



STONEWALL DFL

The LGBTQ Caucus of the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party

Hello Supporter!

We are hitting the ground running with a brand new board and exciting events coming up!

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Thank you for coming

Thank you so much to all who participated in our Annual Membership Meeting at the beginning of this month! We had over 120 people join our meeting as a member, speaker, or guest. Your participation makes Stonewall DFL vibrant, safe, and responsive!

Find the draft meeting minutes [here](#).

Democratic National Convention - Delegate Training

We are holding a training for LGBTQ Democrats interested in being a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Milwaukee on July 13-16. We will discuss the process of choosing delegates, how to express interest to become a delegate, and what to expect when campaigning and if elected to represent your community at the DNC.

As part of the DFL and Democratic Party's commitments to outreach & inclusion, **Minnesota has set a goal that at least 11 of its 97 delegates and alternates to the DNC be members of the LGBTQ+ community.**

This training will center LGBTQ experiences and leadership, including discussion of what the Democratic Party's recently updated gender balance rules mean for queer, trans, and non-binary Democrats. However, the information presented in this training will be valuable for anyone interested in becoming a DNC delegate or making their own DFL party unit more welcoming for queer, trans, and non-binary DFLers.

Join us to be part of the process to elect the next President of the United States!

Saturday, February 1

12 PM – 1:30 PM

St. Anthony Library (Hennepin County)

2941 Pentagon Dr, St Anthony, MN 55418

RSVP, remote participation details, and request a video of the training [here](#).

Meet the Board

Stonewall DFL members elected its Board of Directors at the Annual Membership Meeting. Here are your 2020 officers and named directors:

- Sam Doten (he/they), Chair
- Maddie Pavek (she/they), Vice Chair & Political Director
- Iola Kostrzewski (they), Vice Chair & Pride Director
- Aaron Young (he), Treasurer
- Alex Palacios, (they) Membership Director
- Bridget O'Kane (she), Data Director*
- Megan Thomas (she), Policy Director*
- Josh Switzer (he), Field Director

And at-large directors:

- Crystal Audi (she)
- Schyler Manning (she/they)
- Jadzia Sembla (zie/they/she)
- Ed Eiffler Jaramillo (he)

*Bridget and Megan were originally elected as at-large directors and then voted in to fill the named director vacancies at the board meeting on Jan 19.

Vacancies on the board

We currently have four vacancies on our Board of Directors. The Board meets monthly and governs the caucus between membership meetings. We are seeking board members who are excited about our work to elect more LGBTQ

Democrats and allies to office. We encourage and welcome those with no prior political or campaign involvement to join! We particularly seek board members who live in Greater Minnesota

Secretary : [description](#)

Digital Director : [description](#)

At-Large Director (2) : [description](#)

You can express interest by filling out [this form](#). **We will open nominations for the vacant board positions at our next board meeting on Saturday, February 8.**



Join a Committee

This is your opportunity to get involved! So much of our work happens on the committee level, so we encourage each member to join at least one committee that matches your interests. Here are the committees:

- **Political Support Committee:** review candidate questionnaires, interview candidates, recommend endorsements, coordinate electoral support and GOTV
- **Membership Committee:** manage membership engagement and outreach activities
- **Pride Committee:** plan Stonewall DFL participation in various Pride events across Minnesota
- **Fundraising Committee:** hold events to raise funds for Stonewall DFL and for endorsed candidates
- **Communications Committee:** strategic messaging + manage social media, email, website, and press
- **Constitution & Bylaws Committee:** review and improve governing rules and procedures

Most committees meet 6-10 a year, and all meetings will have remote participation via Zoom/conference call. Committees are composed of Stonewall DFL members, directors, and officers.

Fill out [this form](#) to express interest in a committee or volunteering with Stonewall DFL.

Member Survey

Your voice matters, and we want to hear what you have to say. Please take a moment to fill out our [Membership Survey](#). Thank you!

Data Misuse

To those of you affected by the misuse of organizational contact data last month, we sincerely apologize. Your privacy and security is of the utmost importance, and the board of Stonewall DFL is taking steps to remedy this situation, including adopting clear data use policies so you are in control of how your contact information is used. We thank you for your grace and patience.

Board & Member Retreat

On Saturday, February 8, we will be holding a retreat for Stonewall DFL general members and board members at the offices of RECLAIM (771 Raymond Ave, St. Paul, MN 55114). This retreat will be both for planning and team-building. We will gather around 8:30 AM and finish the day by 3:30 PM.

Please RSVP through [this link](#).

Contact Membership Director Alex Palacios with questions:

Board Meeting

Our board will formally meet from 2:30 to 3:30 PM as the last hour of the retreat at RECLAIM on February 8.

Committee Meetings

The Membership Committee will be meeting regularly on the third Monday of each month. The next meeting will be Monday, February 17th at 6:00 PM. Contact Alex Palacios for details: arpalacios4@gmail.com

Other committees are still in formation and will be scheduled soon! Watch for events added to [our calendar](#).

[Renew Membership](#)

