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MPLA Webmaster Report

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New Social Media Areas on HomePage

Dana asked and I tweaked the webpage to feature a different MPLA social media. Since the revamp of the website in April, we'd been featuring Facebook, with icon links to the Tumblr blog and Twitter. I have moved the Twitter feed to the featured social media. I'm working to find a way to feature the Tumblr blog, but Tumblr doesn't seem to offer any (easily findable) widgets to allow me to do so quickly. If anyone has any ideas for how to move the Tumblr blog feed into a widget so we can highlight it on the website, I'm all ears.

New Forms Master Listing

As we have created quite a few web-based forms for use on the website, and the forms are linked across the site where relevant, there remained a need to have a master list of web forms in one place so one might find the form they need without too much hunting around. I have created a menu level link on the left navigation menu titled (appropriately enough) FORMS. The direct link is:

<http://mpla.us/forms/formindex.html> and on this master list, each form is listed as follows:

Membership Forms:

[Individual Membership Form](#)

[Institutional Membership Form](#)

[State Association Membership Form](#)

Professional Development Grant Forms:

[Individual Professional Development Grant Application Form](#)

[Individual Professional Development Grant Evaluative Report Form](#)

[State Association Pre/Post Conference Grant Application Form](#)

[State Association Pre/Post Conference Grants Evaluative Report Form](#)

MPLA Newsletter Forms:

[Newsletter News Submission Form](#)

[Newsletter Advertising Form](#)

Miscellaneous Forms:

[MPLA Donation Form](#)

Awards Nomination Form

[Reimbursement Form](#)

New MPLA Donation Form

At the request of Judy, I have created an MPLA Donation form, where people can make a donation to MPLA and direct that donation to the Leadership Institute (or elsewhere). The form is available at: <http://mpla.us/forms/lidonation.html> To highlight this form, I linked it on the top, horizontal links across each page. It is also on the aforementioned FORMS page.

Ongoing MemberClick Login Box Issues

We've been having some issues with the MemberClicks login box that I reformatted and placed atop each page on the website. Background: MemberClicks gives us some code we can paste into our webpages, that creates those login boxes. When we revamped the website in April, Roy and I looked at the code supplied by MemberClicks and "streamlined" it. Needless to say, MemberClicks changed something on their end, and it knocked the login box redesign offline. The login boxes still work on a secondary page, so I have changed the login boxes atop each page to a link named MEMBER LOGIN, which takes members to the boxes for logging into MemberClicks. Roy and I are still looking at this issue and we'll get it ironed out at some time. Hopefully ☺

Respectfully submitted,

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