

HMC-Memo-001-Wiki-Ownership

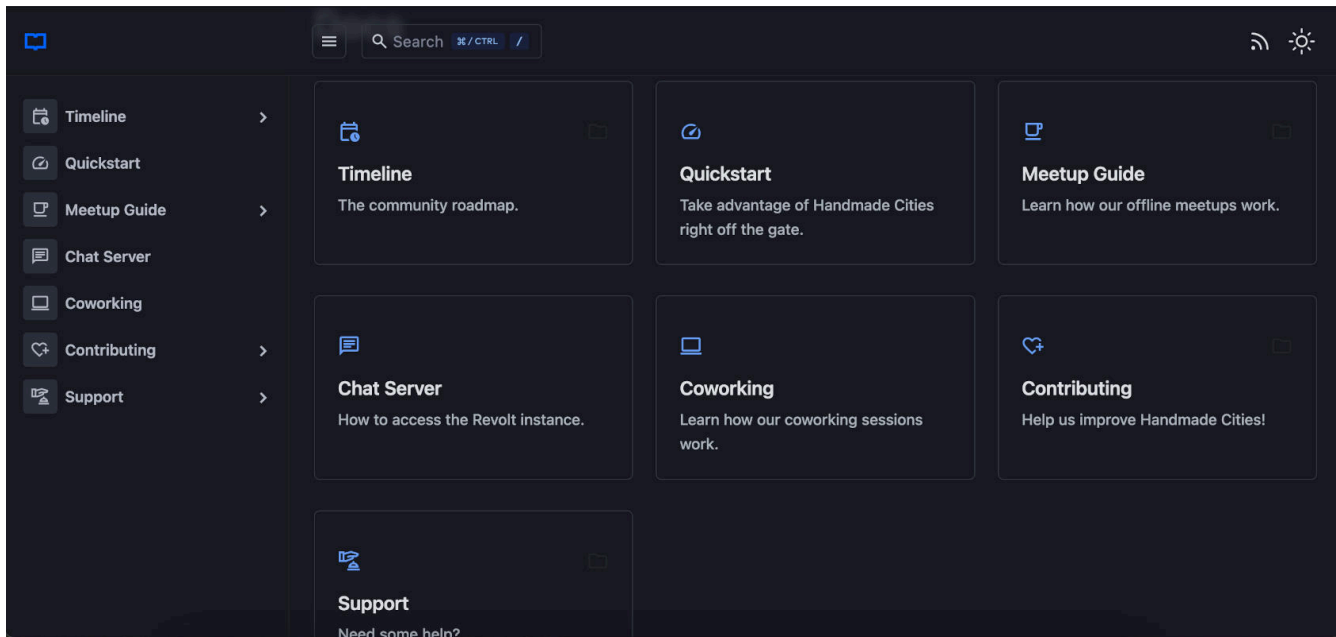
MEMORANDUM

TO: Zac Nowicki
FROM: Abner Coimbre
DATE: January 9th, 2026
SUBJECT: HMC Docs Review & Wiki Ownership

Zac Nowicki is editor and maintainer of the Handmade Cities (HMC) Guide. Outside of HMC he's tech lead for [Kagi Search](#)—opinions here do not represent his employer.

Dear Zac,

Happy New Year! I just published the [initial guide](#) for HMC. Even though it's available, I'm not promoting it on any newsletters until we make the necessary edits. The final look & feel is subject to change as well:



Our goal with **HMC Guide** is to rapidly bring readers up to speed with how the community's structured. After 10+ years of organizing programmers, I've witnessed happy moments and growing pains in equal measure. Indeed I've amassed enough scarring to envision what works long-term, but it's critical to document all the things, otherwise new members will (for example) be completely baffled by the absence of social media accounts and my compulsion to touch grass.

Speaking of hard-earned wisdom, an old friend from Handmade Network once asked me to *delegate ownership*, early and often. I never listened to him. Perhaps 2026 is the year to take this advice seriously.

It starts with you.

You attended both Handmade Seattle and Handmade Boston, in person, multiple times. We've had many Zoom / Discord calls. We went for a night on the town and this drunk Puerto Rican revealed his personal beliefs for hours. If there's someone who could tear through the wiki and make edits (or additions) with impunity, it'll be Zac Nowicki.

As I promised over Signal, what I jotted down is very practical and succinct. I sent over an invite to the [HMC Gitea](#) - take a look! Once you make an account I'll grant **push** access to the repo. Please review over the weekend so we may go public on **Monday, January 12th**. If we need more time, of course, let me know.

In friendship,

Abner Coimbre, Founder

P.S. Let's not touch the year 2027. That's my one request. The codename "The Great Convention" must remain as-is.