

An Onerous Yoke

Abstract

An ode to Calendar events and moderation.

Howdy, IS—please give my thanks to Zac for solving all my problems last time I reached out. What a hero!

The new events calendar tells me to contact you if I have questions. Well, I have a question. Or maybe it's more of a comment. Perhaps it even qualifies as a complaint, a complaint I would like to see resolved. I find new event calendar's review moderation step an offensively paternalistic time-suck. To be forced to wait for someone who is not in my immediate supervisory position to evaluate my posts and revisions to ensure they are "clear," "well-categorized," and "appropriate" is a waste of my time, a waste of your time, and it implies a waste of the many years I've invested in learning how to communicate effectively with my fellow humans. To be forced to wait, as the calendar guide indicates, **ONE TO TWO DAYS(!!!)** for a revision to be approved and posted is an absolutely ridiculous, unreasonable expectation in an age when I can have an inflatable tyrannosaurus rex costume shipped to my house in 24 hours. I know, I know—it rarely takes that long for an event to be approved. Doesn't matter—it's the principle of the thing.

So I have a few questions:

Number one of course: how can we remove this **onerous yoke** of moderation from my neck?

Number two through the rest: whose idea was this particular quality control mechanism and how might I sit down with them to discuss alternative ways to ensure calendar submissions are up to snuff? Because, seriously, in whose service is it intended to operate? Surely not mine.

As an "officer" for an organization, I am the one with knowledge of my audience, and I am the one who is responsible for effective event promotion. If it is causing me more headaches than it's curing, it's not helping me do my job any better or more efficiently or more effectively. It's just a twig in my gizzard.

I ain't mad at 'cha. No, I know you have the power to help me end this misery...or at least you know someone who does. If necessary, I'd be glad to come in and talk with any one of the wizards down there to get this evil spell removed. Can you help me out here?