

Computer Network

Fragmentation of information makes it difficult to coordinate the different parts of our organization. Correspondence is here-and-there depending on who wrote it; financial information is in one person's home files; membership roles are in another's; personnel data in another location, etc., etc.....

The Museum's records and information should be centralized and readily available to the appropriate people. Right now, only one work station at the Museum can be used to access the PastPerfect management software that could handle most of this information.

We have three computers up and running, but they are not connected. A relatively inexpensive wireless network would enable several people to use the PastPerfect system at once. They could also write letters or create other documents and file them to a server that would make them available to any authorized person on the system. Addresses and mailing lists that are presently kept redundantly by several different users and not synchronized could be combined and kept current. Remote access software would enable people to use the Museum network from home, without having to come to the Museum to log on.

Rough Estimated cost:

- Server 2000.00
- Wireless Router 90.00
- Wireless Card for Workstation 75.00

Total cost: \$2165.00

Software Upgrade

Our PastPerfect museum software is overdue for upgrade to the latest version, which includes improvements and new features.

Cost for upgrade:

- PastPerfect 5.0 Upgrade 296.00 Basic program, 1 user
- Network 2-5 Users 396.00 Allows additional concurrent users
- Multi-Media Upgrade 296.00 Allows entry of images, sound, video
- Virtual Exhibit 336.00 Allows online access to exhibit info and pictures
- User's Guide 16.00 Instruction Manual
- 1 Year Support 276.00 Telephone and online support

Total cost: \$1556.00

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