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Ok, I appreciate emails linking me to topics on the internet about the current flurry of issues... saves me time searching for info. I've read hundreds if not thousands of posts on both sides of the issue. (thnx for those coming to my defense, but don't put yourself in the flame just for me)

After having read all these accusations, and finding out in some cases the same people or persons have also made similar claims against others, trying to find more info and then trying to be convinced what or when something becomes sexual harassment or not, and who actually defines what it is, no wonder it's mess.

I have also spoken to those being accused both via email and on the phone and spoken to others that have information on the topic that may or may not be public, seen documents, screen shots, and done as much homework at the moment I can take (I've never spent more time on the internet in my life... though I am an old school guy that's run a BBS since 1980 and found ways to send email (as in echo mail) via the ARPANET way back in the day... spent more time on ARPANET vs the internet...)

Anyway, there are many ways to handle things, and I am not sure I am ready to sign up with banning someone just because they said something inappropriate to someone else. Sure I might think about some

type of limited ban should it happen at our Con... I KNOW I will make someone exit the current Con if it occurs, and at the moment don't have a problem having them return the next year, but if it happens again at our Con by the same person, then the ban may need to be longer. Maybe this will be addressed by the policy the attorney is working on, and I'll notify him about this.

As for the assault issue. Any intentional touching of another person without their consent is a basic assault, it's up to the assaulted person to make that claim, though witnessing it and bringing it to someone's attention as well, is good since some people are timid about bringing up an assault (this is from many domestic disturbance calls while a Police Officer, I did not allow the wife/husband that was getting abused to make the decision, when I could see the damage, I made the call, arrested the assailant and if later charges were dropped, at least I took the bad guy out of the equation for a while.)

So I am a big believer in letting the Police sort it out.

I am not posting the below paragraph to throw Bill Webb under the bus, and I think Bill will agree with most of this info, and I am not claiming it is all factual at all, it's just what I have gathered and it's my understanding of what occurred, and I may be incorrect and I am sure Bill (or someone in his camp) will call me or email to tell what I need to add/remove etc. In this case I am not sending this to Bill to review first since I don't think Bill will hate me for this post, if so, I have severely misread my friendship with Bill and I'll have to live with that.)

My understanding of what I read in the assault case, what I have discussed with others. I have the understanding that, whomever opted not to bring the Police into the issue, was due to wife/children being around and not wanting to have them see dad arrested etc etc...

While that's a nice thing to do, in my opinion, that's not how I would handle it at our Con.

I've known Bill Webb for years, had dinner at his house in Washington, and he is a large supporter of the Con, listed as a Special Guest (though pays for his own way). I know Bill drinks at the Con (I would presume all Cons). I do watch him closely when he drinks since he, like many, change how they act. He does get loud, and can get a bit more physical as in hugging or putting his arm around someone without looking for that consent. I think in hugging, putting an arm around someone you show your open arm(s) and wait for the other to lean in and accept the hug vs you taking the first step and then hugging them... he might do that while sober, he does not when drinking.

I am not making any excuse for Bill and his behavior at all, drinking is not an excuse for anyone to use to get them out of anything while under the influence.

Should this have happened at our Con, I would call the Police because someone made an assault complaint. The Police in turn would arrive, ask questions, check with the assault victim to see if charges needed to be filed. At that point it's now out of my hands, and should charges not be pressed, at least there is a PUBLIC report on file that anyone can review to clarity of what transpired.

As it is, due to the Con at which this took place having a policy in place to not discuss how issues are handled, and since there is not an official assault charge on file, no one can know all the facts since attorney's involved have told their client ie: Bill and/the Con, not to post or make available anything for people to review. And from what I understand, the victim has asked that people drop the topic.

Therefore, we can't know all the facts. I have spoken some with Bill and others at FGG. Bill knows how he must conduct himself at the Con in 2018. If he was unaware that I watch him when he is drinking, once he reads this post he will know.

(I keep an eye on many others as well)

Again, those thinking I don't care are way out in left/right field and have no clue who I am. Please don't put words in my mouth, don't twist what I say. I have morals and I do keep tabs on things happening at my Con. 500 people might be larger than I'd prefer, but I have a staff of 10, plus 3 servers, and they keep me informed of things that I nip in the bud when needed.

Any edits to this post (besides my spelling and grammar which are a given), will be at the request of any attorney representing Bill Webb, if I have stepped over any legal lines.

Bill is a friend, but he has to adhere to the same rules as all in attendance. I expect everyone at the Con to make sure everyone, including staff are held accountable to the same rules as well,

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