

HPAlumni Flash! The HPAA online forums now work differently.

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Yahoo has redesigned the Yahoo Groups system to be email-only.

1. If you were receiving daily digest emails, you are now getting individual emails.

To work around this, you can quickly set up your email to automatically sort incoming messages into multiple folders. Available in Gmail, Yahoo Mail, Outlook, Apple Mail, and most other email systems. This is the most efficient way to use any distribution list or newsletter subscription -- not just Yahoo Groups -- and can be used to manage incoming mail related to certain subjects or people. With pre-sorted mail, you can efficiently deal with similar messages together. Here are our directions on how to set up filters or rules in your email:

<https://www.hpalumni.org/sort>

2. You can no longer access previous forum posts with a browser.

For years, HPAA volunteers have worked to extract, anonymize, organize -- and update -- actionable information from member discussions -- maintaining a public website that we pay for:

<https://www.hpalumni.org>

The website has several sections: Benefits, Career, Contacts, Finance, Stock, HP and Related Companies -- and the "ASAP Checklist" for people in the process of leaving.

If there is a discussion thread that we should add to the website, please do a rough cut-and-paste of the messages and send it to: operations@hpalumni.org (We'll anonymize it and clean up the format.)

3. Background

Yahoo had been providing free web hosting for discussions, photos, and files for 10 million Yahoo Groups -- accumulated over more than 20 years.

There are major, fundamental issues facing all online social networks, which Yahoo would have had to address:

- The technology that allows anyone to easily create, edit, and publish digital content has brought massive issues -- privacy, spam, phishing, pirated content, bullying and encouragement of suicide, violent crime videos, child-abuse images, and more. (For example, Facebook now has 30,000 contract employees reviewing photos and videos that have been flagged by artificial intelligence.)

- New privacy laws require online sites to find and remove all content referring to a specific person upon request from that person -- "the right to be forgotten online."

Therefore, no data is now saved in the Yahoo Groups system -- even for a day or two to assemble digests. (You should have received several opaquely-worded emails about this directly from Yahoo over the last four months.)

4. Action

The HPAA forums are now functioning well in email mode. We do have a backup plan if Yahoo Groups doesn't work out, but each of the available alternatives has major downsides -- and the operators of those systems will have to deal with the same fundamental issues.

To join or leave the Benefits Forum, Finance Forum, Transition Forum, TechTalk Forum, or Jobs Email List:

<https://www.hpalumni.org/guide>

To change your HPAA email address or reinstate your HPAA membership:

<https://www.hpalumni.org/reinstate>

You can easily set up your email to sort incoming messages:

<https://www.hpalumni.org/sort>

Thanks for participating!

--cg, HPAA operations

Know someone leaving -- or expecting to leave? Send them this link to our ASAP Checklist:

<https://www.hpalumni.org/asap>

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