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Wanted: MWERA WebMaster

The Mid-Western Educational Research Association (MWERA) is seeking a qualified individual to take over the duties of WebMaster. Currently the association operates an informational web site (<http://etra.cedu.niu.edu/MWERA>) That serves as a primary point of information concerning the annual meeting. Prospective presenters are able to obtain information about the meeting-in-planning, and to submit presentation proposals electronically over the web. This same system is used by Division Chairs and reviewers in considering submitted proposals, and by the Program Chair in planning the entire program. Once the meeting program is complete the web site is updated to present a complete and searchable program, including information about invited speakers and the host city, to prospective attendees. In addition, the association web site provides basic information about the association, its officers, and other goings on. Year-round functionality is expected, with peak work times occurring in late Spring and early Summer (as submissions for the program are reviewed and program is planned), then again in mid-to late-Summer (as the program is finalized).

The WebMaster is responsible for operating and maintaining the web site, including adding new features and functionality as desired by the Board, Council and membership. Qualifications would include a good knowledge of HTML and web server operation, including the use of dynamic pages driven by a back-end database, on a dedicated Dell computer with 196Mb of RAM, 9 Gb of fast SCSI hard disk, and a 10Mbit Ethernet connection to the Internet. The current web site operates on a Windows XP Professional operating system computer running Microsoft's IIS web server software. The pages were designed in Microsoft FrontPage XP, with additional coding done in VBScript and Jscript. The back end database is a Microsoft Access XP database. Knowledge of Microsoft Word and Word-Access merge functionality is also desired since the final, printed program is merge produced from the on-line Access database.

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