

## **GLASS Steering Committee Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2015**

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:21pm. All seven members of the Steering Committee were present.
2. The Agenda had previously been approved electronically. The August Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report was approved by a unanimous voice vote.
3. Speaker Series Update & Planning
  - a. Booker recap
    - i. The Steering Committee agreed that the Speaker Series event with Senator Booker was a success and would be used as a template for future events.
  - b. Baldwin
    - i. Julian Miller voiced that he would follow up to ensure that this event was still on course.
  - c. Franken
    - i. Andrew Shine confirmed that a room for the planned Speaker Series with Senator Al Franken was set for October 21<sup>st</sup> for one hour.
  - d. November and December Ideas
    - i. The Board discussed the idea of hosting a Speaker Series event with Senator Jeff Merkley surrounding the Equality Act, of which Sen. Merkley is the original sponsor.
      1. The Board continued discussions from the previous month's meeting to hosting a joint series event, potentially with Congressman David Cicilline.
    - ii. It was also discussed potentially procuring Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen for a future event.
4. Mentorship Program Discussion
  - a. It was agreed that GLASS would move forward with the previous month's discussion of having one faction of the Mentorship Program for a junior staff-

senior staff pairing and having another faction for an interns-midlevel staff pairing.

- i. The Board agreed that it would advertise how GLASS has two separate programs now.

- b. Former GLASS Member Outreach

- i. Regarding retention issues of former GLASS members, the Board agreed that it would like to do additional outreach to former GLASS members.

- ii. The Board agreed that it would think of people on and off the Hill, allies, and former GLASS members who might be interested in mentoring.

5. Other Professional Development Event Ideas

- a. DADT Briefing

- i. Adam Henderson discussed the possibility of hosting a briefing on the repeal of the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy in October.

- b. Victory Fund

- i. Joseph Lindblad suggested the idea of partnering with the Victory Fund Institute in the near future.

- c. Hispanic Heritage Month

- i. With Hispanic Heritage Month occurring throughout late September and early October, Julian Miller suggested that GLASS should host or partner with an organization celebrating the occasion.

- d. Volunteering

- i. Andrew Fuentes reiterated the success of the previous partnership with So Others May Eat in regards to volunteering.

- ii. The group agreed that GLASS could volunteer with just its own members or work with other organizations. Justin Laufer suggested the Board look into doing a volunteer event in October.

6. September Happy Hour

- i. It was agreed that the happy hour with CSA would move forward as planned at Big Board on Friday, September 25th.

7. United Night Out

- a. The Board discussed advertising the DC United soccer match on September 19<sup>th</sup>.
8. The next GLASS Steering Committee Meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2015 in a to-be-determined location.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm.