Chapters and Departments need email and snail mail capacity directly.

Email and snail mail capabilities are a special case of both DB query and system output.

For a number of years I had asked that email addresses be included with the information downloaded with Comma Separated Value (csv) output. About a year ago Mr. Doppelhammer added it, and it works very well.

For me. But, not likely for many others; because they may not know cs**v,** or how to use it and Excel.

Recently, Gmail has imposed mailing restrictions that all but make it impossible to send BCC emails with attachments to all Chapter, indeed all groups of recipients (I do not know what other email providers have done).

Hence, Chapters and Departments need the ability to go to the KWVA DB under their access code and password, and have a query that enables them to:

    a) select their members who have email addresses and directly send them an email, with attachments, and

    b) select their members who only have snail mail addresses and have the system provide output to their printer in Avery 8160 format so that they can directly print labels to snail mail correspondence, newsletters, etc.

Departments need a similar capability; they need to have the DB system enable them to select all Chapter Presidents in their State and directly send them an email, with attachments. Or to directly email all members in its state, again with attachments. And, they also need to be able to contact, for example, all Treasurers, or Secretaries in their State.

At present, I am able to download email addresses from the DB system in two ways.

The first is directly from a special "Email Addresses - Active FLORIDA Members with Email Addresses for MASS Emailing (3+)" that Jim provided me.

The second is as a csv download from a DB system retrieval.

The first requires me to know how to store the retrieved addresses on my computer prior to pasting into the BCC field of my email program (Gmail because it lets me send to up to 500 email addresses at one time).

The second also requires me to know how to store them, and on top of that to know how to download them via the csv procedure.

This is likely too complex for most Chapters. But they still need to be able to use, to come to rely on, the email addresses in the DB.

What is needed is first, the ability to select recipients from the DB and secondly, to directly send email to all those retrieved by the selection, with attachments.

Undoubtedly, there are numerous needs at the Association BoD level; one possibility that I could think of is for a member of the BoD to directly email those States or Chapters he is assigned to monitor Chapter compliance.

What would be ideal is for the KWVA DB System to provide the email capacity, rather than to need to extract the email addresses to my email program.

I don't know if this can be done, but giving each chapter its own email identity (something like tthiel@cid169.kwva.org/), and the capability for them to use it to send a message to all its members.

Operationally, an authorized user would go to the DB and conduct a specific search, for example, all members of a Chapter with Chapter retrieval access, or all Chapter Presidents with a Department retrieval, or all Chapter Presidents (or Treasurers, or whatever) with an Association retrieval.

These would automatically go into a DB System-related email program, the message would be added, as would an attachment, if appropriate. The email would then go onto the internet and delivered to the addressees.

I would think this ideal, but do not know whether it either doable or what it might cost.

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