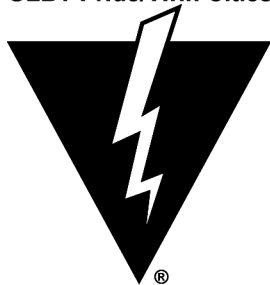


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## **Pride CFO Ryan Durant Elected InterPride Vice President**

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - GLBT Pride/Twin Cities is very proud to announce that its Chief Financial Officer, Ryan Durant, was elected Vice President of InterPride on Saturday, November 2 at its International Conference and Annual General Meeting in San Francisco.

InterPride is a nonprofit organization whose membership consists of organizations in cities, towns and countries all over the globe that produce community-based Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Pride events. InterPride's main goals are to promote Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride around the world, to increase networking and communication among Pride groups, to encourage diverse communities to hold Pride events and to act as a source of information and education.

Delegations from over 50 cities on six continents were present at this year's conference. GLBT Pride/Twin Cities is one of a handful of organizations which founded InterPride in 1981. Mr. Durant was elected in a landslide election in which no votes were against him.

Mr. Durant's platform contained issues such as moving InterPride into the digital age with advancements in technology and driving InterPride to more accurately address the needs of smaller and rural pride organizations. In addition to serving on numerous InterPride committees over the years, he has also been serving as Co-Director for InterPride's Region 4 along with Rolf Rathman of Pride Saint Louis. Region 4 of InterPride consists of the North-Central United States until his election this weekend. Mr. Durant's former role as Co-Director is being assumed by Michael Bachmann from Kansas City Pride.

"I'm excited to take up this position, and plan to use it to focus InterPride on the needs of a more diverse membership especially rural Pride organizations," said Mr. Durant.

Celebrating it's 31<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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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