

REPORT OF DATABASE AND LABELS COMMITTEE 2015

Rosie Schroeder, Chair

We are continuing with the FileMaker database, but Robin Deily is taking over as corresponding secretary. Elizabeth and I will help her get started.

Printed labels are rarely needed now since Mail Chimp is used to email most ballots, membership renewals, and Bagpipes. I do continue to send Soho an Excel file of addresses for the Bulletin mailings. These are grouped into US first class, US bulk, foreign, and Canadian, and Joanne prints labels for members who receive hard copies of the Bagpipes official business.

Robin Deily, Corresponding Secretary; Don Means, Treasurer; Joanne Williamson, Membership Chair; and I currently have access to the database which runs on a server hosted by MacUSA. We looked into doing this through Dropbox which would be free, but the issue is that if two people happen to make changes at the same time, not everything gets saved to the main file; whereas on the MacUSA Server, as many people who need to can access and work in the database at the same time. I recommend staying with MacUSA.