

VBODA Technology Committee 2015 Report

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2014 Technology Summit --- August 16 and 17, 2014

Meeting held in Sterling, VA, with the following present: Stan Schoonover, Dan Kosko, Art Pittman, Andrew Loft, Jonathan Phillip, Michael Hackbarth.

Procurements

VBODA has purchased numerous pieces of hardware this year- [2] printers, [2] 2-in-1 computers, and [7] I-pad minis. All of these resources were utilized at All-Virginia auditions, and will be used at VBODA events in the coming years. A contract with File Maker Pro was renewed for software access for individuals needing same. A contract was opened with a File Maker Pro hosting service to provide a single location for all VBODA data files.

VBODA Databases

Significant development during 2014-15. Improvements will continue. Of particular note were improvements made to the VBODA Directory, the Music Guides, and the All-Virginia Auditions and Event databases. Access to this information was greatly enhanced during the year through use of the VBODA website. District Reps were involved in furnishing correct data, and this process will continue to be enhanced and improved. Special thanks to Michael Hackbarth for the expertise in improving the website, and the audition/event processes.

RECOMMENDATIONS [motions from the committee to the Board]

- #1 Continue File Maker Pro relationships- software and server contracts.**
- #2 Purchase additional I-pads for use at auditions and other events**
- #3 Convene the 3rd Annual VBODA Data Summit in August 2015.**

Respectfully submitted by Stan Schoonover for the committee.