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>>ROGAN HAMBY: It is 2:30 PM and I believe we are on the schedule for starting at 2:30 PM is that right Andrea?

I would like to go ahead and thank our sponsors. The Evergreen community development initiative and Mobius both of them of helped make this conference possible along with our other sponsors all the great people presenting, the people asking questions come everybody making it possible. Especially the people who signed large checks so thank you Mobius. We're going to jump into the presentation.

We do I believe have captioning for this so I'm going to drop that link into the chat if you are having any issues following along the audio discussion use this link.

The captioner's have worked very hard and have been amazing throughout the conference so I also want everybody to direct some good will towards them it is amazing having the captioning available.

So I think Debbie wanted to discuss dig a bit so let's start off with her.

>> All right. Just checking out the settings can everybody hear me?

>>ROGAN HAMBY: I can hear you.

>> Okay. Can you see my screen?

>>ROGAN HAMBY: I cannot.

>> Okay here we go. Okay.

>>ROGAN HAMBY: Did it pop up and ask you to select a screen?

>> It did and I said entire screen. Okay.

>>ROGAN HAMBY: There are times folks I wish I'd been a library and say in the turn of the 19th-20th century. Relatively few technology problems then.

[LAUGHTER]

>> How about if I.

>>ROGAN HAMBY: I will go ahead and do mine and you can play with that see if we consorted out and don't worry about adding your screen to mind while I talk while you test. We will just roll ahead.

>> Sounds good.

>>ROGAN HAMBY: Okay so I kind of have two in one here. I want to talk about quickly and I'm going to use this as an opportunity to stump for assistance on some projects. The first one I call nuke the web. Is not the entirety of the Internet don't worry because one that probably would not be very productive and too quiet don't want it in person. So when I talk about nuking the web I really talk about our website. Don't know how often folks go to the Evergreen website these days but it could really use some love. It has been around a long time it's been updated. Is had plug-ins installed it has had CSS tweaked. It has had discrete obscure changes made by people that are not around anymore I probably don't remember what they did even if they are and it has ended up being dated looking. A little hard to find some things. In the back end could really use some attention.

I want to basically start over. Where using WordPress as in the wild West. The wild West is good for content we have freely given people access to do content and that something a don't want to change. I don't want there to be gatekeeping on adding content to the website but I do think the administration of it needs to be locked down a bit we don't need people freely changing themes and plug-ins and stuff like that. Not that that's been a major problem but it's a mess back there. So my goal I would like to throughout to the communities that we rebuild this and our timelines that we have it done by the conference next year of 2022. That gives us a soft day but we are talking about basically April of next year which I think is enough time to do this.

So if we do this we need to get organized in the next month and if we have the interest and manpower we will use the outreach committee as the umbrella that we do it under.

My intentions are we would stay with WordPress I don't see a reason to leave WordPress. There are a lot of great tools to help support it and we are not looking to reinvent the wheel but we want clean and a maintainable slate. The merchandise link is not exactly broken. The merchandise is a whole other issue right now but. I could do a quick talk later on the merchandise situation if you want. [LAUGHING].

My idea is that we do a test server for WordPress, build it up how we want it, move over the content we want and then switch all the good stuff.

That is the first project I want to pitch. The second project is the Book of Evergreen. Allow people don't know that there is actually an Evergreen book out there. The graphic is covering up the link a bit but we can find it it's called Evergreen in action done back in 2013 and it was basically about how to use Evergreen back on 2.3. 2.4 was in development at the time. I'm not looking to reinvent this book, by the way. But I thought it would I would throw it in here as historical interest. I'm looking to do something that builds more on this a lot people don't know this but there is a history Git Repo -- were some people of added commits about some history of some Evergreen organizations. I'm not looking to redo this crime looking to do is something more narrative.

And what I'm envisioning is something hosted on GitHub to lower the barriers to access as much as possible although I still imagine it may use some people are more comfortable with Git to put content and for other folks. It would host graphics and text and an initial first edition would feature 10 chapters 1 essentially for the first year of Evergreen which we are well onto our second decade now and we would get a variety of stories from Evergreen community that tell narratives. One per year.

I narrative could be institution or individual would look to tell the local stripper also touch on the bigger picture of what happened. So what I want people to do of course is present writing chapters help managing the repo manage contributors, helping with editing and proofing, figuring out the layout and how we do that though there are some automated tool or take the text and up it into an actual layout system of some kind.

And right now I'm just looking to see if anyone is interested and we have got enough people that were interested and want to start with just a handful not make it unwieldy than we might look at where we went from there. Eventually the output would be the content on git something can be licensed and reusable and no timeline. Just whenever got done. Maybe look at a second edition if the first is cool and it happens. With a PDF and web version outputs for people to be renewable.

The history is a different project link. The history GitHub is basically commits with dates and events. This is something I envision having them a more narrative focus. If you are interested in either of these the book of Evergreen or website rebuild obviously the website rebuild is a more practically oriented project oriented towards something that the community needs. The book of Evergreen is more of a fun sort of thing. But from a historical standpoint I think be really interesting. If you're interested in either of these feel free to email me.

Those are my lightning talks for stumping for people. Are you in a position, Debbie?

>> Possibly want to try again and if not Rogan like to send you the link. Is that okay? Let's try this again.

>>ROGAN HAMBY: To answer a question from Barb real quickly there is a theme in place for WordPress. It has been tweaked and modified and adjusted and that is part of what needs to be done with nuking is replacing with a new thing better supported and move away from undocumented tweaks in either places.

>> I'm assuming you still cannot see my screen. Okay.

>>ROGAN HAMBY: Drop me the link. Okay. So many places for messages.

[LAUGHTER]

>>ROGAN HAMBY: Okay. You just tell me when to advance.

