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MPLA Webmaster Report

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It's been business as usual, regarding the website. Maintaining and updating as needed.

We did upload updated PDFs for some parts of the Manual of Procedure a month or so ago.

We are also currently engaged in some discussions regarding the MPLA "archives" – things we need to keep. My part in this is the content of the MPLA website. Historically, we have maintained an online archive of Board Reports, the appropriately named Board Reports Archive (BRA). About a decade ago, there was an effort to transition to what I'm going to call a 5 year floating window of online board reports, meaning that the website would always have the most recent 5 years of board reports, to enable incoming officers, state reps, etc., to review recent activities so they could get up to speed. As Webmaster, I never implemented the 5-year window of reports because we never had a shortage of server space. We are at this time looking at running out of server space.

We currently have about 6.5 GB storage on our website. We are currently using about 4.5GB. What's eating up the storage space?

- Documents (PDFs)
 - Board Reports = 132MB
 - Newsletter = 800MB
 - Total Docs = ~1GB
- Mail = 2GB

So, what are we looking at?

1. Regarding the email space – we are going to shift our email storage over to Google, Gmail. That should be a transition that none of you notice. In a perfect world, we would have every officer and state rep go into the MPLA email and delete all the old stuff. Interesting trivia? The MPLA officer using the most email storage space is the MPLA VP, and by a wide margin. Roy and I have talked off and on about this over the last 6 months, and we probably will make this transition sometime over the summer.
2. Regarding the Documents storage – we will also probably transition those reports and Newsletter issues to cloud storage elsewhere, so all that will be on our web server will be CSS and HTML files. That is also something that will happen over the summer, depending on when and what the Archives Task Force recommends.

We also will have an expense coming up late this summer regarding the domain name registry. We switched the domain name registry over to a cheaper service last summer. We renewed the mpla.us domain name for one year. That will expire in October or November 2016. We will need to renew the domain name for a longer block of time – I'm thinking we ought to look at a 10-year renewal.

Respectfully submitted,

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