

GLBT Pride/Twin Cities



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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **New Board of Directors Elected at Annual Meeting**

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - At its Annual Meeting on Monday, August 15, the Board of Directors of GLBT Pride/Twin Cities welcomed several new board members standing for election this year. 2005 Safety & Security Coordinator Dexter Bingham was elected to the position of Support Services Director and 2005 Grand Marshal Coordinator Scott Feldman was elected to the position of Community Events Director. In addition, Community Outreach Director Dan Mendez, who joined Pride in 2004 as Parade Coordinator, has been elected to the position of Parade Director, while Vice President of Finance Mike Goodman was reelected and will begin his first full term in that role in 2006.

The positions of Community Outreach Director and Volunteer Director remain vacant at this time. Pride would like to encourage members of under-represented groups to inquire about joining the board in one of these positions. All Officers and Directors serve two-year terms and are volunteer positions.

Pride President Jim Kelley said, "Monday's election brought some wonderful resources to the board. Mike Goodman has been great in the short time he's been the Vice President of Finance and I look forward to continuing to work with him. Dan Mendez, after doing a wonderful job at Outreach will be taking the reins of the Parade. Scott Feldman, who last year put together the classy Grand Marshal's Ball will be stepping up to Community Events Director. And Dexter Bingham, a long time volunteer at our events and as a Safety and Security Coordinator in 2005, will take on a much larger role as the Support Services Director."

Kelley continued, "With James Eckard not returning for a second term and Dan Mendez opting for Parade Director, we currently have two openings on the board. In our continued efforts for diverse representation it would be great if a woman or a bi or trans person stepped forward to fill the vacancies."

Following a financial deficit in 2004, preliminary numbers indicate that Pride will be in a much better position going into the 2006 celebration. Final financial numbers will be posted on Pride's website at [www.tcpride.org](http://www.tcpride.org) when they become available in the coming month.

Celebrating its 34<sup>th</sup> year in 2006, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> largest in the United States, with an estimated combined attendance in excess of 400,000 people at five events. 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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