>> Okay. Thank you very much. So I just wanted to talk briefly about the documentation interest group. And I'm the facilitator of the documentation interest group and we maintain and and and edit all of the official documentation for the Evergreen community. And we always need other people to help. I just want to point out I found this picture and this is public domain and that boar is carrying a shovel I thought it was funny. Anyway thanks to Lynn Floyd West on this presentation for many years and sent me her presentation slides. So thanks Lynn.

What is DIG? We talk about it you might see it unless and it stands for documentation interest group so as I said we are they want to maintain the official documentation and I have here as you can get the link to when the slides are posted later but that is our official wiki seek and find out information about us there. We also have monthly meetings and every other meeting is different.

So on the first Thursday of odd months we meet at IRC mostly a business meeting. On the first Thursday of even months it is collaboration time on zoom so we are sharing information, having presentations, just working on stuff together where we can share screens and everything so that is on. Our next one will be June 4 I believe the first Thursday in June. Also on Friday we have a documentation hack fest so come to that. Knew DIG folks will help you. We are very friendly so please stop by. And work on some documentation. And also there is the link to the documentation discussion list scant subscribe to that it is a pretty low we don't have a lot of discussion [LAUGHING] So.

In the last year with had a lot of documentation commits 27 unique committers so that is awesome and you will see some of the, we moved documentation from ASCII to the Antora platforms was much friendlier and better looking. So lots of stuff that DIG has been up to this year it's been a very busy year but we still have things to do.

Here are things that -- there are lots of things to do here is a brief list of things is a very general list but it is basically anything. Documentation related. If you if there is something in Evergreen it needs to be documented so there are lots of ways to do that. And one I listed a picture of the link on every page of the official docs so you can click on that and send email.

There are lots of ways that you can help. So you can submit documentation in any format so don't worry about it I don't know ASCII are not sure what to put this. Go ahead and just send it to the discussion list and somebody will figure out how to put it in. You do know ASCII you can submit your documentation in GitHub and review, Lynn and Blake today preconference on this at this conference and Jake did a session yesterday also about the whole documentation process so review those later.

And I will give you a walk-through from beginning to end of how to submit documentation. Come to the DIG meetings and the link here is the documentation needs list -- can edit that put your name next to something and do it.

Thank you to all the documenters done all this hard work this year. That's it.

>>ROGAN HAMBY: Thank you. Does anybody else have something to present on? If not I will be glad to share what I know about the merchandise situation. Okay. Merchandise.

Here is what is happened in the merchandise store. A few months ago we set up a new store on a service called red bubble and we were very happy with it and then early one Saturday morning I got a message from the Evergreen community member who said broken, the link is not going anywhere what's going on? So I looked into it and found the store was down. Completely down. Nonexistent. And in fact our login was disabled to no longer be a valid account.

I checked my email checked my spam checked everything and I had no communication from them. I tried for about six weeks. I attempted calling them both in their San Francisco and Melbourne headquarters although they Melbourne has a very nice Australian accent on the recording. I tried email I tried Twitter. I tried their various support chat lines and asked to escalate issues and received a wall of silence from all of it with multiple attempts at each. The only response form I got was automated form that simply backed an sent me an email that said something to the effect that our counter been taken down for DMCA purposes and we could file appeal with information they never provided. I attempted to file appeal anyway with what I did have and that was about three weeks ago and have not received a response from that.

So we're going to put together a timeline of these events and we will publish a post about it recommending that other nonprofits may find red bubble inappropriate for their purposes also. We have discovered there is a significant community of people who have been unhappy with DMCA takedowns for reasons I don't understand. For our part they list three reasons for a store being taken down and for DMCA takedowns to. Of one of those purposes being that there is malicious activity on the account which we had relatively low numbers. I find that hard to believe. Two there is inappropriate adult content. We had two logos one for the Evergreen 2021 conference and one for the Evergreen project.

The third that were reviling someone else's intellectual property. Since we do not have any communication from them we don't know what their theoretical cause was and if it was in fact DMCA although their emails are vague, then presumably it's for the logos violating someone's intellectual property which they don't.

One of them is currently held by another organization that we are transferring assets from. But it is only held in steed for us. That organization is meant to be a proxy and transferring back to the Evergreen project and the other one is not held by that organization anymore. So that is the situation with the merchandise.

Yeah as Chris Burton says we really don't have an appeal. When we signed up we basically agreed they could do whatever they want to our account that they please and unfortunately that is the universal boilerplate on services. So --

We will continue to evaluate our options going forward in the future. We still want to provide merchandise, but, yeah.

Gina has a quick demo I say go ahead.

>> Hopefully my audio doesn't do anything crazy. Hi how's it going? This is just really quick probably sharing the screen would be helpful. I'm going to do that. Enter the infinity. Just real quick I started using the S code a bit more and I did a demo on this so if you are interested in watching half-hour me rambling this would be the title let me know. It was just information. Really quick here on VS code you can either hit the and or drag up from the bottom of this moved the last time I did this but this is a git dash terminal she could do it all on this is pretty simply just find everything the same. Don't think I had to do anything else to set this up. V S Code has a pretty good git stuff.

I've been fine with what's install but if you hover over bits of coding here gives you information over like who the user was who submitted a change and so forth. And lastly there is this icon on the left side and that gives you some information about git. Branch information. You could even do a DIP file something real quick to show you. I've been an advocate for VS code I know Rogan uses it too so thank you.

>>ROGAN HAMBY: All right we are at five minutes till we have new sessions starting over in track one and track two in about five minutes so thank you everybody for joining us for the lightning talks and will see you over whatever track I'm presenting and I'm presenting in a few minutes I should find that out shouldn't I? All right see you soon. Bye-bye.

[End of session]