

GLID meetings/events

Wednesday, October 6 · 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

SWING STATE PHONEBANK

Location TBA

Help us identify pro-Kerry voters in crucial swing states so we can get them out to vote on Nov. 2nd. Reserve your space by calling Laura Morrison at 212/206-0033.

Tuesday, October 12 · 8:00 PM

TOWN HALL MEETING:

The Return of Outing: Outing the Hypocrites in Election 2004.

The Center · 208 West 13 Street

See story at right for details.

Wednesday, October 20 · 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

SWING STATE PHONEBANK

Location TBA

Reserve your space by calling Laura Morrison at 212/206-0033.

Wednesday, October 20 · 7:00 PM

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Center · 208 West 13 Street

Tuesday, November 2 · 6:00 AM - 9:00PM

ELECTION DAY

If you don't know where you vote, call 212-VOTE-NYC.

Help Serrano for Senate

Jose Serrano, Jr., GLID's endorsed candidate in the 28th Senate District, decisively won his primary in September. In the weeks leading up to that election, GLID members worked along with tenants' rights advocacy organization Tenants & Neighbors to phonebank on Serrano's behalf.

But Serrano now faces a tough fight against incumbent Olga Mendez in the General Election. To learn how to help, contact GLID's campaign chair **Lorna Gottesman** (lornagottesman@yahoo.com), membership chair **Bill Dunmyer** (dunmyer@yahoo.com), or visit www.serranoforsenate.com.

GLID Sponsors Town Hall on Outing Hypocritical Pols

In lieu of an October general membership meeting, GLID is coordinating what promises to be a lively town hall meeting entitled, *Outing the Hypocrites: Exposing closeted right wing politicians during Election 2004*. The event will take place at the Center on Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 8PM.

Co-sponsored by Lambda Independent Democrats of Brooklyn, Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club of Queens and Stonewall Democratic Club NYC, the meeting will address how exposing closeted gay politicians is making a come-back during this year's elections.

Among the speakers will be **Mike**

Rogers, a Washington, DC activist who nearly single-handedly returned outing to the national debate, by using his web site, blogactive.com, to out politicians and staffers who have taken anti-gay positions. Among those he's outed are Congressmembers Edward Schrock (R-VA) and David Dreier (R-CA).

The panel will also include **Michelangelo Signorile**, columnist for *The Advocate* and formerly of *Outweek*; **Ann Northrop**, co-host of cable show *Gay USA*; and **Paul Schindler**, editor of *Gay City News*.

For more information contact president@glid.org.

Quinn, Sklarz, Van Capelle Represented LGBT New Yorkers on DNC Committees

In addition to the delegates, the Democratic National Convention has three standing committees.

The Credentials Committee is charged with resolving any disputes over the selection of delegates and alternates to the Convention. The Platform Committee is responsible for drafting and recommending a proposed National Platform for approval. The Rules Committee is responsible for proposing the Permanent Rules for the Convention, adopting the proposed agenda and making recommendations of permanent Convention officers.

Thanks to the efforts of GLID member and DNC member **Emily Giske**, New York's LGBT community was represented on each of these committees, with GLID's own **VP Melissa Sklarz** on Credentials, Councilmember **Christine Quinn** on Platform, and ESPA executive director **Alan Van Capelle** on Rules.

Sklarz reports that the Committee was shown an amazing documentary on Fanny Lou Hamer, who 40 years ago contested the all-white Democratic delegation from Mississippi. In 1964 she testified before the Credentials Committee that her state's delegation was illegal and that she was fired, fired upon and almost murdered because of her effort to register blacks in her state. As a result of Hamer's speech, two members of her Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party were given speaking rights at the convention and others were seated as honored guests. Sklarz was honored to be part of the Democratic Party committee process through which such change could occur.

Other GLID members attending the Convention included **Tom Schuler**, GLID President **Brad Hoylman**, Assemblymember **Deborah Glick** and State Committeewoman **Rachel Lavine**.



Credentials Committee Member
Melissa Sklarz at the DNC



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Changes to GLID Constitution Proposed

GLID's Executive Committee has decided to put forward two amendments to the club's constitution, which would streamline the executive committee, and make the organization more agile.

One proposal is to eliminate Sections 1-3 of Article VI, related to the club's standing committees. The other proposal is to amend Article VII, Section 2, to strike reference to chairs of standing committees as members of the Executive Committee. It is proposed that it instead read, "The Executive Committee shall consist of all officers of the

club, *as well as five at large members, elected in the same manner as the officers and a parliamentarian.*"

To become effective, any amendment must be approved and adopted by two-thirds of the members present at two consecutive meetings of the club. As a result, we will be voting on these amendments at the November meeting, and if they pass then, again at the December meeting.

For a copy of the club's constitution, contact president@glid.org.

Fixing Albany

Much has been written about the need for reform in Albany. Indeed, earlier this year, the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law rated New York's Legislature "the most dysfunctional Legislature in the nation."

To address that dysfunction, a package of reform proposals has been introduced in the Legislature. It is being co-sponsored by, among others, GLID members Assemblymember **Daniel O'Donnell** and State Senator **Tom Duane**.

The proposed reforms include requiring members to be present to vote and making Motions to Discharge a viable tool to release bills from committee gridlock.

Last spring representatives of the Brennan Center for Justice attended a GLID general membership meeting to discuss how Albany could be changed for the better. At November's GLID meeting we will be discussing the proposed reforms, as well as how we might support their passage.

**Equal Benefits Bill to Take
Effect October 27**

Thanks to a City Council override of Mayor Bloomberg's veto, the Equal Benefits Bill will take effect on October 27. Contact **Scott Melvin** in Council Speaker Miller's office (scott.melvin@council.nyc.ny.us) for information on how the Council will be marking this historic occasion.

SAVE THE DATE:

**GLID's Annual
Winter Brunch**

**Sunday, December 5
Noon-3:00 PM
Revolution
611 Ninth Avenue**

Tickets:
Patron \$125
Sponsor \$100
Non-member \$85
Member \$75

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