



Negotiating or administering cable or video franchises?

Developing communications policies and regulations?

Managing poles, conduits or rights-of-way issues?

Creating programming for an access channel or video stream?

Overseeing the provision of communications services within your community?

Advising policy makers on regulatory policy?

Monitoring industry and government issues?

We promote community interests in communications.

NATOA's Mission

The mission of NATOA is to support and serve the telecommunications interests and needs of local governments. We are a professional association made up of individuals and organizations responsible for - or advising those responsible for - telecommunications policies and services in local governments throughout the country.

NATOA Supports:

1. ... the effective and efficient use of all communications technologies including voice, video, data and information services over wired and wireless transmission technologies.
2. ... the development of effective local information infrastructures and institutional networks. Each community best understands its information, communications, economic development and security needs.
3. ... local authority to develop public, educational and governmental access channels, community programming and related services.
4. ... the fair and efficient allocation of radio spectrum that provides quality frequencies, free from interference, for all local public safety communication needs.
5. ... the orderly transition to a truly competitive communications marketplace.
6. ... local consumer service protections and consumer education efforts.
7. ... local government management of public rights-of-way and the right of local jurisdictions to govern land use and regulate zoning for all communications service providers and facilities without unnecessary state or federal intervention.
8. ... diversity in media and telecommunications ownership and content.

The above are only representative statements from our Policy Platform. Please visit our Web site at www.natoa.org for the complete version of the Policy Platform.

Membership Dues & Legislative/Regulatory Fund

In addition to membership dues, NATOA assesses an annual amount for its Legislative/Regulatory Fund. The recommended contribution is based on type of membership.

Reg	Annual Dues	Leg/Regulatory Fund
Individual Agency - Population 0 – 25,000	\$375	\$100
Population 25,001-50,000	\$400	\$200
Population 50,001-250,000	\$500	\$300
Population 250,001-1,000,000	\$750	\$500
Agency - Population 1,000,000+	\$850	\$750
Associate - Non-Profit	\$950	\$1,000
Associate - Profit-making	\$350	\$100
Student	\$880	\$300
	\$30	

Additional Agency Member \$100 per person

(Agency members may add additional members at a per person cost.)

Benefits

NATOA is the premiere resource for legislation and policy information and provides other tangible benefits and services to its members. Here are just a few examples:

NATOA Journal of Municipal Telecommunications Policy - A quarterly publication on issues of concern to local governments.

NATOA News – A monthly publication with important membership updates and information.

Discounted Registration Rates - Attend Regional Workshops, Training Seminars, the Annual Conference and special Web/Audio conference calls at reduced rates.

Discounted Publications - A variety of written material on cable and telecommunications issues to enhance the understanding of local governments.

Members-Only Web site Access

Membership Directory - Updated annually, the printed membership directory is an indispensable networking and resource tool for telecommunications professionals. A searchable directory is also available on the Web site and is updated monthly.

Member List serv - Available to government and government retained members only. With basic email capability you can participate in this valuable information exchange.

Programmers Listserv - Designed for government access programmers to share information and exchange ideas.

Membership Categories

NATOA has several different types of membership categories depending on the nature of employment and benefits sought.

Individual:

Possible candidates in this category include those who are employed or retained by a state or local government, including elected or appointed officials, who do not represent the industry. Entitled to voting privileges. Allowed access to the member's list serv. Only the Individual listed on the membership will receive member benefits and privileges. Membership does not apply to the corporation or agency that the individual is employed by.

Agency:

Possible candidates in this category include government employees from a municipal, county, regional or state authority.

Entitled to voting privileges.

Allowed access to the member's list serv.

Agency members are allowed three individuals, including the primary member, who receive membership benefits. Only the primary contact, however, has voting privileges.

Agency members who wish to list more than three individuals to receive member benefits may add additional members to the membership at a per person cost.

Associate: (for profit and not for profit)

Possible candidates in this category include those who are industry retained, students, government or access center employees.

Not entitled to voting privileges.

Not eligible for the member list serv.

Those who are employed by not for profit organizations, including access centers, may join as an Associate – Non-Profit member only. Those who are employed by for profit organizations, including law firms or corporations serving industry may join as an Associate – For Profit member only.

Only the Individual listed on the membership will receive member benefits and privileges. Membership does not apply to the corporation or agency that the individual is employed by.

Student:

Open to any individual registered full time and attending an institution of higher learning.

Not entitled to voting privileges.

Not eligible for the member list serv.

All members receive the Membership Directory, NATOA Journal, Newsletter, Programmer's ListServ, Discounted Registration Rates, Discounted Publication Rates, and access to the appropriate Members Only Areas of the Web site.

The above descriptions are for convenience only. The specific qualifications of membership and privileges are defined in the NATOA Bylaws, which may be reviewed on the NATOA Web site at

www.natoa.org

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