Let's Join the 21st Century

Those of us who grew up in the pre-digital era remember what it was like….

Televisions – Big cabinets placed conspicuously in the Family Room. And we kids were the remotes. Dad, reclined in his Lazy Boy, would tell us to get up off the shag carpet and turn the knob to one of the three available tv stations.

Phones - those were big, clunky things with dials or buttons. Hanging on a wall with a cord that could never be untangled. Or sitting on a desk, usually on top of the dog-eared phone book.

Typewriters – I remember having to type many a school paper. Heaven help you if you made a mistake near the end of a page.

Mail – Paper, envelopes and stamps. And you made sure to mail any checks in plenty of time (yes, paper checks).

All these things, and many others, are gone from today's world. And what has replaced them, many of us could not live without.

So why is it, in our electronically connected, instant information world, are we having to wait weeks and months for information out of our PIPOA?

Now, I don't believe the PIPOA is purposefully trying to keep information from the Members. And, until only the last few years, not many Members were asking for PIPOA info. But the requests for information started. And are still coming. And are not likely to stop.

I think it is a wonderful thing that so many in our community are taking an interest. Long term it can only make our organization better.

But short term, it has caused issues in our office. Not because the staff is not working hard, they are. But they just don't have the digital tools needed to work efficiently.

So, let's have our PIPOA join the 21st century.

We need technology to allow the PIPOA staff to easily place, on a secure, Member only section of our website, all administrative and financial documents. That way if a Member is looking for some information, they can start at the website and not affect the staff.

And, if elected, I pledge to support the hardware and software upgrades necessary to allow the PIPOA staff to efficiently run our multi-million dollar organization.

These issues won't be solved overnight. But bit by bit (or byte by byte for the computer nerds like me) this problem can be solved. I pledge to help solve it.

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