



SaVoa is actively working to place its membership in the best professional light possible. As an accredited member, you have already shown that you have the skill set and technical background to deliver a professional product to your paying clients. Ideally, clients should be able to benefit from SaVoa talent, and if desired, indicate SaVoa as a selection criterion when looking for voice talent for their project.

Voice123 has already taken steps to raise your professional visibility by adding a SaVoa indication on your profile pages in the union and associations category, and has also encouraged SaVoa talent to add their SaVoa shields to their web pages. We thank and commend Voice123 for taking this action that is sure to enhance the overall satisfaction of job seekers as well as the professional presence and visibility of your SaVoa membership.

As many of you know, last week Voice123 curtailed the use of Voice-Over-Savvy. That action caused some strong emotional responses. Voice123 took the action for reasons that they felt were important from their perspective. Many folks who had come to depend on and appreciate the online community they found within Savvy were adrift. Many have move to other Bulletin Boards like VO-BB and Voice-Over Forum.

Quick change is always a difficult thing. As a result of my post on VO-BB an e-mail message was broadcast to SaVoa members who were likewise users of Voice123

Seeing that my post had cause consternation with Alex and Voice123, I asked for a person to person phone conference. Alex and I talked and after a few minutes of conversation we realized that each of us in their own way wanted to accomplish much the same things. Among these to improve and strengthen the online community of VO talent, and to help raise the visibility and awareness of professionally available talent who use the internet based voice services as a significant marketing tool for their businesses.

We (Voice123 and SaVoa) do have common goals of providing an excellent service to the paying client. One though offering a large selection of internationally available talents, and the other from offering a quality standard that the clients can know and come to trust... Working together... I hope the rough patch is behind us. With our newly opened lines of communications, and goodwill - I believe that Voice123 and SaVoa will see good things coming for Voice123, SaVoa Members and the VO community at large.

Thank you to Alex for engaging in this new course, we appreciate it and will work for common good.

I would like to especially thank Colin and Erik for their un-tiring efforts. Just a little story about past events on the forum, some smut peddlers had found a hack to the forum and were raising holly heck with the bulletin board. It was about 6:15 AM when I saw their post and I could not get Erik on the phone. I called Colin and in doing so woke him, he went into action and work feverishly along with Erik for several days to beat down the smut peddlers. After some diligent work by Voice 123 a block and new method was put into place to keep the malefactor at bay. That's the hard, dedicated work Colin and Erik put in for us and for Voice123 . I would like to close with the words of Robert Jadah, " *SaVoa On* "

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Gambill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ed Gambill, Chair SaVoa