

Answers to FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)	Blog	Forum
What is it?	Think of a Blog as similar to your journal and a press release of an idea or event all rolled up into one. NP' blogs allow members and (sometimes) visitors to post replies to topics. Sometimes long discussions can take place on a blog, but each topic is started by the blog owner. You may have your own personal or professional blog hosted by Google's Blogspot or on your own website. The word Blog is a contraction of "web log."	A Forum is like a list-server, but all posts are made through the NP website instead of by email. Discussion forums are great for organizing ideas into a dated, trackable, searchable, string of conversations. Each member can update their own profile with links to their own websites and they can even upload a photo. Members can post, and notices of any new posts in each Conversation that is subscribed to will be emailed to them.
What is the focus?	Topic, topical	Conversation, conversational
How is it organized?	Organized into Topics of Blogs	Organized into Categories of Conversations
Who can see the posted content?	Public: (by default) No login is required to view. Login may or not be required to post a reply as selected by blog owner. Private: (option) If selected by blog owner. (Example: each committee and team can have a private blog area that only members of the group participate in for private team conversation and planning.) Only an NP member with a registered login is permitted to create blogs and view and post replies.	Private: (by default). Login is required to view. Only an NP member with a registered login is permitted to start new Conversations and view and post replies.
What kind of info can be posted?	Text, Files, Images, Video. Lot's of file types; Word, PDF, QuickTime, etc. (.doc, .docx, .rtf, .jpg, .ppt, .key, .mpeg, .aiff).	Text, Files, Images, Video. Lot's of file types; Word, PDF, QuickTime, etc. (.doc, .docx, .rtf, .jpg, .ppt, .key, .mpeg, .aiff).
Who can start it?	NP Member	NP Staff and committee or team leaders.
How am I notified of new content?	RSS (Stands for Really Simple Syndication, a web protocol standard.)	Subscription

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<p>How am I alerted when new content is posted? Then what?</p>	<p>When you click the RSS link when viewing all the blogs, or an individual blog, you will get the notification via RSS Reader: PC and Mac will have default RSS readers ready to use. Special (often free) software called RSS or News aggregators help when you read more than a few feeds. They collect the RSS feeds from many different sources you select and list recent posts all in one place. (Check our CNN, PCUSA, NYT, CBS, for sites with RSS.) Use your RSS reader of choice, i.e, NewsCrawler, Google Reader, Apple Mail, NetNewsWire, etc. Of course, you can visit the NP website in your browser. A link back to the NP site is in each RSS stream.</p>	<p>When you click the Subscribe button to the Conversations you want, you will get notification via Email: It will appear in your email inbox. When you choose, click a link in the email and you can visit the NP website in your browser. Remember to login to get to the Forums.</p>
<p>What web browsers and systems does the NP website support?</p>	<p>The NP website will display optimally on the latest versions of your favorite browser software on a PC, Mac, Android, and iPhone OS. PC: Internet Explorer 8 is the most stable version of IE. IE 7 is satisfactory. IE 6 is not supported. Mac and PC: Safari 4, Firefox 3.6, and Chrome work great. If your computer system is coming up to its 4th birthday, it may be time to move to something newer, perhaps an iPad, or via a smartphone like an iPhone or Android, or a netbook. Note: We are moving to a Flash-free site very soon which will improve performance.</p>	