Useful Plugins for Unit Websites

# For Membership Management

## s2Member

Capabilities:

* Membership signup and renewal, with payment processing by PayPal, Stripe, Authorize.Net, and ClickBank
* Membership levels tied to access restrictions on the website (e.g., members-only access to content, membership directory, scholarship application forms, etc.)
* Customized registration/profile fields (e.g., Agency/Affiliation, Photo, Work Address)
* Unlimited membership levels (e.g., Administrator, Webmaster, ExComm, Committee members, etc.)
* Being awesome

This is the only plugin I recommend for membership management. I am extremely impressed by its capabilities, usability, and integration with WordPress.

# For Communications

## MailPoet Newsletters (formerly WYSIJA)

Capabilities:

* Automatically-generated newsletters from the posts you add to the website
* Newsletters can be sent at any frequency to different lists (e.g., Daily, Weekly, and Monthly Subscribers)
* WYSIWYG format for newsletter creation
* Manual newsletter creation available for immediate messaging to unit

## User Submitted Posts

Capabilities:

* Enables your visitors to submit posts and images to the website (e.g., news) without being administrators/webmasters
* Can be protected from unregistered users, if you choose

## bbPress

Capabilities:

* Powerful forum tool that is well-integrated into WordPress
* Allows any level of forum access you choose (e.g., must be logged in to comment or start a new topic)
* Forum topics can be subscribed to
* Avatar (photo) support

Recommendations if installed:

* Also install bbPress reCaptcha to protect your forum from spam comments
* Also install bbp style pack to format your forum nicely

## Contact Form 7

Capabilities:

* Easily creates forms for accepting information of any kind (e.g., a “Contact Us” form) along with automatically-generated emails informing the appropriate person of the contact
* Can be used to accept any information, including files, making it useful for online applications (e.g., grant applications, scholarship and award applications)

Recommendations if installed:

* Also install Contact Form DB, which saves form submissions to a database automatically

# For Event Management

## FREE: Event Registration

Capabilities:

* Simple event registration form with customizable registration tickets, meal costs, additional fees, questions, and discounts
* Allows for registration of multiple people at one time
* Payment processing through PayPal, Google Pay, Monster Pay, or Authorize.net, as well as allowing for payment later (by check or cash)
* Attendee and payment tracking, as well as payment reminders
* Exportable lists of events, attendees, and payments to Excel
* Limited customization of the actual form’s formatting

## Paid: Numerous Options - TBD