

HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD MEETING: DECEMBER 14, 2012

1. The Board continued planning for the annual membership meeting of the Barbara Gittings Delaware Stonewall Democrats (“BGDSD”), which has been scheduled for Saturday, January 19, 2013, at the Dover Century Club in Dover, Delaware, starting at 1:00 p.m. BGDSD’s President announced that the keynote speaker at the event would be State Senator Karen Peterson (SD 9), a long-time friend and ally of BGDSD in its efforts to achieve its legislative goals.
2. Also in preparation for the annual membership meeting, the Board received preliminary reports on by-law amendment recommendations and from the Nominating Committee. The Board voted to approve a number of proposed by-law amendments and to submit the proposals to the membership for their adoption at the annual membership meeting. The proposed by-law amendments would implement a previously-agreed-upon plan for reorganizing the Board and restructuring the duties of BGDSD’s officers, as well as make changes in the rules governing the commencement of the terms of office of the Board members, eligibility for election to the Board, the holding of annual membership meetings, and the holding of Board elections. The Nominating Committee presented its nominations for all positions on the Board, except two: Kent County Coordinator and the new combined position of Vice President for Membership/Secretary. The Nominating Committee reported that it would continue its search for candidates to fill those two positions. Anyone wishing to be considered for either of these two positions should contact Committee Chair Mitch Crane or any one of the Committee Members: Dan Cole, George Everett, Larry Peterson, or Rich Young. The Nominating Committee will make its final report at the annual membership meeting, when the elections to the Board will be held.
3. BGDSD’s President also reported on BGDSD’s ongoing efforts to promote its primary legislative initiative in the upcoming 2013 General Assembly session, the enactment of legislation that would protect transgendered persons in Delaware by (a) expanding the coverage of existing non-discrimination legislation to ban discrimination against transgendered persons in such areas as housing and employment and (b) expanding the coverage of existing hate crimes legislation to increase penalties for crimes

motivated by prejudice against transgendered persons. BGDS is promoting this legislation by, among other things, including a panel discussion of discriminatory practices and other challenges encountered by the transgendered community in Delaware as a central feature of its upcoming annual membership meeting and by encouraging several Democratic legislators to attend that meeting so that they may hear that panel discussion. BGDS's President and others also reported on BGDS's behind-the-scenes efforts to line up support for BGDS's view that the passage of transgendered protection legislation should be the first priority of the LGBT community and its allies in the upcoming 2013 legislative session.

4. The Board received the Treasurer's Report showing that, as of December 14, 2012, BGDS had \$1694.31 in its bank account and \$1,373.60 in the separate PAC account. The Treasurer reported that there had been no receipts nor expenditures since the previous Board meeting on November 16, 2012.
5. The Board scheduled its next meeting for Saturday, January 19, 2013, at the Dover Century Club, the same date and location as the annual membership meeting. The Board meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. and will be concluded prior to the start of the annual membership meeting at 1:00 p.m.