

MLA Web Committee Business Meeting
Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Present: Steve Henry, Kerry Masteller, Liz Cribbs, Serena Vaquilar, Melissa Moll, Kristi Bergland, Karen McCool, Amy Hunsaker, Laura Jacyna, Jason Imbesi, Ana Munandar, Woody Colahan, Anne Shelley, Ray Heigemeir

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Previous Minutes
 - a. [MLA Web Committee Meeting, January 19, 2023](#)
 - b. Approved as submitted
3. Committee Transitions
 - a. Bye to Ray and Steve
 - b. Hello and goodbye to Kerry who is taking on the Assistant Web Manager role after this conference
4. Web Managers' Updates [Karen Berry, Steve Henry]
 - a. Recapping from the Business meeting - since January, it's been all conference, all the time
 - b. The conference a/v contractors (Mustache Power) were amazing; we'll pass the videos to 3Play next for captioning
 - c. Next project: migrating more of the website from YM to Wordpress
 - i. YM is good for member management, but not for website content
 - ii. Chapter sites first (probably simpler)
 - iii. Also Publications Committee is interested in using Wordpress
 1. Q from Membership Managers: how will lists of editorial boards, etc. be listed? (Right now, it's a combination of YM Groups management and content on HTML pages)
 - d. Other platforms we support:
 - i. GitHub (mostly a CMC project)
 1. Not really advertised at this point
 - ii. Humanities Commons
5. Website Help Documentation
 - a. [MLA Website Help Documentation Updates](#)
 - b. Woody will work on updates to the help page based on the FAQ
6. Wordpress Migration
 - a. We need you!
 - b. Watch for more information about how to help out
7. Conference Feedback - what worked? what didn't?
 - a. Overall, things seemed to work
 - b. Load-balancing rooms? (ETSC, for example, seemed like it was in too big a room for the audience, which maybe made it look less appealing)
 - c. Hybrid challenges: TechHub, Posters,
 - d. Streaming audio quality very good--better than being in the room

- e. Should some sessions - like TechHub - be virtual only? (Zoom works well for that kind of drop-in session)
 - f. Virtual interaction - was it enough? Should it be in a different format (vs. chat only)
 - g. For in-person attendees, the virtual part seemed seamless/unobtrusive
 - h. Gap between sessions not enough for Mustache Power to do set up, bring in virtual attendees, etc. They made it work, though, but more time would be good. Also some session went over time
 - i. Kind of weird blend between moderation/tech help/time keeping/other duties as required
 - j. Need to think about Mustache Power/streaming vendor's time as well--they need their breaks and a session going over time cuts into their break and lunch time.
8. Other Business
- a. Suggestions from Membership Survey
 - i. Maintain an MLA Slack and/or Discord
 - ii. Other ways to communicate besides MLA-L