

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING -- C.L.A.G.S.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1990 AT ALISA SOLOMON'S

Committee members present: Don Mengay, Alisa Solomon, Randy Trumbach, Joe Wittreich, Sam Phillips, Marty Duberman, Seymour Kleinberg, Esther Katz, Ellen Zaltzberg, Cheryl Clarke, Jim Saslow (secretary), Amanda Prose, Jay Harper. Also present: Eli Zal.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Joe and Esther reported that the committee recommended hiring Eli Zal as development director effective April 1 @ 8 hrs/wk. Eli summarized his ideas for CLAGS fundraising, including three major projects the first year. The Executive Committee voted to hire Eli, with the understanding that he reports to the Executive Committee and its fundraising subcommittee, not to the Executive Director of CLAGS.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Joe introduced the two delegates to the Executive Committee from the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Student group at the Graduate Center; they reported on the status and activities of their group and spoke about how they see their role on the Committee. Committee voted to give two voting slots to graduate student representatives, instead of the one slot originally contemplated, in order to permit gender parity in their representation. The students will investigate doing a fundraiser and informational meeting about CLAGS for all CUNY grad students. The student representatives are:

Amanda Prose

Jay Harper

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: Jim reported that CUNY's publication office is willing to do a brochure for CLAGS, but will be of little help in our newsletter. Alisa and Jay said they had some access and expertise with Macintosh desktop systems and would meet with Jim and Sandy to see if we can publish a newsletter that way as soon as CLAGS gets CUNY Board approval. Sandy suggested adding a "short history of CLAGS" to the Newsletter for those unfamiliar with the group's background. Alisa has pitched Richard Goldstein (Voice) on a piece about CLAGS, and Marty pitched Robin Pogrebin (The Observer) and knows that Time is also interested, via the CUNY public relations office (Rita); Jim will contact these people when an approval date is set.

APPROVAL DELAY AT CUNY BOARD: CUNY has postponed action on our approval for several months with vague explanations. It was agreed that Sam will check the status of our proposal with the Academic Affairs Committee at 80th Street, and will report to Joe and Marty by Wednesday 2-13; these three will decide whom to contact and how to register our dissatisfaction with the delays and request an informational meeting. Ellen will check with Marjorie Hill at the Mayor's Office about possible political help.

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PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Don and Randy reported that the May 9th "Homosexuality and Postmodernism" panel is set, to be run in conjunction with the Graduate Center English Dept. as a two-day event. Jim and Sandy will include it in upcoming newsletter.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Joe reported that Allen Ginsberg and Paul Monette have agreed to serve on this committee. Other names are on the agenda of the next Fundraising Committee meeting.

ABSENCES BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Due to lack of attendance and participation, Geroge Chauncey and Blanche Cook are to be removed from the Executive Committee. Randy will tell George that he will be welcome back when schedule permits; Esther will contact Blanche and tell her that she is "off the hook" but we hope we can call on her for the Advisory Committee. Ellen will contact Miriam Lavandier to ask whether she is still willing, able to participate.

Question was raised of finding replacement board members, who at this point should be two women for gender balance. Don spoke about his concern for representation of the many Asians at CUNY; Sandy will ask Margo Machida for leads, Don will ask the Asian student group at Baruch, and Marty or Seymour will contact Vivian Ng at Hunter.

1992 GAY STUDIES CONFERENCE: John DeCecco in San Francisco had already expressed the same interest as CLAGS in hosting the 1992 annual national conference, but Randy and Don reported that he would be willing to defer until 1993. Meanwhile, Jim will contact Diana Fuss at Princeton about how CLAGS should proceed to "put our dibs" on the 1992 conference, since there is no central body that controls its location.

COLLOQUIUM: Randy reported that Haworth Press (publishers of Journal of Homosexuality) are willing to publish our Colloquium proceedings or papers as an occasional series, of which they would bear the cost. Jonathan Katz may be working with the Press on this, so we need to discuss the idea with him. The committee agreed to empower Randy to continue discussions with Katz and John DeCecco of the Journal.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 11:00 A.M.

AT JOE WITTEICH'S: 

C.L.A.G.S. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING -- 9/30/90

Present: Marty Duberman, Randy Trumbach, Seymour Kleinberg, Jim Saslow, Esther Katz, Alisa Solomon, Ellen Zaltzberg.

