The Green Party of Virginia

Information Technology Committee Status Report

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Accomplishments:

1. Registered new domain names:
   - vagreenparty.org
   - vagreenparty.com
     - Redirected to the .org name.
     - Obtained to prevent anti-Green people from using the vagreenparty name.
     - Obtained to redirect people who are not familiar with the .org hierarch
   2. Obtained space on the Green Internet Society servers.
     - Backup servers reduce risk of downtime.
     - No ads or banners.
     - Migration still in progress, will be completed shortly.
   3. Set standards for development tools:
     - PHP4 as a scripting tool.
     - PostgreSQL as a database tool.
   4. Set requirements for the role of webmaster:
     - Skill set required:
       - HTML
       - PHP4 or other server side scripting languages
       - PostgreSQL, or other SQL database experience
       - Familiarity with SecureShell, SecureCopy or other similar packages
       - Qmail administration and configuration experience desirable.
       - C/Cgi experience with a "only when needed" attitude is desirable.
       - Graphic Design experience is desirable.
     - Other:
       - Shall dedicate several hours each week to keep the content of the site current or to work on website projects.

Progress:

1. Discussed project methodologies.
   - How to act on projects suggested by GOV members.
   - Extreme programming model.
2. Discussed privacy policy.
3. Looked at models for a discussion area on the website.
4. Discussed migrating current listservs to the official domain.

Problems and Solutions:

1. Current membership script is not working
   - We do not have access to this script.
   - New script is being written for new site, which will be online shortly.

Goals:

1. Complete migration to new host. - Short term - 1 to 2 weeks.
   - Post new pages.
   - Put up new membership script, with new features including:
     - Notification to local about new member.
     - Welcome letter to new member.
     - Notice to treasurer.
   - Redirect current URL to new URL.
   - Notify members of new website.
2. Membership database should reside on the website in a secure fashion. - Project - timeline not yet complete.
   - Password protected area.
   - Officers should have access to the entire database.
   - Locals should have access to their membership data.
   - Provisions should be made for other members access to the database, in accordance with our privacy policy.
3. List-serv for announcements to entire membership database. - Short term - 1 to 2 weeks.
   - Limited use.
   - Official announcements only of meetings and agendas.
   - Adheres to no-spam policy of Green Internet Society
4. Discussion area on website. - Project - timeline not yet complete.
Needs:

1. The webmaster needs to be informed of changes to local representation, so that the locals' information can be updated promptly.
2. Coordination with new newsletter editor - newsletters should be published online asap.
3. Coordination with new press secretary - press releases should be published and archived on website.
4. Coordination with local representatives - projects locals are working on should be represented on this site.

Thanks to:

**The Green Internet Society**
for hosting this site!

Send your comments & suggestions to the [Webweaver](http://www.vagreenparty.org/it010505.html).

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