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Update Your TAG Member List - Dues are Due Soon

To prepare for dues renewals, please review and update your organization's list of TAG members NOW. If you are the primary TAG contact, go to **Manage Profile** > **Sub-accounts** and review the list.

1. To **Add** new TAG members, enter their email address in the **Invite New Members** field and click **Send Invite**.
2. To **Remove** TAG members from your organization, send their name to Lisa Pool.

Primary contacts will receive dues renewal notices January 15th. **You must renew your membership online prior to March 15th** for your foundation's TAG members to continue to receive TAG benefits, including participating in webinars and accessing the web site.

TAG dues remain the same as in 2016. Click here to see the 2017 dues rates.

Don't Miss Rand Morimoto January 26th!

We're thrilled to have Rand back as a presenter! He'll be discussing application and datacenter modernization and how organizations and IT processes are evolving as organizations move to cloud-based applications and cloud services. The traditional model for user adoption and transition to new versions of software as well as I.T.'s role in managing and maintaining technologies are rapidly changing.

Rand will share best practices on how organizations are addressing business and I.T. changes brought on by this new model of technology delivery. Click here to register for the webinar

Rand has also written an article about the role data plays in helping I.T. be a business enabler. He talks about how data is helping I.T. transition from a backend service provider to a frontline business enabler.

Read the full article here.

TAG 2016 Best Presenter Award

Congratulations to **Charles Richardson,** Director of Information Technology at The Heinz Endowments, for being the winner of the TAG 2016 Best Presenter Award! Charlie's session, "Experiences with Cybersecurity in Philanthropy",

EVENTS & MORE

TAG Webinars

Application and Datacenter Modernization
Thursday, January 26th
1:00 - 2:00 pm ET

Making the Case to Simplify Your Grantmaking Processes
Thursday, February 23rd
1:00 - 2:00 pm ET

Sharepoint to Jive Conversion - Save the Date!
Thursday, March 23rd
1:00 - 2:00 pm ET

Vendor Webinars

Altum: How to Streamline Buy vs. Build Decisions in the Cloud-Computing Era
Thursday, January 12th
1:00 - 2:00 pm ET

SoPact: Impact Conversations for Foundations: Lean Impact Methodology
Thursday, February 16th
1:00 - 2:00 pm ET

Foundant CommunitySuite: Your New Choice for Integrated Community Foundation Software
Thursday, March 9th
2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

Regional Meetings

New York City Meeting
Tuesday, January 10th
12:00 - 2:00 pm ET

San Francisco Meeting
Thursday, February 9th
12:00 - 2:00 pm PT

What We're Discussing

was an inside look at the foundation's security practices and we appreciate your willingness to share this information with colleagues. The session was very highly attended and very highly rated - a win-win! Thank you for your time and effort to create and deliver a fantastic session!

TAG Releases "What do you use?" Survey Results

97 unique foundations participated in the September 2016 "what do you use" survey. Detailed survey results were mailed to participants in September.

Members who didn't participate can download the summary results. Highlights include:

- Gifts Classic was reported as the most commonly used grants management software (19%), followed by foundationConnect (13%) and Fluxx (12%).
- 53% of respondents are using Office 365.
- More than 75% reported using cloud storage.

Remember - you need to participate to see *who uses what*!

Call for Volunteers!

Get involved with TAG and meet your colleagues, grow your network, and build your leadership skills. We are looking for volunteers for several TAG committees, including the Conference Agenda and Logistics Committees.

Please contact Lisa Pool, 610-688-6832, by January 15th if you are interested in getting involved with TAG. Lisa will help you figure out what's best for your interests!

Interesting Reading

A Practical Guide to Outcome-focused Philanthropy

Check out the Hewlett Foundation's new publication *A Practical Guide to Outcome-focused Philanthropy*. This is a roadmap for staff as they work through the four stages of a strategy's lifecycle: origination; implementation; refresh, and exit. The guidebook includes a set of worksheets that provides an at-a-glance overview of what you need to think about and do at each stage. Get the guide and worksheets here.

Philanthropy and the Social Economy: Blueprint 2017

This blueprint written by Stanford scholar and self-described philanthropy wonk, **Lucy Bernholz**, is an annual industry forecast about the ways private resources are used for public benefit.

Lucy writes that the distinctions between charitable and political funding are blurring just as citizens' digital activities are tracked more precisely than ever and she warns civil society about two trends it must address. Read more.

Many thanks to everyone for posting and replying to messages. Let's keep the discussions going!

- Expense Report Tools
- Publicly Available List of Grants
- IT Strategy Consultants