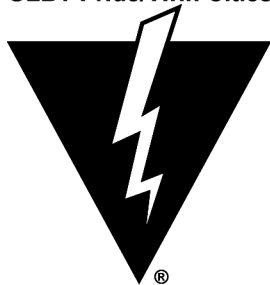


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Seven New Coordinators Appointed to Pride Board

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - GLBT Pride/Twin Cities is pleased to announce that seven new Coordinators were appointed last night at a meeting of Pride's Board of Directors, making the 2003 staff the largest ever in the history of the Twin Cities Pride Celebration.

Angela (Angie) Waldoch will be returning as Entertainment Coordinator and Aaron Stevenson will be returning to the position of Safety & Security Coordinator. The following individuals are joining Pride for the first time: Jon Roberts as Disability Services Coordinator; Michael O'Laughlin as Marketing Coordinator; LeMonte Graham as Diversity Coordinator; Jeff Gukeen as Pageant Coordinator; and Deja Gibson as Boat Cruise Coordinator. Additionally, at its September 9 meeting, the Board of Directors welcomed Lee Merrick as Treasury Coordinator and Terry Polzin returned as Exhibitor & Vendor Coordinator.

Pride CEO Jim Kelley said, "I'm very happy with the addition of the seven coordinators last night. As a wholly volunteer, working board, with several huge events to produce, the skills and dedication of these new additions will be hugely appreciated.

"Last year, for the Festival, we had 14 people on the board and by Sunday afternoon we all looked like rag dolls, soggy ones at that. We've now filled three officer, seven director, nine coordinator and three agent positions and there still more available. That's a hint for people to come and get involved.

"The talent that is represented by the 20 people currently on the board is incredible. That each of them would all volunteer to dedicate hundreds of hours to produce the Pride Celebration is even more amazing."

Currently, 20 people are on the Pride Board, including Officers, Directors, Coordinators and other agents, which makes the 2003 Board the largest to date. Several positions continue to remain vacant. Interested persons are

encouraged to contact Chief Administrative Officer David W. Hill for more information by sending an email to info@tcpride.com or by calling (952) 852-6106.

The complete 2003 roster stands as:

Individual	Title/Position
Jim Kelley	Chief Executive Officer
Ryan Durant	Chief Financial Officer & Webmaster
David W. Hill	Chief Administrative Officer
Nick Metcalf	Community Outreach Director
Randy Williams	Festival Operations Director
Richard Carper	Parade Operations Director
James Garlough	Block Party Operations Director & Legal Counsel
Greg Goranson	Creative Director
Bill Nienaber	Public Relations Director
Gary VanDerSchaegen	Volunteer Director
Jon Roberts	Disability Services Coordinator
Angela (Angie) Waldoch	Entertainment Coordinator
Terry Polzin	Exhibitor & Vendor Coordinator
Michael O'Laughlin	Marketing Coordinator
Aaron Stevenson	Safety & Security Coordinator
Lee Merrick	Treasury Coordinator
LeMonte Graham	Diversity Coordinator
Jeff Gukeen	Pageant Coordinator
Deja Gibson	Boat Cruise Coordinator
Jean-Nickolaus Tretter	Pride Historian

Celebrating it's 31st year in 2003, GLBT Pride/Twin Cities, the organizer of the Twin Cities Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual-Transgender (GLBT) Pride Celebration, 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 an all-volunteer nonprofit organization.

It is the mission of GLBT Pride/Twin Cities to commemorate and celebrate our diverse heritage, to inspire the achievement of equality and challenge discrimination.

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