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Debated between [GumboLab](#) or [GumboLabs](#), decided on [GumboLabs](#). We have the .org and .com registered, and will redirect the .com to the .org, as well as set up the appropriate www. handling for both. Right now, we will host them on Mike Heckman's servers in conjunction with Dreamhosts, and are in the process of setting up GNUCash for bookkeeping on them (it has a web interface), as well as wordpress (or equivalent) for blogging.

LLC vs. 501(c)3:

We have decided to go with an LLC for now, as the price is much lower to set up, and any non-profit with more than 35,000 income in the first 3 years takes another penalty. Mike H. needs full names and addresses for anyone interested in being a "member" or "owner" of the LLC, and we do need more people on there. The LLC CAN and WILL be just to manage space, and our by-laws can say whatever we want/need so long as they are legal. We can also set up a non-profit in conjunction with the LLC eventually, if desired. Mike will pay the initial \$75 to set up the LLC out of pocket for now, and the company will pay him back later, when it is more feasible. There are also ways we may be able to write off profit using technicalities in the LLC/non-profit system, and we will look into those (writing profit off as donation to associated non-profit, etc.). We will also need a registered agent for the LLC, and Simon has agreed to act as such for the time being. There are more details on Mike's ideas in other discussions on the wiki.

Hacker Space:

Simon will be looking at the house Kelly is offering us, as well as the warehouse, over the next week, and will post pictures. We seem to like the warehouse (5,000 sq. ft., 1200-1800/mo depending on how much work the landlord has to do for us, and near a Lowe's or Home Depot). Mike proposes using 20 ft. cargo containers for network center and tool storage if we use the warehouse model. Discussed length of lease, fixing up the warehouse ourselves, etc, but came to no firm decision on those. We need to get an estimate on monthly costs for the lease, deposit, insurance, utilities, etc. and possibly make due collection less frequent than monthly (semi-annual, annual, quarterly, etc), as well as collecting before we establish a space, due to the need of capital, and requiring non start-up investors to pay more (1.5ish) for their first few months of membership. Also decided to try messing with [OpenSimulator](#) (Second-Life-client compatible server software for designing "worlds") to create mock designs for the space.

Logo-Off:

It was proposed to post a wiki page for any Graphic Designers to post potential logos for [GumboLabs](#).

Maker's Local Field Trip:

We ultimately decided against renting, and agreed that several separate vehicles allowed a certain degree of autonomy that worked best for us. Mike H. may not be able to go, but will know for sure in the next few days. There should be a deadline for RSVP-ing, and a sub-page should be set up for ride/room shares. Right now it looks as if:

Mark can take his car (seats 4 comfortably)

Tray (from Baton Rouge) can take his car (seats 4-5)

Mike can take his car (if he can come) (seats 4)

Each car will make its own arrangements for rendez-vous/hotel/return, though we all plan to stay at the same hotel (Extended Stay America, Huntsville - Space Rocket). We also need to find out when we can arrive at the hacker space, so we can better coordinate, though it looks as if no one is leaving NOLA until 5 or later on Friday, May 8.

-- [TrayTorrance](#) - 29 Apr 2009

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