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# An Open Letter to Mark Havens

## **mdittenber** #1 April 13, 2022, 12:33pm

Dude, just stop. Don't try and befriend me on any of the social media platforms. Don't try enlist me in whatever vendetta fueled drama you have going on. I didn't want any part of it last year and don't want it now.

We have never connected in person. I have no reason to be friend you. Especially after seeing your behavior and evidence of past transgressions. You are not someone I will ever trust.

Mark

8 Likes

# **ESmith** #2 April 13, 2022, 1:47pm

Worth noting that mrhavens has been permanently expelled from the organization for nearly 2 years:



7 Likes

Lordrook #3 April 13, 2022, 2:03pm

Same, I keep getting friend requests on all the social media. Never met the guy, and all I know is that he seems shady AF. But to add some fuel to this fire I was sent this the other day and like, what exactly is the point trying to be made here? After a year 2 of a perma ban dude is still obsessed with the space. Serious stalker vibes.



Nearly two decades ago, I took a Computer Science graduate course called Information Visualization. It was regularly taught by a tenured professor with a Ph.D. in Psychology. During the first month of the semester, we studied optical illusions and how the brain interpreted visualized data. The study of Information Visualization did a lot to inspire my eventual multidisciplinary deep dive into the softer sciences.

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This is one of the reasons I appreciate Information Visualization as an area of research. By organizing complex information into an image, our minds are able to process the exact same information much more efficiently. By shifting and placing data so that we can absorb it using the more intuitive visual processing centers of our brains, we are able to obtain much more insight with far less effort.

The following graph was created from Dallas Makerspace public endorsements for the upcoming Board of Directors election. What insight might you discover by examining this graph?

 

Red = Incumbents Yellow = New Candidates Grey = Endorsing Supporters

Image: Comparison of the system

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Mark is a strange one. But, I don't mean that in a negative light to be honest. He was one of the early group that really dove into the idea of DMS. He saw first hand as his friend group grew and how much positivity the shine of DMS brought into his life. If you spoke to Mark in the early days, you could see how his involvement was such a positive part of his life. That said, he wanted a much more social atmosphere of psychology and philosophy, while also attaching his persona directly to the brand of DMS. This put him at odds with other founding members and both sides stepped wrong multiple times. That said, Mark ended up finding himself arguing with a firing squad. He was banned for trumped up reasoning and had annoyed those deciding his ability to stay a member. Thus, the perma ban.

As you can tell, he not only was passionate about DMS, he is still passionate about DMS. I wish I knew a way to use his passion to better the space. Yet, I think too much has happened for it to be productive. Too many axes to grind, to many mistakes to be defensive of, to many hills to die on. Oh, well life isn't fair. I'll still pop into his threads from time to time, as few people put in the amount of thought that he does around the group.

Nick:

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You mean his fraudulently adding another member to the filing for a business with the state was trumped up?

After that was revealed many members didn't want him to get access to the full membership contact list. We were worried about what he would do with it.

If anyone wants to per-emptively block him, here's his profile: Redirecting...

6 Likes

## Nick #6 April 13, 2022, 2:52pm

That was a mistake on his part. Yet, he wasn't perma banned at the time of that mistake. It was years later and a bunch of hurt feelings that lead to the perma ban. The political posters were likely the real cause of his perma ban. Coming to the meeting after poking the mistakes of the people deciding your standing in the group is why I refer to that meeting as a firing squad. I was there and sat through the arguments as an observer. It was a character assassination, much like many of LeCody's lead punishment hearing.

#### lukeiamyourfather #7 April 13, 2022, 3:15pm

He was banned indefinitely following a complaint that I made. He would've been banned sooner if he hadn't left at the time (should've been banned at that time anyway but we can't go back in time). Defending Mark's behavior says more about you than it does Mark.

10 Likes

## Lampy #8 April 13, 2022, 3:34pm

Yeah, he creepily attempted to friend everyone on my Facebook friends list. While we do have a lot of mutual friends due to our time at DMS. Many have responded to me that he has actively been working on some anti DMS angle with them. Whatever dude, let the past be the past. At least until you get the Netflix script written.

