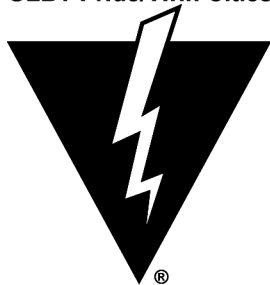


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Jim Kelley Elected CEO

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - At its September 9, 2002 meeting, the Board of Directors of Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual-Transgender (GLBT) Pride/Twin Cities elected Jim Kelley as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to fill the remainder of a two-year term which expires at the 2004 Annual Meeting.

Originally, the election for the position of CEO was held at Pride's Annual Meeting on Monday, August 19, 2002. However, the position was temporarily left vacant, due to an unresolved tie, which was between then-CEO Daniel P. Dempsey and Jim Kelley. As a result, Pride Historian Jean-Nicholas Tretter was selected by the Board to fill the duties of the CEO position by serving as Interim CEO (iCEO). Mr. Tretter chaired the September 9 meeting.

Outgoing iCEO Jean-Nicholas Tretter said "It was a great honor to serve as interim CEO. I look forward to the new administration carrying on in the fine tradition of the previous thirty years of Pride events with an ever growing and ever more exciting Pride Festival." Mr. Tretter has been serving and continues as Pride Historian and Archivist, and was one of the handful of people who participated in the first ever Twin Cities Pride event in 1972.

Incoming CEO Jim Kelley said "I look forward to working with such a great group of people. The next two years should be a great deal of fun, in addition to all of the hard work. Dan Dempsey [former CEO], through his dedication to Pride over the past 5 years and CEO for the past year and a half, has shaped an organization that I am proud to have been a part of for the past two years and which I am now looking forward to leading. On behalf of the entire Board I would like to extend many thanks to Dan for all of his hard work." Mr. Kelley continues "With the recent addition of new leadership roles, such as the Community Outreach Director, I feel that GLBT Pride/Twin Cities is poised for great things in the 2003 festival season. Some of my goals for the upcoming year are to improve communication with the GLBT community, to reduce the work load and stress on Board members and develop and deepen our partnerships with local and regional Pride committees and GLBT organizations."

For the past two seasons (2000 & 2001), Jim Kelley served in the position of Volunteer Coordinator, which is now vacant.

Celebrating it's 31st year in 2003, 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 and 4th largest in the United States, 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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