

LGBTCPHW NEWS

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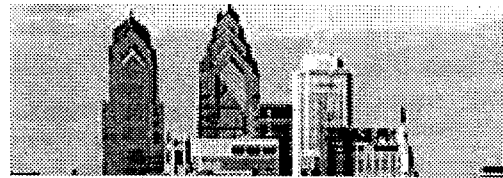
Linda Wardlaw, Dr.PH

LGBTCPHW is for public health workers interested in gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender issues

STATE SODOMY LAWS PUT APHA MEMBERS AT RISK:

LGBTCPHW is asking the Executive Committee of the American Public Health Association to consider whether a state has laws against consensual adult sexual behavior (i.e. Sodomy Laws) when considering locations for future APHA annual meetings. The existence of such legislation can have far reaching effects upon the members of APHA and the health of the public.

- Most prominently, Gay, Bisexual and Lesbian members of APHA will be placing themselves at risk for arrest and prosecution when attending APHA meetings
- While many such laws make certain consenting sexual behaviors by adults illegal for both heterosexual and homosexual individuals, the rhetoric concerning and enforcement of these laws tend to focus primarily upon homosexual men
- Court rulings demonstrate that evidence of specific, illegal activities is not necessary for a conviction, rather that "...it was reasonable to believe that lesbians who profess to be married to each other engage in homosexual relations in violation of Georgia law (Shahar v. Bowers)
- Such legislation can have a negative impact upon public health by limiting access to information and resources relating to sexual health practices including information on STDs and HIV.



JOIN US IN THE CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE!

**Putting the Public Back
in Public Health**
130th APHA Annual
Meeting in Philadelphia,
PA, November 9-13, 2002

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR 2002

Sunday
Executive Committee Meeting
(~2:00PM)
Caucus Welcome/Social Event (6:30 to
8:30 PM)
Monday
Business Meeting (5:30PM)
Host Party (7:00- 9:00PM)
Tuesday
Women's Breakfast (7:30AM)
Caucus Dinner* (7:30PM)
Emerging Young Professionals (6:30PM)
*(note-this has changed from previous
years)
Thursday
Executive Committee Breakfast
Orientation (8:00AM)

JOIN THE CAUCUS

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
[HTTP://WWW.STOPHIV.COM/~LGBTC](http://www.stophiv.com/~lgbtc)

2002 LGBTCPHW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER CAUCUS OF
PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS

In Official Relations with the American Public Health Association Since 1975

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Agency/Organization: _____

Degree/Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

APHA Member? Yes: _____ No: _____ Membership Number: _____

APHA Section? _____ SPIG/Other Caucus? _____

Annual Dues Enclosed? (General Dues \$30, Students \$15) Yes: _____ No: _____

Donation Enclosed/Amount? _____ Total Submitted: _____

Membership Status: Renewal: _____ New Membership: _____

NOTE: LGBT C Dues Run from Annual Meeting to Annual Meeting. (Dues Support Costs Incurred at Annual Meetings and Production/Mailing of Newsletters/notices)

CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: LGBT CAUCUS

Please indicate confidentiality preferences:

_____ I give permission to use my name in the APHA Caucus recertification process.

_____ Please withhold my name in the APHA Caucus recertification process.

_____ I give permission to release my name to other Caucus members for organizational purposes.

_____ Please do not release my name to other Caucus members.

Mail Completed Application to:

LGBT C c/o John Grima; PO Box 36309, Los Angeles, CA 90036
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT jayby@earthlink.net

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

After a record membership year in 2001 going into the annual APHA meeting with 120 members, the paid Caucus membership has taken a dip to 80 members as of January of this year. Memberships are renewable each year at the APHA meeting and typically, our members renew their memberships in person at our booth at the APHA exposition. Because many were unable to make October's annual meeting, the Caucus Executive Committee decided for the first time to contact members who had not yet renewed via a renewal mailing. The mailing went out in January and at "press time" we don't have a final tally of responses.

