

WATOA NEWS January 2007

From Jill Novik, Chapter President

Thanks again to Judy Devall, 2006 WATOA president, for outstanding leadership in a most difficult year. She guided us through the challenges of Congressional franchising attempts and the beginnings of the FCC order. We will look to Judy as Past President for ongoing support.

Legislative Issues

As we move into 2007, the FCC order looms, and NATOA has joined forces with the Alliance for Community Media, National League of Cities, and other organizations to seek an injunction of the order. We believe that the FCC has overstepped its authority, but action is pending issuance of the order.

We are also hearing of efforts by Qwest to promote a bill in Olympia for statewide franchising and are working closely with the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) to keep up to date. The last date for filing legislation is February 28, so we should know soon whether such a bill will surface this year. Should legislation be submitted, we will be back to you to work with your State representatives to educate them on the importance of local franchising and fight to keep it local. The WATOA board is working on an educational brochure on local franchising and we hope to have this to you within a couple of weeks.

Workshop Poll

The Board would like to hear from you as to what topics would interest you for our next workshop. Possibilities include: Wi-Fi, legislative updates, FTTP, and PEG issues, among others. Please let us know what would be of interest. We are tentatively looking at an early June date in western Washington.

Committees

Randy Beehler is chairing the legislative committee and is working closely with AWC. If you are interested in participating, please contact Randy at rbeehler@cityofyakima.org. There will be a conference call with AWC on February 9 from 11-12; please let Randy or me know if you'd like to join on the call.

Career Opportunities

The City of Tacoma is currently recruiting for a Video Operations Specialist. TV Tacoma is looking for a highly motivated professional with strong writing and video production skills to join our award winning staff. A CATV Operations Specialist is responsible for all aspects of video production, which include: working with clients to determine production needs, script writing, camera operation, lighting, audio engineering and editing. Job responsibilities center on production of public information programs for the City's 24-hour information channel. An Operations Specialist also provides technical assistance and support to other City Departments to enhance the City's communications efforts.

Weekend and evening work may be required. Hourly salary range: \$22.46 to \$27.30

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

* Bachelor of Arts in communications, journalism, broadcast or a related field and a minimum of two years of professional television production and operations experience.

Or

* Six years of recent and relevant experience working in the area of television production and operations.

If you meet these qualifications, submit a completed City of Tacoma application form, Supplemental Application, Experience and Training Test, detailed resume and cover letter to the address listed on the back. Your application materials must be received by 5:00 p.m., Monday, February 5, 2007. Applications received without the required materials will not be considered.

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