Portal Administrator Report Roy Degler March, 2011

## Portal Applications and Support Sites

## **Current Projects:**

- MPLA 2.0 blog, forum and social network are removed from server. What a relief, I do not have to monitor suspicious activity emails on a daily basis.
- Elections went fine, third year in a row with increase in percentage voting.
- I suggested MPLA acquire MachForms(\$39) to process forms on the website. I installed and configured the application. Dan is moving all MPLA forms to Machforms. This will simplify Dan and Judy's life when working with forms.
- I have worked with Dan on adding existing web services to the website-Facebook, Twitter integration apps. I helped create the Facebook widget and explored use of RSS feeds from MPLA's various web services.
- Moving backups to a monthly back schedule.

## Suggestions:

- I would like to repeat my suggestion for creating more push type services: Elections, Newsletter, Lists, etc. Let's reach out to our members, instead of expecting them to come to us. This will make membership more valuable.
- Dan and I are exploring the use of a content generation system(CMS) as part of the MPLA website. We are looking at Modx (modx.com). This CMS is being used by the Oklahoma Library Association for a primary website (ola.oklibs.org) and conference (ola2011.oklibs.org). The tool has empowered the committee, division and roundtable chairs with the ability to manage web-content.