

# WATOA NEWS



## APRIL WORKSHOP

Friday, April 28, 2006

9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Woodinville City Hall

COPE Act, BITS I, II, III, National or State Franchising?  
What's Hot and What's Not WATOA Workshop.

Presenters:

Jim Haggerton, City of Tukwila, City Council and  
Technology Committee of the National League of Cities

Victoria Lincoln, Association of Washington Cities

U.S. Rep. Jay Inslee, staffer Brian Peters

Debbie Luppold, Comcast

Petra Redchuk, Government Relations, Charter

Plus a Roundtable discussion to assist with answers to  
your questions and to make sure your needs are heard.  
General Membership Meeting. Reserve your spot for  
the "What's Hot and What's Not" April Workshop.  
Send in your registration form today!

## Brian Wilson Memorial Scholarship Entry due May 31st!

A \$600.00 scholarship is available to attend the  
2006 NATOA conference in Florida.  
Visit [www.watoa.org](http://www.watoa.org) for complete entry details.

## WATOA in Action!

- ⇒ A proposal for changes to the By-Laws vote will take place at the General Membership meeting in Woodinville on April 28th. Proposed changes are listed on the website. Current By-Laws are also posted at [www.watoa.org](http://www.watoa.org)
- ⇒ Please note the FCC Filing prepared by Ken Fellman is posted at the WATOA website for your review.
- ⇒ The ACMNWR Conference is June 2 & 3, Puget Sound Access, Kent. PSA address is [www.pugetsoundaccess.org](http://www.pugetsoundaccess.org). More conference info via the Region's website, [www.acmnwr.org](http://www.acmnwr.org).

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**COMMUNICATING WITH CONGRESS - NATOA Encourages Local Governments to Communicate with Elected Officials. Visit [www.natoa.org](http://www.natoa.org) for examples and information.**

**COPE ACT- April 12, 2006 - Your urgent action is need now!** The amended version of the COPE Act has been released. Read the amended Bill at [www.natoa.org](http://www.natoa.org) Full Committee action is anticipated the week of April 24, 2006.

On March 30, 2006, NATOA Board Member Ken Fellman testified before the US House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce, Science and Transportation Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet regarding the Communications Opportunity, Promotion and Enhancement (COPE) Act of 2006. [Read the written testimony](#), [oral testimony](#) and the [Local Government: Partner in Promoting Video Competition](#). Read the original COPE Act at [www.natoa.org](http://www.natoa.org)

The House Committee on Energy and Commerce's Telecomm Subcommittee considered amendments to the Act On Wednesday, April 5, 2006. View the [list of amendments](#), the [spreadsheet of amendment votes](#), [USCM's action alert](#), and [NLC's action alert](#) at [www.natoa.org](http://www.natoa.org)

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