Division Discussion Blog – FAQs

Intro: The Ohio ACTE Web site and membership management software has the functionality set up discussion blogs (takes the place of a listserv). Discussion blogs allow members to ask questions, share information, give answers to questions, etc. It provides a benefit to Division members by providing a resource to network electronically.

Questions and Answers About the Blog:

1. **Is there (will there ever be) a cost for this to the division?**
   There is no cost to the Division – once the Blog is set up, it virtually runs itself! The only events that would trigger a cost in the future would be if the software we use to run Ohio ACTE’s Web site starts to charge for this functionality, or Division leaders start asking Ohio ACTE staff to post, respond, etc. (instead of doing it themselves), which takes time and resources.

2. **Is it moderated?**
   The software does not allow a moderator to be assigned BUT it is suggested that the Division assign one (or several) members to sign up for the blog and ask for “immediate notification” of new posts. That way, if there is a problem post, that person can alert Ohio ACTE staff to remove it.
   Abuse is not anticipated, because members must sign in and their name is attached to their blog post/reply, but we understand bloggers may sometimes post something that the Division does not feel is appropriate.

3. **Would it just be for OACTE members?**
   A blog user must sign into the Ohio ACTE Web site in order to participate in Blog discussions. Divisions can choose whether to allow non-Ohio ACTE members the ability to READ (not comment) on Blog entries.
   It is important to note that Ohio ACTE membership/web site software does not allow us to check Division membership, just Ohio ACTE membership BUT the Blog will only be promoted to Division members, and Division leaders can use it as a recruitment tool – if you see a non-Division member posting, invite them to join, because they are already seeing a benefit of belonging.

4. **Subscription Settings**
   It is highly suggested that members SUBSCRIBE to their Division Discussion Forum. What this means is that they will receive an email when there is a new post immediately, or on a daily or weekly basis – whatever interval they choose.

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