

Technology Committee Meeting
8 September 2022

Chairman convened at 1300.

Present for the meeting was Chairman: Ray Doekson (1 Div) Carter Corsello (2 Div), Mike Moore (4 Div) Substituting for Demund Webb (Stephen Wylie) 5 Div, Robert Gardner (3 Div) attempted to log in on Zoom.

Originally set up as an in person and zoom meeting, it was discovered about ½ hour prior that the creator of the department zoom account was not present and thus could not initiate and hand off the meeting. The chairman had been notified that Ray Doeksen would be by zoom so he called and had a facetime call for the meeting. It was presumed that all other members would be present for the meeting. The chairman apologies to Robert Gardner for not seeing that he also was going to be by zoom.

Lesson learned: Department coordinator needs to assure that a process is in place to hand off the meeting if the originator is not immediately present.

Website: The new website is almost complete. Carter Corsello is actively working with Mavidia to complete it in the next two months. A demonstration of the site was given. The main thing stressed was that each committee needs to take a hard look at what they are presenting so they better present the data. Corsello will work with each committee in developing a better product.

The home page of the new site will eventually have an Instagram feed and a Facebook feed. The Facebook feed will be more business announcements and routine stuff. This accommodates the department only having to post in one location and those without Facebook would still see the information. The Instagram feed will tell more stories and highlight program achievements.

Lastly, timelines and fillable forms are a must. The timelines will visually show the program's significant dates is. The fillable forms will simply help everyone.

Mylegion: Big news, the department will walk away from a separate database within the next 12 to 24 months. The current database needs a major rebuild in the next 18 months or so. That is a 50k bill. After the Adjutant and membership director talked to national, they feel comfortable they can start to rely on national's data alone. The caveat to that trusting that data is seeing submissions properly recorded. The delay in showing the conversion is what the hang up is. National holds the number until the payment clears. However, you can see the submitted number but it takes more steps. In the near future, department will pay national to write code so the reports are in the format that Department of Illinois wants. This is far cheaper than rebuilding the current Illinois database and probably costs less than a month or two of the current maintenance fees.

What does this mean for Illinois. Card submission is rapidly going to become the exception rather than the rule. There will be no more driving cards to department. You submit it at post and the department will see it in the next days cycle.

The committee is excited the process is moving forward and maintains that though mylegion isn't perfect, it is the way forward for a more efficient organization. All posts should utilize mylegion as the means to process membership.

The committee discussed and proposes to the leadership that in the spring when the committee chairman send in their budget requests, it should be highly recommended that at least one of the two fall/spring meetings be by zoom rather than in person. This potentially saves a lot of money and would have better participation from each of the division committee members.

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