6 Likes

Mark is a con-artist and a fraud. He deserves the ban he got and the organisation is stronger without him. If he wants to play some kind of pathetic Colonel Kurtz against dms on Facebook, I suppose that's his sad business.

5 Likes

# AndrewLeCody #10 April 13, 2022, 3:46pm

Nick:

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It was not a mistake, as he made clear at the time when he refused to remove them from the "board" and when asked to remove DMS as the registered agent.

Nick:

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The mistake was not banning him then.

Nick:

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This was *after* he had already been banned for 9 months for harassing another member. That ban explicitly stated "further infractions will warrant consideration for a lifetime ban".

Nick:

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Feel free to list the punishment hearings you believe I lead. I didn't lead *any* of the meetings regarding Mark and to date I think I've only voted to ban less than 5 people, none of whom are still banned since they were not lifetime bans.

4 Likes

# Hanna\_Kessler #11 April 13, 2022, 3:56pm

I honestly have no idea what that chart is trying to illustrate lol. Grey people endorse new and incumbent candidates, incumbents endorse some new candidates. Really not sure what the significance of the dotted lines are, as that's not in the key.

3 Likes

mblatz #13 April 13, 2022, 4:32pm

"Jurtis"? Maybe something for a referendum on upcoming ballot...

1 Like

Lordrook #14 April 13, 2022, 4:41pm

I can kind of see it better on my phone, but admittedly they weren't great screenshots. I think the other "J" name is Jason Harner (gray bubble).

1 Like

mblatz #15 April 13, 2022, 4:43pm

AndrewLeCody:

Nick:

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Correct (as in not a mistake). A reminder that in the 2020 election as part of the both hilarious and infamous MBT group, Mark added one of the other candidates running to that ill-fated slate *without permission*.

It caused that member/candidate enough embarrassment and distress, once he found out about it, that he eventually withdrew from the race.

So this is *repeated* behavior by a person that, to the best of my ability to detect, has never demonstrated any shame or remorse or an ability to appreciate the negative effects and consequences on others that his selfish and self-serving actions cause.

7 Likes

**Raymond** #16 April 13, 2022, 4:53pm

mblatz:

So this is *repeated* behavior by a person that, to the best of my ability to detect, has never demonstrated any shame or remorse or an ability to appreciate the negative effects and consequences on others that his selfish and self-serving actions cause.

Yet Nick comes in here to tell everyone of the shining star with good intentions he is and honesty/honor he possesses, trying to whitewash him as if he's prepping the way for Mark's return. 3 Likes

jswilson64 #17 April 13, 2022, 4:58pm

Wow did you take a Computer Science course in Data Visualization?

5 Likes

Nick #18 April 13, 2022, 5:10pm

LOL,

You all are hilarious with your vitral. I didn't forgive nor white wash Mark's actions. You obviously read what you want, not what I intend in my words.

I speak of the passion Mark has and how I wish it could be diverted into a positive for DMS. But, I too agree it can not be. To the members not posting, please note the Angry few we constantly see in these threads never willing to drop a grudge. Watch the actions they want passed like a new Code of Conduct. When people point out they want these measures to grind axes and target people. Their actions and words show this.

Have a pleasant day everyone.

# Raymond #19 April 13, 2022, 5:21pm

You're the guy who ran away from the org and stopped paying membership, but yet can't help come in and swipe at people. Join back up and run for office if you think you can make this place better... or vote for the ones you think can make a difference instead of being an armchair quarterback.

There's a difference between a grudge and reminding people of the truth behind someone's expulsion from DMS and pointing out how someone else is whitewashing it.

3 Likes



Well, as *@thefinal* pointed out in another thread, apparently we're building an army of "J"s, see chart.

3 Likes

**ESmith** #21 April 13, 2022, 5:24pm



3 Likes

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