

IOWA BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION

FAST NEWS

ROUTE TO: General Managers & All Department Heads

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COAST GUARD CAMPAIGN BEGINS ON MONDAY

The **2003 IBA/Coast Guard NCSA Campaign** begins on April 30 and runs for 4-weeks through May 27. CDs, tapes and traffic instructions have been mailed out to all Iowa radio and television stations. If you did not receive this mailing or if you have any questions, contact IBA NCSA Coordinator Mark Osmundson at 641-752-4122. Your participation in this program is very important--it allows IBA to continue providing the free services we know many of you use every day, such as the Internet JobBank and Legal Hotlines. We thank you for your continued support.

FROM THE WASHINGTON HOTLINE

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Last week, the Copyright Office released a wide-ranging Notice of Inquiry, asking many questions about the statutory licenses that allow cable and satellite companies to retransmit broadcast television signals without getting the specific approval of all copyright holders who provide programming to those stations. The Notice was released so that the Copyright Office can prepare a report to Congress, due June of 2008, presenting its views as to whether the various statutory licenses still perform necessary functions, and whether any reforms are necessary. To complete its report, the Notice asks many questions about how these licenses currently work, whether they function efficiently, and if they should be retained, modified or abolished in favor of marketplace negotiations. The Notice even asks whether the existing statutory licenses should be expanded to take into account the different ways video programming is now delivered to the consumer, including various Internet and mobile delivery systems. Thus, virtually anyone involved in the video programming world may want to be part of this proceeding. Comments are due July 2, with reply comments due September 13.

2007 REGULATORY FEES

On April 18th the Federal Communications Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NPRM") proposing to collect a total of \$290,295,160 in regulatory fees during FY 2007, which will be used to fund the Commission's operations. The Commission is obligated to collect these fees by statute. As in past years, the Commission proposes to assess each regulatee based on the specific types of authorizations it holds. Appendix C of the NPRM lists the proposed regulatory fees associated with each class of service regulated by the FCC. The Commission seeks comment as to whether this schedule should be adjusted. The FCC also seeks comment with respect to (i) the process for notifying licensees about changes in the annual Schedule of Regulatory Fees and how it can be improved; (ii) the most effective way to disseminate regulatory fee assessments and bills; (iii) the fee payment process, including how the FCC's online Fee Filer system can be enhanced; (iv) the timing of fee payments, including whether the FCC should alter the current regulatory fee payment window in any way; and (v) the timing of fee assessments and pre-bills. A copy of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking may also be accessed at the FCC's web site at http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-07-55A1.pdf and complete fee information and a chart of fees can be found at: www.fcc.gov/fees/regfees. Comments in response to the NPRM are due **May 3** and reply comments are due **May 11**.

IBA NOMINATIONS REMINDER

Nomination forms for the **2007 Iowa Broadcaster of the Year** and **Hall of Fame** awards are available on the IBA website at www.iowabroadcasters.com. The deadline for submitting IBA Award nominations is **May 22**.

AT THE STATEHOUSE...

HCR 10...is a Concurrent Resolution requesting that the Iowa legislature create a study committee relating to Iowa open meetings and public records laws. Significant concern has been raised about whether or not Iowa's open meetings law, Code Chapter 21, and Iowa's public records law, Code Chapter 22 have been consistently and uniformly interpreted and applied by various public bodies and officials. These issues are in need of further examination by the general assembly and an Interim Study Committee is being established to recommend revisions relating to the Code. Due to an oversight, broadcasters were inadvertently left off the list of participants, to the IBA has been able to get an amendment put forward to ensure that Iowa Broadcasters have a place at the table.

IBA OFFICE

Make a Note...The IBA office will be closed May 4-10. Dues paying members with legal questions can contact attorneys Sharon Malheiro or Gene LaSuer at the free IBA Legal Hotline, 515-288-2500 sharonmalheiro@lawiowa.com / genelasuer@lawiowa.com; or in Washington, contact David Oxenford at the IBA Washington Hotline, 202-973-4256, davidoxenford@dwt.com.

CALENDAR

May 2 (via Satellite): TV Sales Workshops; June 28 (W. Des Moines): IBA Summer Convention & Sales Seminar.

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