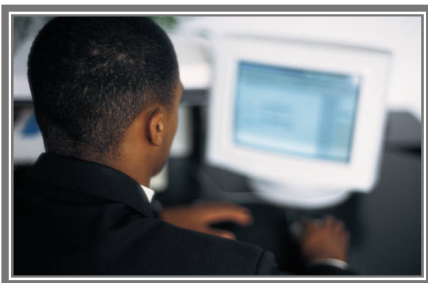


Our Mission

BDPA is a global member-focused technology organization that delivers programs and services for the professional well being of its members; corporate supporters and sponsors; IT businesses and entrepreneurs; educational institutions; and the community.

BDPA-Richmond Guiding Principle

‘Educate to Elevate’



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What is BDPA?

BDPA is a non-profit professional organization whose mission is to provide programs and services that will enable its members to contribute to the cutting-edge developments and trends in the information technology industry.

Overview

In 1975, Earl Pace and David Wimberly acknowledged a scarce minority presence in the up and coming IT Industry. After recognizing the potential for lost opportunity and productivity in their community, the two developed a solution, The Black Data Processing Associates (BDPA).

Today BDPA hosts over 40 chapters nationwide and has a member base of more than 2,500 strong. BDPA provides a number of services and networking opportunities for success in the IT profession. Members find the publications, conferences and programs helpful by providing professional development and exposure to the latest advances in the IT industry.

The Richmond chapter was chartered in August of 1991.

Community Involvement

BDPA High School Computer Training Program and Competition

BDPA Richmond Middle School Computer Terminology Quiz Bowl

Adult Computer Literacy Program

Black Family Technology Awareness Week

March of Dimes Walk America

The Richmond Chapter of Black Data Processing Associates' main objective is to align the chapter with the National BDPA vision and strategy; in particular with the mission ***to be a member-focused technology organization.***

Objectives

The organization's primary objective is to accumulate information technology knowledge and business expertise in order to:

- Support the interest of those exploring the IT field as a career or business opportunity;
- Provide a forum for developing skills and interest within the IT industry;
- Enhance awareness of the IT industry within every community;
- Actively participate in events supporting IT industry goals.

Specific Strategies

BDPA-Richmond will achieve its objectives by employing the following strategies:

- Focus on the member first by adding membership value through programs and services;
- Use members to reach out to the community at large;
- Establish strategic partnerships with the business and education community.

BDPA-Richmond Member Benefits

BDPA-Richmond facilitates networking between IT professionals and is open to all individuals and businesses with an interest in the information technology industry. Other benefits of membership include:

Career Development & Counseling

- ✓ Mentor Program
- ✓ Conference Career Fair
- ✓ Online Job Postings
- ✓ Online Resume Bank

Technical Development

- ✓ Monthly Program Meetings
- ✓ Technical Advice Web Page
- ✓ Workshops & Seminars
- ✓ National Conference Seminars
- ✓ Special Interest Groups
 - World Wide Web
 - Entrepreneurs

Communications

- ✓ BDPA-Richmond Web Site
- ✓ Voice Mail System
- ✓ Newsletter (online/offline)
- ✓ Member Discounts
 - Training
 - BDPA-Richmond sponsored events

Meeting Information

Monthly general membership meetings are held every fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

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