

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization is the "Gay Alliance for Equality", a duly registered non-profit organization in the city of Halifax, county of Halifax, Province of Nova Scotia, hereinafter referred to as "the GAE".

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of the GAE is to promote education in all aspects of homosexuality, to educate the public, both lay and professional, regarding problems confronting the homosexual, to assist the individual homosexual, and to work - either alone or in conjunction with like-minded groups - for changes in the prevailing attitudes of society toward homosexuality, and for the removal of legal sanctions and public discrimination against homosexuals.

ARTICLE III: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Executive Committee shall transact business of the GAE with approval of general membership, and shall meet at least twelve (12) times in a calendar year - one each month.

Five officers shall be elected to serve a term of one year, and such officers shall fill the following positions:-

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

Public Relations Officer

Vacancies - Successor officers elected by the membership to fill any vacancies created during a term, shall serve only the unexpired portion of that term.

All officers shall serve until their successors have qualified and have assumed office.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

The Executive Committee, with approval of general membership, shall make necessary rules and regulations for the admission of persons to active membership in the GAE, open to all who support the principles of GAE.

With approval of the membership at a General Meeting, The Executive Committee may suspend or revoke any participation in the activities of the GAE, or expel any member or members whose conduct in their view compromises or endangers, or is likely to compromise or endanger the public standing or reputation of the GAE, or whose conduct is in any way deemed by the GAE to be harmful to the best interests of the GAE.

1. Nominations.

- a) Nominations to be made orally at a General Meeting at a time and date so designated by the Executive Committee to co-incide with a date appropriate to the end of their elected one year term in office.
- b) Such nominees required to have two oral seconders.
- c) No candidate's name shall appear on the official ballot unless he/she has accepted his/her nomination.

2. Elections.

- a) Voting shall be by secret ballot, every active member in good standing being entitled to one ballot.
- b) Official ballots to be distributed to each voting member on the day, date and place so designated for the election by the Executive Committee, with approval of the membership at a General Meeting of the GAE.
- c) The distribution and collection of all ballots shall be by an appointed Election Official and his/her committee. such official and committee to be chosen by general membership.
- d) Tabulation of ballots to be responsibility of the Election Official and his/her committee.
- e) The Election Official has no vote, except in the event of a tie, whereupon he/she shall cast the deciding ballot.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

1. The annual meeting of the GAE, and any special meetings which may be called, including all ratification meetings shall constitute the official meetings of the GAE.
2. The Chairman of the GAE shall be ex officio chairman of all meetings of the GAE, official or other. In his absence, the Vice-Chairman shall preside, but the Chairman may delegate the chairmanship to any responsible member of the GAE.
3. The annual meetings shall be held during the month of July, the date to be determined by the Executive Committee no later than May 1st. The Secretary shall notify the members of the GAE of the date of the annual meeting no later than May 15th. Reports from the officers of the GAE shall be submitted to the annual meeting, which meeting shall be open for the transaction of any other business. Announcement of the election returns and the installation of new officers shall be the final order of business at the annual meeting.

4. Special meetings shall be held under any one of the following conditions:-
 - a) Upon call of the Chairman.
 - b) Upon call of the Secretary, provided he/she has previously been requested to do so by a petition signed by at least ten (10) of the active members in good standing.
5. There shall be no less than one (1) general meeting per month.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by submitting them in writing to the Secretary, provided that, prior to their submission, they have been signed either, a) by a majority of the members of the Executive Committee, or b) by at least ten (10) active members of the GAE in good standing.
2. A proposed amendment shall become valid as part of this Constitution upon ratification by two-thirds (2/3rds) of those voting at a special meeting called for this purpose, such meeting to be denominated a ratification meeting. Upon receipt by the Secretary of any proposed amendment, duly signed as required by Section One (I) of this Article, he/she shall give at least fourteen (14) days notice prior to the ratification meeting. Voting at any ratification meeting shall be open to every active member who is in good standing.

GAY ALLIANCE FOR EQUALITY, Inc.

Suite 207 — 1585 Barrington Street
Halifax, Nova Scotia

March 9, 1974

Dear Candidate:

Subject: Gay Political Action Campaign

One of the aims of the Gay Alliance for Equality is "to work . . . for the removal of legal sanctions and public discrimination against homosexuals."

In order that we may inform the electorate of Nova Scotia of the stand of candidates in the April 2nd provincial election on the question of gay rights, we ask you to complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it in the stamped, self-addressed envelope provided.

Your interest in this issue involving fundamental human rights is greatly appreciated.

Should you choose not to return the questionnaire, we will conclude that you do not consider the civil rights of homosexuals worthy of your attention, and that you condone existing discriminatory policies and practices affecting homosexuals, and believe that there is nothing wrong if a homosexual lives in the fear that if his or her sexual preference became known he could lose his job, or be denied a position or promotion commensurate with his abilities as a citizen of a free society.

Yours very sincerely,

Nils I. Clausson, M.A.
Chairman, Legal Reform Committee
Gay Alliance for Equality, Inc.

GAY POLITICAL ACTION CAMPAIGN

Questionnaire

1) The Nova Scotia Human Rights Act provides that 'sex' (i.e., gender) shall not be grounds for discrimination in employment, housing and public accomodation. As the Act now stands, an employer cannot discriminate against (for example) a woman because of her sex, but he can discriminate against a homosexual because of his or her sexual orientation. Do you think this is fair?

YES _____ NO _____

2) A year ago the Gay Alliance for Equality recommended to the members of the Nova Scotia Legislature that the Human Rights Act be amended to protect homosexuals from discrimination in employment, housing and public accomodation. Do you support this recommendation?

