

Call For Volunteers

Serve on an OPASTCO Committee

OPASTCO is especially proud of being a member-run organization. The primary forum for member participation is the Association's committee structure. OPASTCO has many active committees that provide its board of directors with the basis for OPASTCO's policy decisions and activity plans. These committees are of vital importance to OPASTCO, the telecommunications industry, and to small telephone companies. Individuals who serve on the committees gain an increased knowledge of the industry; and companies with employees on OPASTCO committees gain a more valuable employee as well as become a more informed company.

Please take a moment to review the following list of OPASTCO committees, consider your area of interest, and volunteer to serve today. Please check the box beside any committee(s) on which you would be interested in serving. (Committee appointments are made by the incoming chairman based on committee needs and space availability.)

OPASTCO COMMITTEES

(OPASTCO committees are open to all members)

Each committee conducts the activities described below and makes recommendations to the board of directors.

- ___ **ASSOCIATE MEMBER** - As representatives of all associate members, the OPASTCO Associate Member Committee is dedicated to promoting OPASTCO's goals through partnerships with rural Telecommunications service providers. Specifically, OPASTCO Associate Member Committee members will energetically work to build mutually beneficial relationships with OPASTCO's membership and will make themselves available to assist, to provide expertise to, and to act as resources for the OPASTCO staff. *(Meetings held Monthly)*
- ___ **AVERAGE SCHEDULE** - provides maximum input into the average schedule process, to the NECA Industry Committee and to NECA; recommends positions and comments on NECA average schedule filings.
- ___ **BYLAWS** - reviews the OPASTCO bylaws and recommends changes to the membership. *(Meetings held as needed)*
- ___ **EDUCATION** - develops the structure and content of educational programs, including the summer and winter conventions. *(Weekly conference calls)*
- ___ **FINANCE** - tracks and maintains the financial viability of the association and recommends the annual budget. *(Meets quarterly)*
- ___ **LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE** - responsible for reviewing the impact of proposed legislation, nominations, and congressional committee activity upon the OPASTCO membership in consultation with the association's other committees as well as planning the annual Legislative and Regulatory Conference. *(Meetings held as needed)*
- ___ **MARKETING/PR** - provides marketing and sales information to assist and educate members in promoting their products, services, and new technologies. Develops and provides continued input for all public relations and communications projects. *(Monthly meetings)*
- ___ **MEMBERSHIP** - leads the association's efforts to recruit and maintain members and to continue to develop benefits and services for the association membership. *(As Needed)*
- ___ **NOMINATING COMMITTEES** - makes recommendations to the membership for OPASTCO Board of Directors **(Appointed by Chairman only)**
- ___ **RUS** - develops OPASTCO positions in matters regarding rural development and Rural Utilities Service issues before the FCC, Congress, the courts, and other regulatory agencies as directed by the policies set by the board. *(Meetings held as needed)*
- ___ **SEPARATIONS, ACCESS, AND USOA** - develops OPASTCO positions in matters related to Parts 32, 36, 61, 64, 65, and 69 of the FCC's rules. *(Meetings held as needed)*

- _____ **TECHNICAL** - provides guidance in developing OPASTCO's understanding of and positions on issues of a technical nature, including new services and network technologies. *(Meets quarterly)*

- _____ **VIDEO & BROADBAND COMMITTEE** - The Video and Broadband committee develops OPASTCO positions in matters regarding video and broadband issues before the FCC, Congress, the courts, and other regulatory agencies, as directed by the policies set by the Board of Directors; and helps educate members about developments in these important industry segments." *(Meetings held as needed)*

- _____ **MOBILE WIRELESS** - Develops OPASTCO positions in mobile wireless matters before the FCC, Congress, and other regulatory agencies, as directed by the policies set by the Board of Directors. *(Meetings held as needed)*

Name _____
 Company _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Comments or questions _____

Please return to:
 OPASTCO Committees, 21 Dupont Circle NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20036, fax to 202/659-4619
OR
 e-mail to: vlf@OPASTCO.org

If further information is needed about committees please contact Vanessa Fountain-Allen at 202-659-5990.

You will be contacted with further information concerning committee appointments.

Please be aware that all Committees are approved by the OPASTCO Board of Directors in January 2009. You will receive notification of your committee membership after Board approval. Thank you for your interest.

ALSO NOTE....IF YOU ARE ALREADY ON A COMMITTEE YOU DO NOT HAVE TO FILL OUT THIS FORM, JUST INFORM YOUR STAFF LIAISON THAT YOU WISH TO REMAIN ON THE COMMITTEE FOR 2009. THANKYOU

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO OPASTCO NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 31, 2008