

LOPSA Update

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LOPSA Mission:

To advance the practice of system administration; to support, recognize, educate, and encourage its practitioners; and to serve the public through education and outreach on system administration issues.

LOPSA FACTS

- Non-Profit organization
 - IRS 501(c)(3) status pending
 - Public Charity: donations tax-deductible
- Board of Directors
 - 9 members
 - 2-year term, elections in June 2007
- Management by Association Headquarters, Inc.

LOPSA Membership

- 725 paid members
- 1500 registers users of lopsa.org
- Dues:
 - \$50/year (\$25/year for students)
- Please join online

LOPSA Chapters

- Support for Chapters
 - Budget support, infrastructure, dues collection (if any), insurance coverage & more
- Provisional Chapter:
 - Minimum three LOPSA members
 - 12 months
- Regular Chapter:
 - Minimum 12 LOPSA members

LOPSA Chapters

- Madison, WI
- Austin, TX
- New Jersey
- Arizona

LOPSA Local Affiliates

- LOPSA may co-sponsor specific activities
- Cooperation & Coordination
- Local Affiliates:
 - Seattle Area System Administrators Guild (SASAG)
 - Sonoma County SysAdmins (SoCoSA)
 - Ottawa Valley System Administrators Guild
 - The System Administrators Guild of Ireland

Sysadmin Resources

- LOPSA mailing lists:
 - Discuss: general discussion
 - Tech: technical issues
- #lopsa IRC channel
- #lopsa-live
 - Monthly IRC chats with the board
- lopsa.org web site
 - Blogs, tools, jobs board, news, ...

New LOPSA Jobs Board

- New LOPSA Jobs Board almost ready
 - Partnership with JobTarget
- In the meantime, use the existing Jobs board on lopsa.org

Sysadmin Days: Professional Training

- Mix of Professional and Technical classes
- Two Days
 - 1/2-day training classes (4)
- Low cost: reach as many sysadmins as possible
 - Only two days away from family and out of the office
 - 1 or 2 nights hotel (if not local)

Sysadmin Days: Professional Training

- First Sysadmin Days was in Phoenix, November 2006
- Very positive response

Sysadmin Days Summer 2007

- August 6-7, Cherry Hill NJ
- 2 days
- 1/2-day training classes (4)
- Registration fees :
 - **Before July 6: \$499**
 - After July 6: \$699
 - Edu: \$399 / \$499
 - Student: \$149 / \$199
 - includes classes, coffee breaks, lunches, dinner reception

Sysadmin Days Summer 2007: Preliminary Program

- Jesse Trucks:
 - Change Management: Why suffer the paperwork?
 - Communication skills
 - Advanced Security: A self-assessment study
 - Disaster Recover: Will you survive?
- Tom Limoncelli:
 - Time Management for System Administrators: Work smarter, get more done

Sysadmin Days Summer 2007: Preliminary Program

- Cat Okita:
 - Practical Paranoia (or how I learned to stop worrying, and love the bomb)
- Trey Harris:
 - Get Ready for Perl 6
- Other Instructors:
 - Developing IT Policies
 - Get Ready for Perl 6
 - Ethics and Professionalism for System Administrators
 - Administering a Mac OS X

Sysadmin Days Summer 2007: Preliminary Program

- Developing IT Policies
- Get Ready for Perl 6
- Ethics and Professionalism for System Administrators
- Administering a Mac OS X Environment
- Essentials of Solaris 10 Troubleshooting
- Automate Windows Administration
- Compliance Issues for System Administrators
- Linux Performance Tuning
- Documentation for Sysadmins

Sysadmin Days Summer 2007

- Registration and program details will be posted shortly

Future Sysadmin Days

- Goal: Two Sysadmin Days training events in 2008, more in 2009
- Possible sites:
 - Phoenix
 - Seattle
 - Twin Cities?
 - Atlanta?

Questions? Feedback? Ideas?

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