

WATOA NEWS



Save the Date

Coming this fall is the WATOA Fall Conference.

Save the date on your calendar, palm pilot, blackberry, etc Thursday and Friday, **October 5th and 6th, 2006**. The fall conference will take place in Downtown Yakima, Washington at the New Garden Hilton Hotel. Presentations are being lined up now! Area activities to showcase local restaurants, wineries, and a new local arts performance hall are being coordinated.

Kudos Korner

ACM Regional "Overall Excellence" Award

Enumclaw City Television wins Overall Excellence and "Democracy In Action" video awards at the Northwest Region's 2006 "Best of the Northwest" Awards. The Overall Excellence in Public, Educational, or Governmental Access Award is designed to honor public, educational, and governmental access organizations for their overall programming efforts. The 2005 Enumclaw Video Voter's Guide won in the "Democracy in Action" category, which covers programs devoted to election coverage and town meetings. Enumclaw City Television (ECTV), started in 1997, is operated by Jon Funfar, Media Services Manager. This the first Overall Excellence Award for ECTV, and the third award for the Video Voter's Guide. The Alliance for Community Media - Northwest Region (ACMNWR) represents Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) cable TV access organizations, community media centers, and access producers throughout Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Alberta, and British Columbia. The Best of the Northwest Awards were held on Saturday, June 3, as part of the ACMNWR Conference in Kent, Washington, hosted by Puget Sound Access.

Category - Program Title - Name

Democracy In Action - 2005 Enumclaw Video Voter's Guide
Jon Funfar

Overall Excellence - Enumclaw City Television 2005 - Jon Funfar

PSA/Promo/Station ID - Puget Sound Access "Promo" - Puget Sound Access

Studio Talk Show - *The Interns* - Jeff Axtman, Amy Cree, Luke Sams

Congratulations Marie Stake. Marie is the recipient of the Brian Wilson Memorial Scholarship. The Scholarship is awarded by WATOA. The scholarship award is the paid registration to attend the NATOA national conference. This is an annual award. For more information please visit www.watoa.org

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HR5252

Advanced Telecommunications Opportunity Reform Act is the new title for HR5252 and S.2686. The time is becoming short for this bill to be brought before the Senate this session. This is not a cue to relax. Be aware that the bill may make it as an attachment to an omnibus bill that may force Senators to vote on it because it is attached to something more important that they want passed. You must contact your Representatives of the House and Senate and inform them to not let this happen. The legislation has too many flaws and negative impacts on local governments, Internet, White Noise licenses, cell phone tax, and other issues, if passed this year as written. NATOA, WATOA, AWC, and NLC are waiting for the final committee language and will send out information as soon as it becomes available. If it does not pass this session we still will need to be diligent to work with our Representatives. Next year Congress will focus on a Telecom Rewrite.

Career Opportunities

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COMMUNICATING WITH CONGRESS - NATOA encourages Local Governments to Communicate with Elected Officials. Visit www.natoa.org for examples and information. **The Policy/Advocacy page has information on Telecom legislative issue updates.**

NATOA Annual Conference August 22-26 in Orlando, Florida

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