

Membership chair's report of activities  
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This report was submitted by Membership chair, Miriam Aiken, via email to Julia Harvey.

Below is the membership report to relate the status of programming that was approved, and a count of members by type.

About the WCPCA membership database updates approved by the board:

A create date and an update date have been added to the member records;

Records with no transaction data (no dues ever paid, no country of service listed), have been deleted;

A new field in bold type now indicates expiration date. Heretofore, the transaction data included the date the person paid dues which may or may not have been when dues were required. For example, membership may have been due in July, and dues were paid in December, the expiration date should be December 2014, rather than July 2014;

Records can now be marked for deletion in instances where members (e.g., students) move to another city and don't want to belong to WCPCA, or when members die, or if members do not pay dues;

The field that indicates "Partners" has been amended so that family memberships can be more easily linked. This is an issue when partners do not use the same last names, or use different email addresses, or if partners were not PCVs. It will help with membership renewals to have partner records linked;

Reports. At present, the membership chair can generate lists of renewals for those whose members expired in the past 30 days, will expire in the next 30 days or the next 60 days. This may be familiar to some board members as the DueSoon list.

Below is a report on the number of members by type. Please note that these numbers will increase or decrease by a few in each category depending on input from the NPCA and renewals. Note also that I created a new category for honorary members, for those who do not pay dues, but who have contributed to the BBMF. You may not want to include them in counts as they do not pay dues. Note: the numbers reflect the counts of people who joined in 2013, and/or have paid dues in 2013. The counts do not include those who have not remitted dues for 2013 or whose expiration date was more than 9 months ago.

Membership has been holding steady at about 130 members, as follows:

36	Individuals in families (18 families)
60	Individuals

13 PCVs  
6 Students  
12 First year members  
2 Honorary

129 members

Finally, there have been requests for lists of names and country of service of new members which would be published in the newsletter. I spoke with Joe Million of NetCorps about the confidentiality issue of publishing names without first having permission. He suggested that since the people gave Peace Corps and/or the NPCA permission to forward their names, that that was tacit approval to list their names in a group publication. Such a report can be generated, but the programming for that has not been done.

There was also a suggestion that a list of names of new members be put on the web site for board access and that is a trickier question. I hope that the new board will fully discuss the ramifications of listing member names on a web site even with limited access. By inference, names alone would not be of much use and therefore, contact information for each name would also eventually be listed. In effect this would ultimately lead to having an almost full membership list on the web site, and I believe that is risky in terms of confidentiality. Further, from my past years on the board as a member at large, and as secretary, I don't recall any instances when a board member would have wanted, needed, or used a list of names. This decision will be up to the new board.

There are some other changes I'd like to present to the board for consideration, but I will wait for the AGM, election results and input from Jennifer as Jennifer may have some ideas of her own.

Miriam