

MD19 Website Report

To: MD19 Council Of Governors

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From: J.D. Nellor, Council Chair

The new MD19 website launched in June 2018, shortly after the Spring Council Meeting and training sessions.

In general, the new website continues to be well received.

The website is updated constantly.

How can Lions help with the website?

- Encourage any anyone who spots an error, or that finds something that does not work, to let the MD19 office know. They should identify the page where the problem was found or the information needs to be changed (makes it easier for me to find it!). In most cases, we can correct problems or update information almost immediately, rarely does it take more than a day.
- We like ideas! If someone has an idea about something they would like the website to do, let the MD19 office know.
- Encourage clubs to submit stories for the club Brag Pages.
- Encourage clubs, zones and districts to get calendar information to the MD19 office on their events ASAP so they can be posted on the Calendar— the Calendar is intended to serve (in addition to the obvious) as a way for clubs, zones and districts to schedule events and avoid conflicts with other clubs, zones and districts.

What's on the agenda over the next few months?

- Building a database so the MD office can edit club, officer and meeting information on the fly, which means the website and the Roster data will automatically update with a single entry in a single place. Work on the database is progressing but will take at least until mid-year to complete. The goal is to have the database functional by the next roster change. Once that is done, then...
- Move the site to its own account. As reported previously, there is a cost that we need to budget for: about \$6.00 to \$9.00 a month depending on the hosting package. Between the domain name registrations and the hosting, we should budget about \$90.00 to \$120.00 a year for the website. The timing: the second half of this fiscal year.

- All new forms to the website are fillable pdf forms. There are still a few folder forms that have not been converted—we find these as members point them out or let us know.

Long-term goals:

- Create data entry pages so that Zone Chairs (and Clubs) can fill out and file their MD reports from the website, instead of downloading the forms, printing them out, filling them in, and mailing or emailing them to the MD19 office.
- Create payment pages where Clubs and Lions can make online payments of MD19 assessments, registrations for the MD19 conventions and counsel meetings, and the like.

I hope you are all enjoying the new web site.

Respectfully submitted,

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