

MICHIGAN NATOA CHAPTER
Wednesday, February 2, 2005
Canton Township

Meeting called to order by President Kathy Sherman at 12:00 Noon.

Attendance

Mike Ager and three Producers, Canton Township; Felicia Cross, Livonia; Paula Gentius-Harris, Detroit; Jim Gillis, Bloomfield Township; Evelyn Goudreau, Livonia; Shelli McDermott, Detroit; Kathy Sherman, Southfield; Olympio Varsogea, Monroe; Cathy White, Livonia

Program

Members watched the National NATOA Program Awards tape and had lunch.

Community Updates

- **Bloomfield Township** recently purchased "Facil" software to track production activity and costs. Finding it to be very helpful. Comcast finally paid funds due from shortfall to franchise fee.
- **Canton Township** financial audit shows Comcast owing large sums. Canton plans to "revoke" their franchise agreement in order to settle the matter.
- **Livonia** has a hiring freeze, budget challenges. Waiting to hear outcome of class action suit on ranchise fees.
- **Detroit:** Comcast will begin building I-Net. Still negotiating franchise renewal. Also, conducted franchise fee audit and sent results to Comcast. Will hear back by February 21st. Paula reviewed proposal for MI-NATOA tape exchange. Suggestions were made regarding format (DVD) and credits. She will forward final document to Chapter President who will send it out to all members with a postcard to return to indicate interest in participating. The MI-NATOA list serve will be instrumental to get the details out regarding the tape exchange.
- **Southfield:** Kathy Sherman reminded everyone about MAB Conference in March. She reported briefly on Comcast subscriber numbers dropping and CATV revenues in Southfield.

Treasurer's report by Mike Ager

BALANCES

\$ 6,963.51	Checking Account, NBD
<u>1,692.99</u>	Savings Account, NBD
\$ 8,656.50	TOTAL ASSETS

Mike asked for ideas to fund special projects, meetings or speakers.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM