Organization of the group

From: Ed Paradis <legomaniac@gmail.com> Subject: [DMS] Organization of the group Date: July 30, 2010 at 9:40:56 AM CDT To: dms@dprg.org Hi guys, The time is upon us to formalize the organization of the group. Until now, the only organization was a loose group of "coordinators" we picked back in March or June. Most decisions have been made by people stepping up and volunteering to take charge. This is what other hackerspaces call a "Do-ocracy". We will have things we'd like to decide in a larger group fashion, and I think voting is the way to do it. Is there any issue with requiring a simple majority of the paying members? Ed dms mailing list dms@dprg.org http://list.dprg.org/mailman/listinfo/dms ! _____ From: Steve Rainwater <srainwater@ncc.com> Subject: Re: [DMS] Organization of the group Date: August 1, 2010 at 3:53:28 PM CDT To: dms@dprg.org On Fri, 2010-07-30 at 09:40 -0500, Ed Paradis wrote: > The time is upon us to formalize the organization of the group. To help with this, I've updated the ToDo list in the wiki with a rough outline of the steps we need to go through to reach full independence as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation. http://www.dallasmakerspace.com/wiki/Maker_Space_ToDo_list I suspect we still need to tweak this list a little as it's based on the steps the DPRG went through some years ago. We followed the guidelines in the Nolo Press book on non-profit laws with a pub date of 1996. The IRS and State of TX have changed a few things since then. I'll grab the latest 2009 edition of the book and do some updates next week but this gives you at a least a rough idea of where we're going. It looks like a lot of work but if it's done methodically and correctly, it really doesn't take that long. Jump through all the right hoops at the right times and it's not too bad. Steve dms mailing list dms@dprg.org http://list.dprg.org/mailman/listinfo/dms

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