

P2Rx
Content and Technology Committee
WORDPRESS MEETING
Tuesday, November 1, 2011
Meeting Notes

Present: Andy Bray (NEWMOA), Luke Smith and Ken O'Hara (ESRC-KPPC), Joy Scrogum (GLRPPR), Rick Yoder (P2Ric), Myla Kelly (Peaks), John Handzo (WSPPN), Paula Del Giudice, Ken Grimm, and Jonathan Stumpf (PPRC), Beth Anderson (EPA), Angela Miller (NPPR)

This meeting is to discuss WordPress and where those Centers that are transferring to WordPress. The Centers participated in a Roundtable discussion about what they have done or are planning to do with WordPress. Also, if there were any plug-ins, widgets, or special programming they found that works best for transferring data from Cold Fusion to WordPress.

NEWMOA – Has only started to poke around with WordPress. The Sustainable Lodging site uses a NING platform, which they have found some shortcoming. The site intentionally has a distinct URL, so that it can be mobile. They have looked at themes on social networking that focus on professional themes. They are looking for widgets that would work as document depository, since that is a shortcoming of NING.

ESRC – There site is on a WordPress platform, www.esrconline.org. Since they were building a new site they had to select both a platform and host. The host is www.asio.net. The WordPress theme is Atahualpa, which provides full control over styling. They are still working on developing the website. They were able to come up with a PHP for the transfer of the Topic Hubs to WordPress, <http://esrconline.org/topic-hubs/>.

GLRPPR – WordPress has been used for blogs, GLRPPR Blog at <http://www.glrppr.org/blog/> and the Sustainable Electronics Initiative Blog at <http://wp.istc.illinois.edu/sei/>. Laura Barnes's Environmental News Bits blog also is done using WordPress, but it sits at WordPress.com rather than on the ISTC server, <http://envnewsbits.wordpress.com/>. Tyler may have created his own Theme. They are looking to move the GLRPPR site in future to WordPress.

P2Ric – Set up two pages in WordPress the Mercury Work Group (<http://mercury.p2ric.org/>) and Roundtable (<http://roundtable.p2ric.org/>). They plan to do more posting on Roundtable page and try to build greater audience.

Peaks – Have not done anything yet with WordPress.

WSPPN – Have been working on a move to WordPress. Host is dropping Cold Fusion, so they are at the point that they either move to WordPress or a new host. Here is link to an option they have looked at for a WordPress theme that their intern created <http://derekjordan.com/wsppn/>. They have been trying to figure out how to handle the four WSPPN databases. One they came up with is the possibility is to ask someone else to post the databases. The Business Environmental Program already has a WordPress platform, <http://unrbep.org/about-bep/events/>.

PPRC – Went to a designer that had experience with WordPress. The designer has had to leave, but they have found another designer that has experience with databases. Once hand project over to new designer they will have more information.

There will be another call in a month to discuss WordPress further, specifically if the Centers can get there in different ways and how do they make it feel the same for the users.