YES _____ NO _____

3) At its session of October 10, 1973 the Toronto City Council passed a resolution directing that the City Corporation not discriminate against its employees on the basis of their sexual orientation. The resolution reads: "The employees of the City of Toronto are to be in no way discriminated against with regards to hiring, assignments, promotion, or dismissal, on the basis of their sexual orientation. 'Sexual orientation' is understood to include heterosexuality, homosexuality, and bisexuality." Do you think that the Government of Nova Scotia should issue a similar directive?

YES _____ NO _____

4) Would you be in favor of the Nova Scotia Government working with other provincial governments and the Federal Government in an effort to achieve a national policy on fair employment and housing practices in which homosexual citizens would be treated equally with heterosexual ones?

YES _____ NO _____

5) In light of the widespread public ignorance on the subject, do you think that homosexuality should be one of the topics discussed in sex education programs carried out in the public schools of Nova Scotia?

YES _____ NO _____

Please add comments or qualifications on the reverse side.

GAY ALLIANCE FOR EQUALITY, Inc.

Suite 207 — 1585 Barrington Street

Halifax, Nova Scotia

PRESS RELEASE

Subject: Gay Political Action Campaign

Dear Sir/Madam:

In an effort to determine the stand of candidates in the April 2nd provincial election on the issue of gay rights, the Gay Alliance for Equality has sent copies of the enclosed questionnaire to all political candidates.

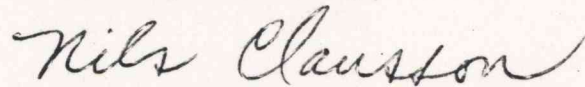
We would be most appreciative if you would bring this fact to the attention of your listners/readers/viewers.

When the poll of candidates is completed we will inform you of the results and our interpretation of them.

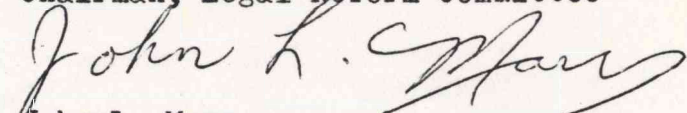
In the interim, should you wish any further information on this matter please contact Mr. Nils Clausson at 429-3858, or, if Mr. Clausson is unavailable, Mr. Clyde Richardson at 423-7657.

Since: ignorance and misinformation about homosexuality are the major obstacles to the extension of basic human rights to this 'invisible' but large minority, we thank you for assisting us in our continuing effort to educate the public.

Yours very sincerely,



Nils I. Clausson
Chairman, Legal Reform Committee



John L. Marr
Public Relations Officer

GAY ALLIANCE FOR EQUALITY, Inc.

Suite 207 — 1585 Barrington Street
Halifax, Nova Scotia

March 12, 1974

Co-ordinator
MOVE
1712 Argyle Street
Halifax, Nova Scotia

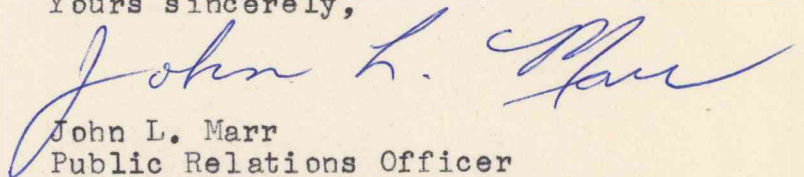
Dear Sir:

As Public Relations Officer of the Gay Alliance for Equality I have been asked by the membership to investigate the possibility of our organization becoming one of the member agencies associated within your movement.

Our organization's activities centre upon political and social reforms to achieve equality for the entire human family, and, as we believe that your organization could offer us both experience and assistance in achieving our aims, we would appreciate some information on your areas of concentration. We would in return be willing to pay any dues deemed necessary and would work for, as well as support, the programs adopted by the organization as a whole.

In order to facilitate the exchange of information of information between our groups, and to discuss the possibility of our membership, may I suggest that I meet with you at your convenience. A letter from you detailing the time, date and place of such a meeting would be gratefully appreciated. Thanking you in advance for your prompt consideration, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



John L. Marr
Public Relations Officer
Gay Alliance for Equality, Inc.

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for Citizens Voice and Action

March 15, 1974

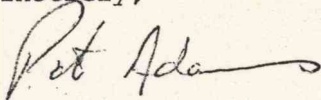
John L. Marr
Public Relations Officer
Gay Alliance for Equality, Inc.
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Dear John;

We look forward to meeting with you to discuss our two organizations and the possibility of your group becoming a part of the MOVE coalition. I suggest that we meet at the MOVE offices on Wednesday march 20 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will include myself and one or two members of the MOVE membership committee.

I would appreciate your calling me at 425-6683 on Monday or Tuesday to let me know if the suggested time is appropriate for you.

Sincerely,



Patrick A. Adams
Director

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Halifax, N.S.

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Dear Fellow Members:

We of the Gay Alliance for Equality would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the kind use of your office and space for our phone line .

We have had to abandon the phone line at present but when we are in a better financial situation, we will then open it and hopefully in a place of our own.

We again would like to thank you all very much. Without your valuable help there would have been a lot of people that we in turn could not have helped.

I also would like to take this opportunity to wish every one involved in MOVE a very Happy New Year and may all our struggles show some positive action in 75.

Thank-You

Tom Burns

Thomas W. Burns Secteary

for all the members of The Gay Alliance
for Equality Inc.