

## **GLASS Steering Committee Meeting Minutes – December 2, 2014**

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:13pm. Six members of the Steering Committee were present.
2. The agenda, previous meeting minutes, and treasurer's report were all previously approved electronically.
3. Secretary Vacancy
  - a. It was noted that Andrew Ott, GLASS Secretary, had electronically submitted his resignation from the Steering Committee.
  - b. Andrew Shine was nominated to fill in the vacant Secretary position. Adam Henderson seconded the nomination. The proposal was therein approved by a unanimous voice vote.
4. December Happy Hour
  - a. The joint GLASS, LGBT CSA, and LC-GLOBE holiday happy hour event scheduled for December 4, 2014 was discussed.
  - b. It was mentioned that the preliminary Facebook invitation could not be sent out to members outside of the GLASS Facebook group, given the group's private status.
  - c. The issue had previously been resolved by sending a second invitation out to more guests as a public event.
5. Facebook Group / Event Invites
  - a. Given the technical issues surrounding the Facebook happy hour invitation, it was propositioned that the Steering Committee consider opening up the Facebook group to the public.
  - b. Justin Laufer proposed operating through the Google group. Julian Miller also considered the idea.
  - c. The issue was not voted on, but rather to be officially considered at a later time.
6. CSA Merger

- a. It was mentioned that LGBT CSA had not been cooperative in working together on the December happy hour.
  - b. CSA's erstwhile lack of responsiveness and decision
  - c. Laura Erickson-Hatalsky suggested that she approach Michelle Mittler, CSA president, at the happy hour and let her know that if we can't work together at this point, the two groups should not move forward with a merger.
7. State of the Union Watch Party
  - a. It was stated that the State of the Union watch party was a successful event in 2014 and that GLASS should try to do a similar event in 2015.
8. January Happy Hour
  - a. It was stated that GLASS should consider doing a January happy hour, in addition to the State of the Union watch party, given the changes to the Congress and staff.
9. PrEP Briefing
  - a. Andrew Shine provided an update on plans for a January briefing on pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).
  - b. The briefing would consist of experts from:
    - i. The Senate Committee on Health, Labor Education, and Pensions
    - ii. Whitman-Walker, a Washington, DC-based HIV/AIDS community health center
    - iii. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
  - c. Andrew Fuentes proposed bringing in a speaker from the Food and Drug Administration, as they are currently deciding whether to replace the lifetime ban on gay men donating blood.
10. The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 6, 2015 in Senator Baldwin's conference room.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38pm.