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Activities

Most of the committee's work this year was routine:

- Invoicing members each month due for renewal.
- Reminding members who were invoiced the previous month, but haven't paid.

An extra step was added this year: when a member is two months late for renewal, their name is passed on to Membership Development, who sends them a second reminder.

- Deactivating members who still haven't renewed three months after invoicing.
- Assigning usernames and passwords to new members.
- Reactivating the records for returning members.

Many new members join in the spring, in order to register for the conference at the member rate. Our process for assigning usernames/passwords to new members depends on payment records, which are forwarded to D&D by the treasurer in batches. Often, though, new members want their usernames right away, so they can log in and register for the conference. D&D has been able to handle these requests quickly (usually the same day), but we'd like to find a better workflow. Ideally, ArcStone would assign a temporary username/password as soon as the member creates their record.

The ArcStone system is complex enough that it's hard to share the work among the committee members. Most of the work falls to the co-chairs. Despite good intentions, no progress was made this year on alleviating this situation.



Membership

The following statistics are derived from ArcStone.

Total Active members: 754

Corresponding members: 5

In the last four months:

Deactivated members (chosen not to renew): 93

New members: 39

Pending new members (applied online but not paid): 15

Total unpaid invoiced members:

Unpaid invoiced members 4/1-4/30/2010: 31

Unpaid invoiced members 3/1/-4/1/2010: 29

*Unpaid invoiced members 2/1-3/1/2010: 35

**these members have been reminded and must make payment by 5/8/2010 to avoid deactivation.*

Action Items

A major action item in the next few months will be the implementation of the “organizational member” category, approved in the recent bylaws revision. The bylaws text is vague (presumably intentionally) about how this is to work. D&D plans to give some recommendations to the board soon.

Continuing Action Items:

- Document committee procedures and post to committee space.
- Create documentation and saved search strategies for standard reports.
- Continue database records cleanup.

Member US State Affiliations

5/1/2010

Alabama	17
Alaska	2
Arizona	6
Arkansas	3
California	65
Colorado	14
Connecticut	8

Delaware	3
District of Columbia	18
Florida	16
Georgia	18
Hawaii	2
Idaho	1
Illinois	27
Indiana	15
Iowa	6
Kansas	14
Kentucky	11
Louisiana	15
Maine	0
Maryland	19
Massachusetts	33
Michigan	16
Minnesota	10
Mississippi	12
Missouri	9
Montana	1
Nebraska	5
Nevada	6
New Hampshire	2
New Jersey	15
New Mexico	3
New York	52
North Carolina	38
North Dakota	0
Ohio	27
Oklahoma	6
Oregon	7
Pennsylvania	38
Rhode Island	4
South Carolina	10
Tennessee	12
Texas	46
Utah	7
Vermont	4
Virginia	11
Washington	15
West Virginia	0
Wisconsin	9
Wyoming	4

Member Country Affiliations

Australia	1
Canada	30
Germany	2
Italy	1
Jamaica	1
Mexico	1
UK	10
Trinidad & Tobago	1

Notes

- Country designations come from addresses supplied by members. So members working for the same

organization may be listed in different countries, depending on where they choose to get their mail.

- The two members from Trinidad and Jamaica actually work the same institution, the University of the West Indies.
- The number of countries represented has dropped noticeably in the past few years. For instance we no longer have any active members from most European countries.

Submitted by

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Database & *Directory* Committee