

OK Chapter Newsletter



December 2005

The Ohio-Kentucky Chapter of the Alliance for Community Media newsletter

New officers elected

At the Ohio-Kentucky Chapter meeting in Louisville, Kentucky during the Central States Alliance for Community Media fall conference, the following people were elected to the OK Chapter Board:

Chair: Suzanne Patzer

Vice-Chair: Steve Sobel

Treasurer: Chip Bergquist

Secretary: Jeff Weinkam

Ohio Public Policy Committee Chair:
Andy Valeri

Kentucky Public Policy Committee Chair:
David Silverman

Workshop Committee Chair: Frank Clark

Information Service Committee Chair:
Brian Vonderschmidt

Education Committee Chair: Rod Swartz

The OK Chapter Board is planning events for 2006 and would like to hear from you! See page 3 for details.



(From left) Former OK Chapter Chair Tom Bishop with Frank Clark and Chip Bergquist, newly elected officers on the OK Chapter Board

PEG threatened (again)

Congress is currently considering bills that would have a chilling effect on PEG access' funding and future. As companies like Verizon try to enter into the competitive telecommunications market, they are driving legislation that challenges the structure of franchise agreements with municipalities. As these bills make their way through the House and Senate, we may need you to call or write your Congressional representatives.

Please watch the OK Chapter website for action alerts. www.waycross.org/okalliance.

"Raise Your Voice"

Spring 2006

**Central States Regional
Conference**

May 4-6

Midland, Michigan

Scholarships available for conference

The Spring 2006 regional ACM conference may be in Midland, Michigan, but you can still attend with a scholarship from the Central States Board.

Check out the details at the "Conferences" section of <http://www.waycross.org/okalliance/>

OK Chapter featured access center:

Dayton Access Television- DATV

280 Leo Street
Dayton, Ohio 45404
Phone: (937) 223-5311
Fax: (937) 223-2345
<http://www.datv.org>

Channels: 2

20 - Dayton Public Access

12 - Religious Access

Area: City of Dayton, Riverside and Butler Townships

Subscribers: 36,000

Fulltime employees: 7, 6 part-time

Types of access: public access and religious access

Services: Training workshops, studio and field production equipment rental, "Instant Access" video soapbox taping, production truck pictured above), coverage of local community events and commission meetings, production services for nonprofits, Community Calendar for nonprofits, in-house services for schools and colleges
Type of organization: 501(c)(3) nonprofit membership organization with a Board of Trustees

Number of members: 600

Year started: 1977

Awards:

Community Communications Award for Public Access, from NFLCP (ACM)
Philo T. Farnsworth Award for Overall Excellence in Public Access Programming, from Central States ACM

Mission: Recognizing that democracy works best with full freedoms for citizens under the constitution, DATV, an independent, nonprofit organization, has as its mission, to provide public access to cable television by promoting the public's First Amendment rights, providing appropriate staff and facilities, to train and equip community users, and encouraging balanced alternative programming.



Early talk show on "Access 30 Dayton" with founder and first Executive Director, Roxie Cole

DATV projects:

In 2003 DATV celebrated its 25th Anniversary of "Giving Dayton The Freedom To Communicate." As part of this celebration DATV buried a time capsule that is set to be opened on March 1st, 2078 in honor of DATV's 100th Anniversary.

**Send information about your access center to:
Suzanne Patzer
spatzer@csc.edu**

We want to hear from you!

The OK Chapter now has a Workshop Committee



The Ohio-Kentucky Chapter is looking for ideas for one or two-day seminars, workshops or events for our members

In the past, we have held a Program Fair for tape exchanges to bicycle shows around to different access channels, vendor demonstrations of new equipment, and a trip to see a new wireless technology project at an Ohio access center



Do you have an idea for a workshop?

What kind of information or technical skills do you need?

Does your access center have a special event or project we could plan a workshop around?

Let us know!
spatzer@csc.edu

Nominate a community media superstar for the

Roxie L. Cole Leadership Award

to be awarded at the Spring Central States ACM conference in Midland, Michigan

The award is given to the person who exemplifies the spirit of access television in the community. This person is a leader who has effectiveness, initiative, energy, skill, authority and vision and who have made contributions in their community. This person can be a Volunteer, Producer, Board Member, Staff Member, or Community Activist.

Roxie L. Cole started public access in Dayton, Ohio in 1978, and is known to many as the Mother of public access. She was dedicated to community access and a vital part of the Alliance for Community Media. Roxie passed away in 1994 leaving us with fond memories of her drive and vision to keep community media alive and well in our respective communities.

Nominations accepted until February 15, 2006 at the Roxie L. Cole award page at: <http://www.waycross.org/okalliance/>

What is the OK Alliance?

The purpose of the OK Alliance of the Alliance for Community Media is to provide support, education and advocacy for its members, promote community media for and within the states of Ohio and Kentucky, and to encourage regional, national, and international efforts which support the ideals of its membership.

How would you like to be a part of an organization with the above purpose? If you are involved in community media in any form and live in the state of Ohio or the commonwealth of Kentucky, the OK Alliance is for you.

As a member of the OK Alliance you will receive the following:

- A twice-yearly newsletter updating you on happenings within Ohio & Kentucky as well as information updates from throughout the Alliance.
- Public Policy information and support in your state, giving you a voice in state telecommunications matters.
- Workshops on topics that concern community media centers, their staffs, and constituencies.
- Assistance to your center in promoting community media and support in times of need.

Join the OK Alliance!

Or renew your membership

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Membership: \$15. Mail to: OK Chapter, 1240 Bryden Rd., Columbus OH 43205. Stay current on PEG access happenings in Ohio and Kentucky, network with other access folks and support the Alliance for Community Media. Check out our website: www.waycross.org/okalliance