1. **NEW MEMBERS:** The following new members were elected to the Executive Committee: Joseph Wittreich (Grad. Center), Blanche Cook (Staten Island), Alisa Solomon (Baruch), Sandy Langer (Queens).
2. **ADVISORY BOARD:** The Executive Committee named Ellen Zaltzberg, Seymour Kleinberg, and Esther Katz to the Advisory Board and asked them to attend meetings of the Executive Committee.
3. **ADDING NEW MEMBERS TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** The Committee voted to ask the following individuals to join the Executive Committee: Miriam Levandier (Ellen will make the request contact), Cheryl Clarke (Marty), Sam Philips (Marty), and Don Menge (Randy). IF any of these turn us down, new names can be considered at next meeting.
4. **PAUL MONETTE:** Committee voted to support Joe Wittreich's request to co-sponsor an appearance at the Graduate Center by author Paul Monette in late November/early December. We will provide one-half of his honorarium, \$150. Jim will handle liaison with Joe and with the student gay/lesbian group at the Graduate Center, and will expore whether Joe's office can send a mailing about the event to our CLAGS list.
5. **ALLAN BERUBE:** We will co-sponsor lecture by historian Allan Berube at N.Y.U. (Main Bldg., Washington Sq.) on Thursday, October 18, 8:00; cost to us \$200. Jim will contact George Chauncey at NYU about getting a mailing sent to our list.
6. **TREASURER:** Marty would like to be replaced as de facto Treasurer; we will ask new board members if anyone is willing.
7. **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:** Executive Committee will delegate administration of most programs and administrative functions to a series of committees; each board member is expected to serve on at least one committee.

LIST OF COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS to date (absent board members please note vacancies!):

PUBLIC PROGRAMS: Randy T.; Don M.?

PUBLICITY/NEWSLETTER: Jim S.

CURRICULUM: Alisa S., Ellen Z.

ADVISORY BOARD (to select/ask more members):

COLLOQUIUM: Seymour K.; he wants a female co-chair: Blanche? Sandy?

FUNDRAISING: Esther K.

SCHOLARLY DIRECTORY: Seymour, who also wants a female co-chair.

7. **NEXT MEETING:** Sunday, November 11, 11:00 a.m. at Marty Duberman's [REDACTED] Coffee and Bagels! Main agenda: long-range planning for programs and policy 1991-92, budget allocations.

CLAGS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SUNDAY, NOV. 11, 1990 -- 11:00 A.M. -- [REDACTED]

Executive Committee members present: Don Menge, Sam Phillips, Randy Trumbach, Cassandra (Sandy) Langer, Miriam Levandier, Jim Saslow, Martin Duberman, Alisa Solomon, Joe Wittreich.
Advisory Board members present: Ellen Zaltzberg, Esther Katz, Seymour Kleinberg, Cheryl Clarke.

New Committee and Advisory Board members were introduced, and a brief summary was given of the status of our application for institutionalization at CUNY, which is due for Board of Trustees action in December.

COMMITTEE REPORT: PUBLIC PROGRAMS:

Don: has possible speakers for a spring '91 panel on postmodernism and gay/lesbian studies. Would like us to pay airfare. Tabled until discussion of year's priorities.
Joe: CLAGS will cosponsor a

READING BY PAUL MONETTE

at CUNY GRADUATE CENTER on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 6:00 P.M.
ROOM 207 (33 W. 42nd ST)

Jim has been in contact with new gay/lesbian grad students' association at the Center, who are eager to coordinate with CLAGS, and urged all Committee and board members to attend this event to show interest and solidarity with the CUNY students, who will be sponsoring a small reception after the reading.

TREASURER: Marty wishes to be replaced in this post: any volunteers?

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to discussion of CLAGS' priorities for the upcoming first year of operation. Consensus that the bulk of our first two years should be devoted to institution-building; to that end, fundraising committee will formalize list for Advisory Board and begin search for part-time, paid development director to pursue foundations/grants. Also agreed that we'll ask CUNY grad students' group to send a voting representative to our meetings after Trustee approval.

Each Committee or Board member volunteered to be on one or more subcommittees to carry out various functions necessary for the year. Each subcommittee agreed to meet before the next full Executive Committee meeting. Subcommittee assignments are:

PUBLIC PROGRAMS: Randy, Don

COLLOQUIUM: Seymour; Sandy will help, and try to get Flavia Rando to help

FUNDRAISING: Esther, Joe, Sam, Cheryl

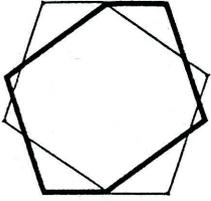
CURRICULUM: Alisa, Ellen

PUBLICITY-NEWSLETTER: Jim, Sandy

SCHOLARLY DIRECTORY: Seymour, Marty

LIAISON (outreach to other constituencies: CUNY grad students and other campus groups, minority communities): Miriam, Cheryl, Sandy

NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 11:00 A.M.
@ ESTHER KATZ'S, [REDACTED]



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MEETING OF CLAGS FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE

27 November 1990

Attending: Professor Esther Katz (New York University), Mr. Samuel Phillips (CUNY Central Administration), Professor Joseph Wittreich (The Graduate School, CUNY).

Excused: Professor Cheryl Clarke (Dean, Rutgers University)

In this (its first) meeting, The Fund-Raising Committee reviewed and ordered its objectives, charted its initial goals, and formulated certain suggestions for the Executive Committee.

It agreed that the document forwarded to the CUNY Board of Trustees by Dean Solomon Goldstein's office will be used--at least initially--for fund-raising purposes.

It agreed to establish two separate advisory panels: the one national and honorific, the other regional and functional.

It recommends that initially CLAG's funds go toward (1) publicizing the Center and (2) sponsoring Center activities on the supposition that a record of achievements loosens purse-strings more readily than a catalogue of promises.

