

GLASS Steering Committee Meeting Minutes – November 3, 2015

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:28pm. All seven members of the Steering Committee were present.
2. The Agenda had previously been approved electronically. The September Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report was approved by a unanimous voice vote.
3. Speaker Series Update & Planning
 - a. Franken recap
 - i. The Steering Committee agreed that the Speaker Series event with Senator Baldwin was "good" with a decent turnout.
 - b. Merkley & Cicilline
 - i. Julian Miller proclaimed that he was working with Senator Merkley and Congressman Cicilline's staff to finalize the details for the November 18th event.
 - c. Victory Fund Event with SBLSC
 - i. Andrew Fuentes announced that he had met with the appropriate staff to move forward with the event featuring Victory Fund President and CEO, Aisha Moodie-Mills.
4. Mentorship Program Discussion
 - a. Joseph Lindblad discussed the updates guidelines about the mentorship program, which had been circulated electronically previously. It was noted that the guidelines were not mandatory.
 - b. Mr. Lindblad then said he would work with Mr. Fuentes when it would come to final publishing.
 - c. Justin Laufer said that the information could be dispensed about the program as soon as January 2016 through means such as the intern coordinator listserv and the Senate Diversity Initiative.
5. Other Professional Development Ideas

- a. Don't Ask, Don't Tell Update
 - i. Adam Henderson mentioned that he was working with the organization OutServe for the upcoming briefing.
 - ii. Mr. Lindblad discussed the idea of bringing a transgender topic to the eventual discussion.
 - iii. The idea of having Eric Fanning attend was also discussed.
 - iv. The tentative plan was to have the event sometime in January.
 - b. Volunteering
 - i. The Board noted that the October volunteering event did not happen.
 - ii. Mr. Fuentes discussed the idea of having a volunteer event on a weekend morning, then attending brunch afterwards.
 - iii. It was discussed to involve other staff groups, such as the Italian Staff Association.
 - iv. The location for the volunteer event would hypothetically take place in DuPont Circle on December 5, 2015.
6. November Happy Hour
- a. The tentative plan was to host another happy hour with Q Street, GLINT, or GLIFFA on November 19, 2015. A location was not set.
7. December Happy Hour
- a. The Steering Committee agreed that the best dates that would work for GLASS would be December 3, 4, 10, or 11. They agreed to check with the LGBT CSA for any follow-up.
8. Communications
- a. Mr. Laufer, Mr. Lindblad, and Mr. Miller suggested putting a button on the bottom of the email blasts to become a GLASS dues paying member and announcing when it has its Board meetings.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.