WEBSITE SUPPORT THOUGHT FORCE
REPORT FOR TWO DAY FALL 2024

The purpose of this Thought Force is to explore the option to engage with a consulting firm. The Ohio Area Website is currently supported by one person – and has been for a long time.   The expectation is that the consultants would

The first step was to procure proposals from least two consultants. Proposals have been received from:

- Weknowmojo (https://www.weknowmojo.com) used by Cleveland Al-Anon IG and Westchester Al-Anon Intergroup.

- Heather Rose Design (https://www.heatherrosedesign.com/): used by OA Ann Arbor Intergroup, OA Foot Steps Virtual Intergroup, Los Angelas OA Intergroup.

We asked these consultants to give us a proposal on two things

(1) CONVERT THE WEBSITE TO WORDPRESS

In general, WordPress is the leader in website development consistently at the top of the "Top 10…" lists. Training, security, development tools abound.   Many consultants are available. In contrast, Mobirus is a small enterprise designed to be used by one person, requiring extracting and copying files from a personal computer to the hosting server. I could not find any consultants indicating they would provide support.

Caution: there are two Mobirus software tools:

Software-mobirus.com is software designed to work with the communication systems of companies like T-Mobile and Cisco. This is not what we're interested in.

Mobirus.com is the software that we currently use. They have just released AI (Artificial Intelligence) capabilities to build a website.

(2) ON GOING MAINTENANCE OF THE WEBSITE

Our website would be considered very static, with changes involving:
- Uploading of 10-20 files four times per year (Spring AWSC, Spring Assembly, Fall AWSC, Two Day Fall)
- Infrequent updates to static data such as forms and PO Box numbers.
- The current calendar is a list of dates. We might investigate using a Google Calendar which we can update ourselves.

THE NEXT STEP IS TO ASSEMBLE A THOUGHT FORCE TO

- Agree on the capabilities which we want (blog?)
- Interview consultants
- Select a web site template
- Make a recommendation to Ohio Area

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