HELP WANTED

Wild Apricot : Member and Events Management System Planning and Testing

The current Nova Labs member management software was written by one of Nova Lab's founders. While it was adequate when the membership was small, it no longer meets the needs of a rapidly-growing 300+ person organization.

Nova Labs currently manages its events through meetup.com. While meetup.com is one excellent way to market our events there are financial and logistical drawbacks to using it the way we do today.

Nova Labs has identified a commercial software package, Wild Apricot, as one possible solution. Wild Apricot (WA) is an integrated member and events management system. https://www.wildapricot.com It has a large, established customer base. It is being used with success by our neighboring maker space, makersmiths with good success. It's already been looked at by a number of us we are in agreement that it is the best candidate.

Migration to this new system will not be trivial. It will touch almost all of our current online systems. It will impact how the operations team does almost everything. It will affect how our finances are managed.

We are seeking volunteers to help with detailed migration planning and testing.

You do not necessarily need programming skills. You need to be a good listener and communicator, and a self-guided learner. Ability to read technical documentation and/or watch instructional videos, listen to our operations and other teams, and then translate that into a documentable plan.

This effort is contingent on recruiting and dividing up the work among enough people such that the individual time commitment is not excessive. The goal is to get enough volunteers such that the commitment level per person is below approximately 3 hours per week over the course of 12 to 16 weeks.

Organizational meetings lasting not more than 90 minutes will probably initially weekly then bi-weekly on either Saturday or Sunday between ~11a and ~4p. Some of you will be tasked to work with members of other NL teams.

The hope is that the project leadership style is very flat and collaborative.

If interested, please join us this Saturday May 4th at Nova Labs for our kickoff meeting.

If you have attended Nova Labs Membership GO you will have a Nova Labs slack account. Please also join the [nova labs slack #wildapricot channel](#) if you have not done so already.

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