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Staff Report: Technology
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Main Website Redesign

LAUNCHED! The new site went live on March 29, 2016. Feedback from members thus far has been extremely positive. Many thanks to all of the staff for the extra effort it took to get the new site out the door.

We're continuing to tweak aspects of the site as we receive feedback. The next major step will be applying the new design to pages served by the AMS (member directory, rosters, bookstore, workshops, registration, etc.).

2016 Joint Annual Meeting

We launched the Joint Annual Meeting website, schedule, and online registration on April 15. The AM2016 website takes advantage of some new tools that come with the new SAA website, most notably improved usability on mobile devices. We're using Sched.org again for the online schedule, and are excited to have a sponsor (Atlas Systems) for it this year.

The use of our new speaker management system (ERSpeaker by Event Rebels) has been successful in streamlining our procedures for collecting and reviewing program proposals. Using a new system has also helped us evaluate our own systems and requirements, so the entire process of managing the Annual Meeting program continues to improve.

MemberMax Upgrade

Our AMS vendor, Impact Solutions, released a significant upgrade, which we installed the week of April 11, 2016. The big change is the underlying platform upon which MemberMax is built (4D, which they upgraded from version 12 to version 15), which means things are just a bit faster and more compatible with modern technology. The upgrade will allow us to move it to a newer, faster server as well.

At the same time we installed a new feature to facilitate a smooth transition for dues increases, which saves considerable staff time and ensures we charge correct dues for members.