

Agenda for CINP Board Meeting November 2nd, 2012
13:00 to 14:55 CDT

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from the September 21st, 2012 meeting
3. Announcements and reports
 - CUPC 2012 Graduate fair
 - Upcoming TRIUMF ACOT meeting (Nov. 30th - Dec. 1st)
 - CINP Website refurbishing (see attached page)
4. Graduate fellowships from the CINP
5. Membership
 - Approve new members (applications circulated by Huber)
 - i. Andrei Semenov
 - ii. Allison Radich
6. Communications
 - Visibility: Letter to IUPAP NP working group, short article in NUPEC publication
7. Executive Director position
8. Other business
9. Adjourn

Conference call details:

Date: Friday, November 2nd, 2012

Start Time: 13:00 PM Central Daylight Time

End Time: 14:55 PM Central Daylight Time

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Report on CINP website from Zisis Papandreou:

Hello Kumar:

Thanks for the invitation, but I will not be able to attend tomorrow's meeting.

Briefly on the web site.

We are using the Content Management System Drupal. It has a large community of developers behind it, ensuring bug fixes, security and continuity into the future. We are running 6.24. However, Drupal has made a major upgrade to Drupal 7.x. Most (if not all) of the Drupal 6.24 modules do not work, and furthermore it is not possible to upgrade the site using scripts. We had spent two full days and failed. Others that I communicated with had the same experience.

The plan to move forward was then to keep the old 6.24 site in archival mode, until all material was transferred *manually* to the new site. Two other major changes were needed: a) separation of the sites into separate directory structures (under 6.24 they were all under one umbrella, CINP and DNP). This allows easier maintenance and upgrades. b) creation of Apache vhosts files to ensure that the url requests go to the correct site (CINP old vs new). This was a bit more complex because the cinp.ca domain is hosted by you (at UofM?). In the future, it would be simpler if Regina hosted this.

There was discussion on creating a photo gallery for our field. I thought that this should belong under the DNP site. I have communicated with Barry and I will charge those costs to the DNP.

For the CINP, unless I am requested to add some other feature, I see the costs roughly as follows. I am basing it on \$20/hr, to hire a CS Ph.D. student (he did a MSc with me and knows our computer systems, which makes the work go faster).

- Migration of Drupal 6.24 to 7; evaluation of methodology, code and databases: 10 hours. Status: completed.
- Installation of Drupal 7, separation of code into directories: 2 hours. Status: completed
- Apache forking of sites: 2 hours.
- Backup scripts and cron jobs: 1 hour. Status: completed, backups nightly, weekly, monthly.
- Transfer of content from 6.24 to 7 site. Not done. To bring over the static pages, most recent job ads (say 3-4 months) and a modest fraction of the LRP/NSERC pages and documents should take 4 hours. To bring everything over, I estimate double that. However, I do not think it is necessary, as with the apache redesign we could keep the 6.24 archival site running (say under port 8080) at the same time as the new site (under the standard port 80).

Summary:

- expenses so far: 15 hours at \$20/hr.
- projected expenses to complete: 4-8 hours at \$20/hr

That's about it. If you decided you want the entire site moved over or a separate photo gallery from that of the DNP, please let me know so that I can plan accordingly. Currently the student is working on the DNP site. I hope this is done in 2 weeks so that he can move to the CINP one.

Finally, is it ok if I have the University invoice you for the whole amount at the conclusion of the upgrade, to minimize paperwork?

Cheers, Zisis...

On 2012-10-30, at 1:58 PM, sharma wrote:

Hi Zisis,

I was wondering if you would be available to join the CINP Board to talk about plans to refurbish the web site for the CINP and the possibility of hiring someone to help with the task.

The meeting is at 13:00 CDT (Winnipeg time) on Friday 2nd of November. If not could you give me a short summary and an estimate of what it may cost?

Regards,

Kumar