



TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT COVERING NOVEMBER 2016 – JANUARY 2017

MEMBERS

Links Mashandra Elam, Stephanie McGriff, Lisa Shyne, Alicia Stephens, and R. Kirsten Watts (chair)

WEBSITE REDESIGN

Over the last three months, web designer Crozz Communications and this committee fine-tuned the website into a vivid, appealing, functional tool. The address is <http://tacomalinksinc.org/>.

Current information can be found under each tab. For example, the chapter president's greeting on the Home page was refreshed. Links to the chapter and national office were updated on the Contact Us page. Links to the proclamations received from Washington State and the City of Tacoma were added to the In the News page. All facets have separate web pages under the Program page. A monthly calendar and an announcement about 2017 Spring Fling were added to the Events page. One can learn more about the chapter's history as well as organization's history by clicking on the About Us tab. The Members Only page awaits proprietary information.

A very noteworthy and highly anticipated accomplishment recently achieved by this committee: scholarship seekers can complete the updated, user-friendly application on-line on the Scholarship Form page, and the Scholarship committee chairs can immediately access the completed applications. Also, an email account specifically created to receive and send only scholarship-related communications was refined. It is scholarshiplinksinc@tacomalinksinc.org.

Next steps:

- Get facet chairs to submit via Dropbox 2016-2017 photos they want considered for inclusion on the website. They have been asked to use the following link to submit pictures: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/irFs8xwma62iEHSTjov4?oref=e>.
- Provide a short tutorial at the January 28, 2017 chapter meeting on uploading pictures to the chapter Dropbox account.
- Open access to the Members Only page by sharing the password.
- Set up website update training for members of this committee.

2017 SPRING FLING/50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Chapter members have been asked to submit 2016-2017 photos they want considered for inclusion in the Power Point Presentations. The hard deadline for photo submission is March 15, 2017. The Dropbox link for this request is <https://www.dropbox.com/request/o27YCVJUED2rsOck6eZC>.

At the January 17 meeting of the Spring Fling/Fundraising committee, the event planners asked that the Scholarship committee shorten its presentation to about 15 minutes and only highlight

one to two recipients. In the past, the presentation has taken up to an hour. This committee will have to coordinate with the Scholarship Committee on the content of its Power Point presentation, given the planned changes.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT PROVIDED TO OTHER FACETS/COMMITTEES

Special chapter budget meeting – December 15, 2016

HHS Stress Reduction workshop – January 21, 2017

BUDGET

Pending chapter approval of the entire 2017-2018 budget, this committee will have \$1,000 to carry out its duties during the 2017-2018 operating year. It represents an increase from \$500.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Every first and third Monday of each month, 7-8 PM, unless otherwise announced.

Respectfully Submitted by R. Kirsten Watts on January 24, 2017