

SPONSORED-PROJECTS' HELP SHEET

DCN Business Office (530) 750.1170 or rl@dcn.org
DCN accounts (at Omsoft): (530) 758-0119 or 1623 Fifth St.
DCN/Omsoft TECH Support: (530) 750-0101 or help@dcn.org
DCN Services web page: www.dcn.org/dcn/access/services/network.html
RAC (was IPC) List: dcn-projects-committee@mailman.dcn.org
DCN Web Team: msmosaic@dcn.org
RAC (was IPC) Web Site: www.dcn.org/dcn/rac/

To Launch your RAC (aka IPC) Sponsored Project

1. If you've been authorized to use a DCN dialup or shell account - visit or call Omsoft (see above), give them the name of your Project (as approved by the RAC) and explain what resources you have been authorized to use i.e. one or more dcn shell or dcn dialup accounts. Omsoft will set up the appropriate DCN accounts with the username(s) and password(s) that you provide.

(Note: DCN's goal for your project is to get you started so that you will eventually succeed on your own.)

2. If you've been authorized to use a Simple Site, a Mailman List, a Zope folder, or a forum - contact the Webteam at msmosaic@dcn.org

Web Team Help – The WebTeam is contacted by email to msmosaic@dcn.org Chair is Steve McMahon

Help is provided in several ways. Team leaders and other project participants may contact the Web Team Chair to:

a) Ask a specific question b) Arrange to attend a Web Team meeting to ask questions or talk over needs or problems.

E- Mailing Lists – Two options are available:

1. "Majordomo" List - see www.dcn.davis.ca.us/dcn/access/services/list-app.html

2. "Mailman" List (the preferred List) obtained after authorization by the RAC by contacting the DCN Web Team.

The List service (used by groups for announcements or discussions) is provided by DCN using special software that is resident on the DCN's server - not on your computer. This software maintains a list of email addresses that it obtains from you and/or from people who 'subscribe' their names to the List. Your List has its own email address and messages sent to that address go automatically to everyone on the List. Your List can be set up in a variety of useful ways to suit your group's needs:

a) one person - the 'owner' can be the only person authorized to subscribe (add) or unsubscribe (delete) addresses; or b) people can add or delete their own names (but nobody else's); c) a special, welcoming and informational message can be sent automatically to everyone who 'subscribes'; d) an automatic footer explaining about the List can be attached to every message; e) ... and more!

Training - Contact Richard Lowenberg rl@dcn.org or 750-1170.

DCN can arrange for group training sessions to help you and your colleagues to understand the technology that you are planning to use, and to create web pages.

DCN's goal is always to get you **started**. In this case (training) the goal is the same as for the project program overall; DCN gives you a push start and you race off on your own probably returning to DCN one way or another as you need additional help. Sometimes that help might be on the DCN Web, at other times it will have to be provided personally by a web team member or other DCN volunteer.

ALMOST ANYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB

You might benefit from checking some of these resources:

1. DCN Web Authors' FAQ at www.dcn.org/about/web_author/
2. DCN Information Providers' Resources at www.dcn.org/about/html/
3. DCN Web Author Tools at: www.dcn.org/tools/
4. Find help with forms on your web page on the DCN server with a mailform script at: www.dcn.org/tools/mailform.html
5. Would you like to add an interactive quiz to a web page? QuizMaster makes it easy: www.dcn.org/tools/quizmaster/
6. Allow visitors to search your personal or organizational World Wide Web pages with the DCN personal search engine at: www.dcn.org/tools/search/
7. NCSA Beginner's Guide to HTML is available at www.ncsa.uiuc.edu/General/Internet/WWW/HTMLPrimer.html