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MPLA Webmaster Report

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MPLA/NLA/NSLA 2012 Tri-Conference Handouts

NLA has asked MPLA if we would be willing to host the handouts for the 2012 Tri-conference. I have told them we would be glad to offer that service for them. The 2012 MPLA/NLA/NSLA Handouts Archive is located at:

I have also created a short URL for the Archive, as well as a QR code. The short URL means you have less to type in to your browser to access. QR codes allow you to scan the code with your web enabled smart phone to access the website. I placed the following box on my handout (which I will bring some copies of) and I have incorporated it into my PPT presentation. Here is the box (if you want to try out the link or the QR code):



MPLA Website and Domain Name

Roy and I have had some discussions recently regarding the disposition on the MPLA web hosting service and the domain name.

Roy has suggested we might pursue relocating the MPLA website with a different web hosting service. I think the main rationale is it is cheaper. Roy has other reasons for the switch, which I understand and concur with.

Pursuant to this, the MPLA domain name (mpla.us) is registered through November 2015. I registered it for 10 years through Network Solutions. We are also thinking we might switch that domain name registry to the same service we use for web hosting. If I remember correctly, when we registered the domain name in 2005, we paid about \$150 for ten years. Roy tells me we can renew the domain name for less with the web hosting service – I want to say it was about \$7.95 per year.

Further, I might investigate whether mpla.org is available now for us to register. We registered mpla.us at the time because mpla.org was not available. This is just something I'm kicking around, and I will report back to the Board when I have something to report.

Web Forms

Also on my "to do" list is revamping all the MPLA web forms. We purchased an upgrade to the web form creation software we use, which incorporates PayPal payment in the forms. This should streamline our online payment process. I have not had a chance yet to sit down and redesign the forms with the PayPal functions. I hope to look into this in November.

Content Management System

Finally, the other long term item on my "to do" list is to shift the MPLA website into a content management system (ModX was one option we were considering, I know Roy has several CMS options we might pursue.) This will also come along with an MPLA website redesign.

One of my goals with the MPLA website is to have a website that is optimized depending on your browser or connection means. For example, we should have a web site that is optimized for access via mobile device or smart phone. One of the elements of design I will pursue when we switch over to a CMS is a layout that adjusts automatically to the access device, as well as optimized for the device.

Respectfully submitted,

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