

MICHIGAN NATOA CHAPTER
Wednesday, August 23, 2006
Lake Buena Vista Hotel
Orlando, Florida

Meeting called to order by President Kathy Sherman at 5:45 PM.

Attendance and Introductions

Dave Albery, West Bloomfield; Caren Collins, SWOCC; Tom Hanson, Birmingham Area Cable Board; Leslie Helwig, Bloomfield Township; Bill Irving, Dearborn; Jon Kreucher, legal counsel, Kreucher, PLC; Elaine McLain, Birmingham Area Cable Board; Kathy Sherman, Southfield; Mike Watza, legal counsel, PROTEC

Treasurer's Report

Kathy Sherman, acting for Treasurer Mike Ager, Canton Township, submitted a financial report dated July 2006 and a proposed [budget](#) for the fiscal year October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. Caren Collins moved that they be accepted and Tom Hanson seconded the motion. The financial statement and the budget passed unanimously.

President's Report

Kathy Sherman submitted a [report](#) detailing MI NATOA Chapter activity for the 2005 – 2006 year.

Election of Officers

Kathy Sherman stated that all current officers had agreed to run for another one-year term. She asked for further nominations from the floor. There were none. Jon Kruecher moved that the slate be accepted and Dave Albery seconded the motion. The slate was passed unanimously. Officers are: Kathy Sherman, President; Caren Collins, Vice President; Mike Ager, Treasurer; Leslie Helwig, Secretary.

Discussion

Legislation: There was general discussion recapping the status of both the federal and the state legislation. Jon Kruecher explained the FCC Rule Making process. Bill Irving said the City of Dearborn had come to a stalemate in discussions with AT&T, largely because AT&T has refused to agree to a franchise rather than a letter of agreement. There was general discussion regarding AT&T and SBC activities in other states.

Donation to PROTEC

Dave Albery moved that we donate \$1000 to PROTEC for legal services. Caren Collins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Plans for Fall

There was general discussion recommending that the MI NATOA PRO group get together for a workshop. Kathy Sherman reminded us all to continue running the PSA this group produced in the spring.

Topics for Future Meetings

The following topics were suggested for future meetings:

- o MML & MTA updates
- o AT&T activities, especially their boxes, involvement in state legislation and impact on WOW
- o How to draft a model consensus franchise, facilitated by legal counsel

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.