

MICHIGAN NATOA CHAPTER
Thursday, September 11, 2003
NATOA Conference
Denver Colorado

Attendance

Officers: Kathy Sherman, President; Caren Collins, Vice President; Leslie Helwig, Secretary

Members: Kamal A. Amen-Ra, Detroit; James J. Beasley Jr., Detroit; Marlo Carver, Community Media Center; Paula Gentius-Harris, Detroit; Evelyn Goudreau, Livonia; Kathy Hagaman, Birmingham; Bill Irving, Dearborn; Tim Lundgren, Varnum Riddering; Lowell Peterson, Livonia; Ralph Salmeron, Ann Arbor; Cathryn White, Livonia;

Attendees: Beth Correa, Birmingham Area Cable Board; Jamaine Dickens, Detroit; Charlie Langton, Community Media Network;

Treasurer's Report

The Financial Report dated September 2003 was presented by Kathy Sherman. Caren Collins moved that it be accepted. Cathy White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved. See attached.

The Proposed budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004 was presented by Kathy Sherman. Caren Collins moved that it be accepted. Cathy White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved. See attached.

Discussion

Cathy White recapped issues that have been discussed at Protecting Rights of Way from Telecommunications Encroachment (PROTEC).

She also summarized the status of the Metro Act. Urban communities fared better than suburban or rural communities, but everyone will benefit from this state-wide formula for telecommunication fees distribution.

Kathy Sherman asked the group about format for future MI NATOA chapter meetings. The consensus was that we should meet at community studios whenever possible and include tours of local facilities.

Caren Collins said the listserve could be better utilized and committed to starting more discussions on it. She encouraged everyone to participate in an effort to communicate about local issues.

Caren also said that Bright House agreed to give a 24 hour credit to all subscribers in response to the August blackout. Comcast refused requests from various communities to offer such a credit.