As a Caucus we are officially recognized by APHA, but receive no direct financial support from the organization. We rely solely upon membership fees and donations to support our social and business functions at APHA meetings, to produce and mail this bi-annual newsletter, and to support other related LGBT health activities. Renewing your membership each year ensures that you receive our electronic listserve each month and our newsletter, both great ways to keep up to date on information relevant to the Caucus and to LGBT health!

Remember to keep your contact information current with us so that you continue to receive your newsletter and listserve announcements. Feel free to contact me with questions and contact information changes at:
jayby@earthlink.net or (415) 621-5518.

Jay Harcourt
Membership Chair

LGBTCPHW ELECT NEW BOARD MEMBERS

To those of you who made it to APHA this year, we on the Executive Committee had a great time meeting you all and spending some fun evenings with our fellow members at the social and dinner. We also got some caucus business done at our business meeting including electing new executive committee members. Our new committee is:

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John Grima—Treasurer
Matthew Moyer—Secretary
Jay Harcourt—Membership Chair
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Kevin Roe—Program Chair
Annual Meeting Philadelphia 2002

Jodi Sperber—Program Chair Elect
Annual Meeting San Francisco 2003

BECOME A CAUCUS MEMBER

- Get the the latest news and info
- Receive our Newsletter
- Join our Listserve
- Support caucus activities
- Have fun at our many business and social gatherings
- Get involved
- Make a difference!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

[HTTP://WWW.STOPHIV.COM/~LGBTC](http://www.stopshiv.com/~LGBTC)

WHERE THE BOYS AND GIRLS ARE....

Volunteer With Us!

Have fun and meet new people by volunteering at the Caucus booth. The only qualifications for this job are a friendly smile, good sense of humor, and the ability to recruit, recruit, recruit!! Shifts will be scheduled in two hour intervals during Exposition hall hours. So, check your meeting schedule for free times and come join the fun. Schedule and sign up information will be available in our next newsletter. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity.

JOIN OUR LISTSERVE TODAY!

The LGBTCPHW administers two mailing lists for public health discussion regarding lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender health issues.

Apply for admission to the lists, by emailing lgbtc@stophiv.pitt.edu. If approved, you will receive your subscription information via email. Please note that our lists are open to members only, are for relevant discussion only.

LGBTC- Members

This is the private mailing list of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Caucus of Public Health Workers. The list is open only to current members of the organization. The LGBT Caucus is a group of public health professionals who are interested in lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender health issues.

HEADLINES IN LGBT HEALTH IN THE NEWS

BUSH Budget Slights AIDS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The \$2.13 trillion budget that President George W. Bush submitted to Congress on Feb. 4 is a 3.7 percent increase over last year. It proposes substantial spending increases for the war on terrorism and homeland security but little else. AIDS is slated for little or no increase in funding. (www.glinn.com)

Britain to Develop HIV Fighting Lube

The UK Department for International Development will provide 16 million pounds for the development of effective vaginal microbicides for prevention of HIV transmission.

New Health Study Focuses on African American Lesbians

The Mautner Project for Lesbians with Cancer will conduct a two-year study focused on African American Lesbian Health. (www.gayhealth.com)

Bisexuals Report High Rates of Unprotected Sex

Bisexual high school males report high levels of unprotected sex and other behavior that puts them at risk for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), according to a new study. (www.washingtonblade.com)

Gay Adoption Supported by Pediatric Group

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) released a new policy statement in support of gay and lesbian adoption rights on February 4, 2002.

Oral Sex, Drugs Significant in Spread of STDs Among Gay Men

A new survey conducted by the Whitman-Walker Clinic finds connections between alcohol, drugs, oral sex and sexually transmitted diseases.

**VISIT OUR BOOTH IN THE
EXHIBITION HALL FOR INFO,
DIRECTIONS, AND FUN!**