

Web Design Sub-Committee Meeting
9-10am CDT; October 4, 2007
Conference Call

Present: Mark Scully, Molly Moore, Ulrike Dieterle

After meeting a few times to review and discuss wiki features, we have two global issues that we would like to bring to the larger group. 1. Much will depend on the skills of the wiki master/developer/installer/techie who is hired. Some wikis may be easier than others to install and maintain. We suggest choosing a wiki very carefully, since changing to another seems, according to the literature, to be a major event.

2. We wondered whether the wiki is going to be the Website. Or, is the wiki part or appendage of a larger Website?

The sub-committee members reviewed and compared multiple Wiki open-source products. While we do not want to be prescriptive, we would like to suggest the following broad parameters for features in the final Wiki product:

- Multiple platform capability
- Open source product, e.g. MediaWiki, Twiki, PHPwiki
- Page attachments enabled
- Graphics enabled
- Availability of a history/version function to track changes
- Consider browser compatibility (we noticed differences in FireFox and IE; maybe there is a programming issue, but not sure)

We also suggest that the general principles of design, noted in earlier discussions on Web design, be considered for the wiki as well.

When considering graphics and images for the site, we think it very important to gather broad input from Native Americans so that visuals are representational as well as inclusive and culturally sensitive. We do not have this expertise.

Many thanks to Molly, who provided some great links that formed a good basis for our discussions. You may want to pursue them as well as the dialog continues.

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