

Portal Administrator Report
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Portal Applications and Support Sites

Current Projects:

- Election up and ready for launch. Completed three test runs. Feedback offered by various members of the board. Changes implemented.
- Continue Backups and Spambot defenses.
- Data corrupted for professional development survey. Lost one question's results. Searching through backups to locate missing data. Unsure of reason for data loss. No identified attacks to script or databases noticed in other applications or surveys/elections.

Overview:

- Meet.mpla.us continues to have a large number of spam bots attempting to sign up. About one to two get in per week but do not go live. I delete the accounts. About 95+% of signups are spam.
- Usage reports indicate Jobline, Meet, Home Page, Newsletter and Conference handouts get the most traffic.

Suggestions:

- I suggest looking at alternative approaches to the existing portals. We will not be able to draw viewers without current and frequently updated content. Members and Officers have not provided content for the various apps.
- My first suggestion is creating more push type services: Elections, Newsletter, Lists, etc.
- Second more inclusion of existing web services- Facebook, Twitter integration apps.
- Finally, utilize a content generation system as part of the MPLA website. For OLA I installed a content management system (Modx), various committee and division chairs were given control over their sections of the website. This has been successful by increasing involvement and keeping content updated.