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Call to Action Regarding Developmental Projects & Suggested Improvements

The Cupertino Alliance prides itself on being among the top developmental organizations in the community. If you check the Development section of the CA MicroWiki page, you'll find **eleven** projects, which is excellent. However, many of these projects have fallen inactive in some way or another. There have been multiple calls from delegates to revive this part of our mission, and I have a plan for us to discuss.

First, I'd like to give a greater priority to Cupertino Guides. Cupertino Guides is probably our finest developmental program due to the wide variety of topics that can be covered, so it should be displayed and prioritized accordingly. The guides are displayed beautifully on MicroWiki, but we should also display these guides on our website and link them in the discord server, at least. Some of the newer delegates might not be aware of all the guides that have already been written. It's critical that **all** delegates are aware of these resources.

Next, we have MicroWiki development projects such as the Edinburgh System, the Glasgow System, and the InformativeTemplateProject. I believe the ITP is currently inactive, though I believe it is a vital part of our MicroWiki development project suite. It would be nice to get it going again and publish those guides. Regarding the Edinburgh and Glasgow Systems, the Glasgow system criteria is well detailed in the document and may not need much improvement other than activity. However, the Edinburgh System criteria is not clearly explained anywhere to my knowledge and feels more subjective than algorithmic. Also, the document regarding this system requires that all scores be accompanied by an explanation and ways to improve, and this hasn't happened. For example, the New Athens page was last rated in April, and I still don't know how the score was determined. This system is the one that may have been utilized the most out of all our MicroWiki development projects and I believe some improvements to the documentation of this system would go a long way so more delegates can accurately give scores and aid in the project.

The North Lincolnshire Program is great because it helps with complex designs and heraldry. I don't believe this program needs a lot of work, as it's inactivity could be due to a lack of need rather than a lack of attention on our part, but I'd like opinions on that. It would be good to remind everyone that it's there, just in case.

The Work in Progress Website Project deserves a mention as well, as it is very underutilized. Donations were taken for this project so it's important that the funds are used. As soon as an observer is promoted, we should invite them to participate in the project if they don't already have their own domain.

Overall, I feel that we have some incredible developmental projects. The foundation is definitely there, we just need to make some improvements and keep them active. It's on us, not just as members of the current administration, but as delegates to make a conscious effort to preserve the activity of these programs. We can't expect a program to magically stay active without us actively using and improving it.

The first step I'd like us to take is to **improve the documentation** on these projects. We need to clearly specify criteria for the Edinburgh system. Unless it's clearly explained and detailed, it's not a system, it's just a subjective scale. Cupertino Guides needs to be well-advertised more often and displayed in multiple venues. The guides are incredible, and everyone needs to know they exist and where to find them. We also need to remind everyone that the North Lincolnshire and Work in Progress Website Projects still exist. Some members might need the help and just don't know about the programs.

I'd also like to hear your thoughts on taking some of the Cupertino Guides and creating full-blown projects from them. **Imagine the quality improvements we could provide if there were a North Lincolnshire-type project for constitution writing, for example.** Mr. Lewis had the idea of not just doing it for constitutions, but for legislation overall. He made a great point that internal legislative activity and quality tends to drop off quickly after the constitution is finished. Providing a channel where members can post documents and ask for opinions would be very useful. If more server channels are made for these projects, I motion we make a new category for our developmental project channels. Organization is key.

For thee we stand together! Long live the Cupertino Alliance!



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