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MPLA Webmaster Report

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Website Resign

Still working on it. To be honest, it got so chaotic at work that I haven't have any time to pursue the redesign (ACRL in mid-April, OU Library reorganizing, etc.)

In the last couple of weeks, we have installed the content management system, ModX on the server, and I have played around with it a bit. On the docket over the summer is to (hopefully) complete the redesign and move over to using ModX and defect the new design piece by piece over the summer.

MPLA Web Hosting Switch

Roy and I switched the MPLA website over to our new hosting service. Stablehost. I think we did this in April. It was probably seamless to all our visitors. There was about a 24 hour period where visitors might have gotten MPLA at our old hosting service while others got us almost immediately at the new host. As a part of that transition, all the MPLA forms had to be tweaked slightly on the server side, which should also be invisible to visitors. As I've not heard any issues with the website hosting service, I think we are good to go.

Google Apps for Nonprofits

In late March, I applied to Google to grant MPLA access to Google's Apps for Nonprofits. Google Apps for Nonprofits allows us to take advantage of Google Apps for no cost. It includes 25GB cloud storage, 5GB storage for Google Drive, secure access from anywhere, 24/7 support, no hardware, etc. I rather envision Google Apps as a workspace for MPLA executive board, state reps, committees, etc., to work collaboratively in an online workspace for MPLA business. I will also admit that I have not had a lot of time to explore our Google Apps space. I have enlisted my colleagues Roy Degler and Nicole Sump-Crethar to assist with the service. If you would like access, please send me an email at webmaster@mpla.us and I can send you a login and password.

Vacation Plans

My vacation starts 18 May and I will remain on vacation until 24 June. As usual, I really won't be taking a vacation from MPLA – my plan calls for me to call in to the conference call from my Dad's house while I'm back in Chicagoland. And I expect I'll be spending a couple of hours per week while on vacation (but still in Stillwater) working on MPLA website activities as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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