It recommends further that efforts be made immediately, so long as this involves no encroachment on any long-term commitment to Rutgers, to bring the annual Lesbian-Gay Meeting to CUNY in the fall of 1992. This group, which met for a long time at Yale, moved to Harvard last fall, and next fall meets at Rutgers.

The Committee would like to list, without prioritizing, specific projects and activities, large and small, for its fund-raising efforts: for example, a chaired professorship--initially visiting and rotating--in Lesbian/Gay History, Literature, Criticism and Theory; and sponsored (perhaps named) lectures and symposia. Moreover, the Committee notes that there may be a certain wisdom, at the outset, in coordinating some of the early programs with fund-raising possibilities.

Joseph Wittreich

C.L.A.G.S. -- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1990 11:00 A.M. @ ESTHER KATZ'S

Present: Cheryl Clarke, Esther Katz, Seymour Kleinberg, Don Mengay, Randy Trumbach, Jim Saslow (secretary), Joe Wittreich, Marty Duberman. (Marty left a message for Blanche Cook re her not having attended any meetings since agreeing to be on Committee; Jim was directed to write her a letter asking formally for her intentions.)

1. CUNY BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Our proposal has gone to a Board subcommittee, which votes on January 7 whether to put us on agenda for board meeting on January 28. Contrary to what we had been told in past, there is no December board meeting.

2. NEW TREASURER: Joe will replace Marty in this position. Seymour suggests we keep the cash receipts from our next public event so as to have a petty cash fund not subject to time-consuming bureaucratic reimbursement procedures of Grad Center Treasurer.

3. SPRING 1991 PUBLIC PROGRAM: Report from Randy and Don. They suggest we pool resources with English Dept. @ CUNY Grad Center on a 2-day conference, "From Victorian to Postmodern Homosexualities: Literary Theory, Cultural Change, and Gay-Lesbian Studies" (per proposal from Gerhard Joseph @ Grad Ctr.). Planned for Thurs-Fri or Fri-Sat, May 8-9-10, 1991. Committee agreed, and voted to allow \$1,500 maximum for honoraria and travel for Eve Sedgwick, Kath Westin, and Terry Castle.

4. CUNY GRAD STUDENTS: Randy went to a meeting of the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual CUNY Graduate Students. Cheryl (Outreach-Liaison Committee) will phone the two student leaders and ask them to send two rep's to our meetings. They are: Sarah Boslaugh, Educational Psychology, 11th Fl., CUNY - 2350 Bway #302, NYC 10024, 212,787-7000 x302; and Alan Foster, Environmental Psychology, 5th fl, Grad Ctr. - 120 W. 44th St. #1003, NYC 10036, 212,869-4189.

5. 1992 NATIONAL CONFERENCE: Joe proposed that we take on the annual "floating" Gay Studies Conference that is scheduled for Princeton-Rutgers in 1991. Randy will call George Chauncey and ask how we should discuss this with the current Rutgers organizers (also whether George wants to stay on CLAGS Exec Committee); Cheryl will check the same with her contacts at Rutgers.

6. 1994 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: Joe reports being approached by Eric Glunt, a CUNY grad student, about hosting a major

international conference in NYC in June 1994, to coincide with 25th anniversary of Stonewall, the Gay Games, and the meeting of International Lesbian and Gay Assn. Agreed that our Program Committee will meet with Glunt and investigate this possibility.

7. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Joe reported the committee's idea that there should be two advisory boards: one honorific (big names), one that is regional and functional. Group agreed; Esther and Joe will make up a wish-list of nominees for next meeting.

Committee would also like to approach potential donors for named, endowed chairs, lecture series, etc.; it's easier to raise money for specific projects like this from individuals and foundations.

Joe proposed that the money in our first-year budget for a development officer should be spent instead on publicity for events we do, to build up public reputation and credibility for future grants, etc. That is, first year priority is institution-building.

All Committee members will look for names for a development director for next year, to do fundraising, grant-writing, etc. Marty will discuss with Eli Zal if he's interested; Alisa will ask for names from another group she works with.

8. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: Jim reported that the committee will make up a four-page newsletter to be sent out immediately after the Jan. 28th CUNY Board decision, announcing our approval to our mailing list, and a press release to all gay and mainstream media about our establishment. Press release will be sent to local gay media at end of January; out-of-town media will wait until we have a location and phone at Grad Center to give out.

Question: is the group willing to spend money for professional design, printing? Joe says to check availability of desktop publishing at CUNY Grad Center.

Alisa will ask Richard Goldstein to assign a feature on gay, lesbian studies at the Voice; Jim will ask The Advocate; Marty reported that Robin Pogrebin at The Observer wants to do a story on our establishment.

Discussion about a paid ad campaign to announce us: Committee will inquire about ad prices in gay press, mainstream press, and scholarly journals (to whom we will also send press releases). Ads will include a coupon for returning contributions in 4 price categories, \$25-250. Committee will also investigate making a new brochure (existing one is now outdated).

NEXT MEETING:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1991 11:00 A.M.

AT ALISA SOLOMON'S: [REDACTED]

Agenda: Committee reports, allocation of resources, advisory committee, publicity.