

## HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD MEETING: NOVEMBER 16, 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 one of the highlights of the meeting would be a panel discussion of discriminatory practices and other challenges encountered by the transgendered community in Delaware, featuring personal testimonies from four local transgendered persons. In addition, there will be an address by a keynote speaker, who is yet to be determined. Special invited guests at the meeting will include the newly-elected state legislators who received BGDSD’s endorsement in the 2012 elections.
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 in concept a plan for reorganizing the Board and restructuring the duties of BGDSD’s officers. Under this plan: (a) the position of Executive Vice President would be eliminated and the duties of that office would be assumed by the Vice President for Development; (b) the positions of Secretary and Vice President for Membership would be combined; (c) the Board-appointed position of Vice President for Public Relations would be eliminated; and (d) a new position of At-Large Member would be created. Specific proposed by-law amendments implementing this plan will be prepared and presented to the members at the annual membership meeting, along with other proposals relating to 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 reported on its discussions with the current Board members to determine which were interested in continuing on the Board and in what positions, as well as its plans for recruiting new members to fill those positions that will be vacated. Board members Larry Peterson, Shirley Semple, and Scott Strickler have each announced their intention to retire from the Board upon the completion of their current terms.

3. The Board received the Treasurer's Report showing that, as of November 16, 2012, BGDS D had \$1694.31 in its bank account and \$1,273.60 in the separate PAC account. The Treasurer reported that, in its final round of campaign contributions during the 2012 elections, the BGDS D's separate and independent PAC distributed a total of \$1200.00 to three state legislative candidates (state senator Dave Sokola and state representatives Darryl Scott and Dennis E. Williams) and two candidates for office in Kent County (Levy Court candidate "Jody" Sweeney and Comptroller candidate Georgette Williams). All five of these candidates were elected or re-elected.
4. The VP for Political Action reported that most of the Democratic candidates endorsed by BGDS D in the 2012 general election had won their races. The biggest disappointments for BGDS D were the defeat of state senator Michael Katz (SD 4) and the failure to elect openly-gay candidates Andy Staton and Marie Mayor to newly-created state senate and state house seats in Sussex County.
5. The Board endorsed a proposal by the Vice President for Development that the Board hold a retreat for the purpose of long-range strategic planning. The retreat, which will be led by the Vice President for Development and will follow the format detailed in her proposal, will focus on defining the goals of BGDS D and developing strategies for attaining those goals. Details such as time and place have yet to be determined.
6. The Vice President for Membership reported that current BGDS D membership had risen to 131 members.
7. The Board scheduled its next meeting for Friday, December 14th , at the home of Norm Spector and George Everett, 444 Willowood Drive, Smyrna, Delaware. The meeting will be preceded by a potluck dinner, which is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.