you have specific

concerns about something not addressed in this FAQ, please contact the list moderators at listmods@sfi.org.

L) Credits

This FAQ is maintained by the SFI-L moderators. This FAQ was pulled from several sources, including but not limited to the Netiquette guides available from several E-mail lists, as well as from the Unofficial Fleet-L FAQ.