

# WATOA NEWS

February 2006



## 2006 Officers Retreat

The Board met in Seattle on February 10th.

On the agenda was a review of the By-Laws. There were a few suggestions for changes and they will be sent out to the membership for review and vote.

The Board will be meeting monthly by Tele-conference. General Membership meetings will be held at an April workshop, the NATOA national conference, and a WATOA conference in the Fall. The Board will also work to coordinate an E-Conference for members.

There was discussion focused on National and State Franchise bills that are being introduced. In April WATOA will dedicate a half-day workshop to help explain what is happening in Washington, why all of us need to be informed, and what we can do in our cities.

## Brian Wilson Memorial Scholarship

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.

## 2006 WATOA WORKSHOP

One of the many goals of WATOA is to create meaningful workshops and conferences to enhance skills, communication, networking, and sharing of important information. .

In April a workshop focusing on Legislative issues will be held in Woodinville. Please keep an eye out for more information.

## Membership Renewal

Please send your membership dues to Chas Hilton at 747 Market Street #208 Tacoma, WA 98402-3723. Dues renewal forms may be downloaded from the WATOA website. Please contact Chas for a Membership brochure if you would like to invite someone to become a Member.

## NATOA NEWS

FCC Franchise Rulemaking: NATOA is seeking the participation and support of all local governments in the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking pertaining to franchising. A template is available on the Policy/Advocacy page of the NATOA website for anyone's use, and NATOA, joined by other national organizations will be filing comments on the legal issues. Please do your part and provide the FCC with information about your community's franchise. [www.natoa.org](http://www.natoa.org)

WATOA contributed \$1,500.00 to the law offices of Ken Fellman for NPRM franchise comments on behalf of the WATOA membership and \$2,500.00 to NATOA for this years Legislative efforts.

The video KEEP IT LOCAL produced by NATOA is available to download.

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### FCC Notice of Rule Making

If you missed the February 13th FCC filing date for your cities franchise comments you may file them until March 14th by emailing them to [John.Norton@fcc.gov](mailto:John.Norton@fcc.gov)