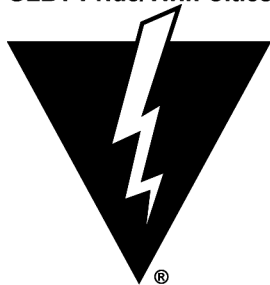


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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Pride Community Meeting August 5 Pride Annual Meeting & Elections August 19**

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - Pride's Community Meeting will be held Monday, August 5 at 7:00pm and it's Annual Meeting and Board of Directors elections will take place Monday, August 19 at 7:00pm. Both meetings will be held at the University of Minnesota GLBT Programs Office, Klaber Court located at 320 SE 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Minneapolis. Ample parking is provided via a parking ramp across the street.

Pride's Community Meeting is an opportunity for members of the community to let Pride know what they thought about the recent Pride Celebration. New ideas are solicited as well. Also at the Community Meeting, nominations for positions on the Board of Directors will open. Interested parties are encouraged to attend to learn about specific Board opportunities.

Two weeks later, Pride will hold it's Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Elections on Monday, August 19, also at the U of M GLBT Programs Office. The Annual Report will be released to the public and members of the Press as well. Several positions are up for election or re-election this year including Community Relations Director, Public Relations Director, Festival Operations Director, Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Executive Officer. Directors and Officers serve two-year terms which begin and end at the Annual Meeting.

Celebrating it's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, GLBT Pride in the Twin Cities began in 1972 with a small group of activists meeting for a picnic in Minneapolis' Loring Park and a short march down Nicollet Mall. Over the intervening years, the Twin Cities Pride Celebration has grown to be the largest GLBT Pride in the region, with an estimated 2002 attendance in excess of 280,000 people.

GLBT Pride/Twin Cities is the organizer of the Twin Cities Pride Celebration, an all-volunteer nonprofit organization. The mission of GLBT Pride/Twin Cities is: to educate the community at large about the diversity, issues and goals of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities; to provide a forum for celebration of the history and accomplishments of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people; and to provide an opportunity for networking for the family and friends of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people and allies.

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