



LGBT Stonewall Democratic Caucus of Virginia

Candidate Information

For Chair



Charley Conrad - I am filing for Chair of the "LGBT Stonewall Democratic Caucus of Virginia a project of the Democratic Party of Virginia". I am a founding elected member. I have worked over the last ten years to build the caucus through the State Central Committee organizational process within the Democratic Party of Virginia. I am very concerned that the direction of

the pure LGBT Caucus of the DPVA has gone off track. What many of us worked for is not what we have seen established. I am running to re-establish the caucus in its pure form to be an advisory group of elected state central committee members to advise the leadership of the DPVA. I do not see the LGBT Caucus group as a broad constituency group that fund raises, endorses candidates and competes with other LGBT groups such as the Virginia Partisans and Equality Virginia. I do not believe that the caucus should be a National Stonewall chapter and will withdraw from Stonewall Affiliation. I will advocate that the Caucus be named the LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Virginia. I ask for your vote as Chair. Thank you very much for your consideration.



Roland Winston - Leading the Caucus means:

MEETINGS WITH OUR REPRESENTATIVES

Two with Congressman Nye, now supporting ENDA and likely DADT
Two with Congressman Perriello who committed to vote for ENDA
One with Congressman Scott who now cosponsors HOTA

Conference call with Senator Gillibrand's (NY) office regarding DADT

Several with Delegate McQuinn who now supports overturning Marshall Newman

BRINGING REPRESENTATIVES TO OUR COMMUNITY

Bringing Tom Shields to Gayrva launch and 4th Friday
Bringing Delegates Carr and Morrissey and Senator McEachin to 4th Friday
Bringing Senator McEachin to Fun for a Cause
Bringing Minority Leader Armstrong to our meeting

NETWORKING WITH OTHER GROUPS/ORGANIZATIONS

Attended 19 meetings of local democratic committees

Attended 11 CVRP meetings

Attended and or contributed to Fundraisers for Cynthia Neff, Tom Shields, William Fleming, John Bell, Gerry Connolly Tom Perriello, Henrico Democrats, Hanover Democrats, Women's Caucus, 5th Congressional District and EV

Brought VCU students to the House Gallery resulting in a meeting at which Delegate Ebbin called for the Veto Session Rally

Helped develop the Veto Session Rally including recruiting speakers Robyn Deane, Guy Kinman and Jamaica Akande.

There is much more to do!

I ask your support for David Cary, Robyn Deane, Michael Phillips, Kate Rivara and Matthew Sullivan.

For Executive Vice- Chair



Robyn Dean - While I have a lifetime of varied experience that I could offer to support your consideration of me for this position, including all that is learned from having parented three incredible adult children; my decision to run was actually based on the fact that the person asking me to consider so doing freely acknowledged that he was unfamiliar with the transgender

perspective. It is, therefore, an opportunity for me to bring another voice to the choir.

I grew up in McLean, VA during an era of political activism, graduating from Langley High School in 1972. I graduated from Penn State in 1978 after a late change from a major in Political Science to Marketing where I earned a Bachelor of Sciences degree. My post-college education includes courses such as Dale Carnegie's Leadership and Sales Courses and many more courses in Sales/Communications.

Until beginning to transition from male to female, the bulk of my career experience had been devoted to professional sales. While this work continues, I am primarily working in retail as a Department Supervisor at a major home improvement chain.

At my core, I am a person focused on inclusion, idea-based discussion, and outcome-based solutions.

Thank you,

Robyn Deane



Brian Boyce - I am one of the founding members and current Executive Vice Chair of the GLBT Caucus. While my career has always been in healthcare, I have a strong activist voice getting involved in gay rights and community causes starting back in the early 90's when I served on the original Gay Pride of Virginia Board. I served in the US Air Force for eight years and am a veteran who

served on active duty during Desert Storm. I'm also the current Richmond Chair of the Virginia Partisans and serve on the Democratic State Central Committee, representing the third district. I feel strongly that the Caucus must move forward and provide a unified voice for the Virginia GLBT population.

For Vice-Chair for Outreach & Membership



David Cary - As the current Vice-Chair for Outreach and Membership I enthusiastically submit my name to the ballot. Since I became involved in January the Caucus has made tremendous strides toward becoming a fully operational force in Virginia politics. We have gained the attention and respect of groups around the state and continue to strengthen our ties with

organizations that share the goal of making Virginia a safe home to the LGBT community. This is a process I want to remain a part of.

My experience is in organizing for Democratic candidates in Richmond, Henrico, and Virginia Beach. I have a great deal of experience in successfully activating volunteers to assist in promoting Democratic ideals. Since January I have helped the Caucus build for several meetings and rallies. Most recently we succeeded, with the help of other groups, in turning out one hundred activists, despite steady rain, to the State Capitol building to show our legislators that we have not abandoned our goal of providing equal employment rights for all Virginians.

I look forward to organizing similar events in the future and I appreciate your consideration for a second term as Vice-Chair of Membership and Outreach.

Sincerely,

David Cary



Donald Davenport - I am the Fund Raising Vice Chair of Caroline County Democratic Committee, the DPVA Tier 3 "Committee of the Year" for 2010.

I was integral in developing new fundraising initiatives that increased CCDC's treasury threefold.

I own a commercial construction business. I am a community organizer and long time Party activist. I'm a member of Equality Virginia, the ACLU, YDA, and other organizations.

I was inspired into activism by Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement. My activism for LGBT causes goes back to Stonewall; I was involved in the actual "Stonewall Riots" and the demonstrations that followed, as well as the Snakepit Raid in Greenwich Village. Among other actions, I joined over 1 million people in the 1993 March on Washington.

My priorities are ending "Don't Ask Don't Tell", stopping discrimination against LGBT people in the work place, and ending the reckless treatment of LGBT rights in Virginia.

As a married man, I will fight to have my marriage recognized by the federal government and the state of Virginia.

I believe that our main focus areas should be growing the Caucus with meaningful participation by the membership and in electing Democrats.

For Vice- Chair for Technology & Communication



Joel McDonald - Like so many we work with today, my political activism started with Barack Obama's presidential campaign. From February 2008 and continuing to now, I've been out there campaigning for Democrats and Democratic ideals. Also in 2008, I started blogging about my experiences in politics, which led to my launching Virginia Beach Progressives. I've also blogged statewide for Blue Commonwealth and Blue Virginia. In January of this year, I was elected as Treasurer of the Virginia Beach Democratic Committee and was also appointed to co-Chair the VBDC Technology Committee. In March of this year, I was elected by the Executive Board of the LGBT Caucus to serve as its first Vice-Chair for Technology & Communication. I look forward to serving the needs of the caucus as we move forward to accomplish much for LGBT people throughout the commonwealth.

** Joel McDonald is running unopposed.*

For Vice- Chair for Development



Skip Kilpatrick - I'm a born and raised Virginian and have worked in the financial services industry for the past ten years. A year ago I would never have thought I'd be involved in the world of party politics. In the last few months I have met many wonderful people in the LGBT community as well as some great straight allies. I'm looking forward to continuing to build a coalition that will advance the issues that are so important to all of us. The Stonewall Caucus brings together two causes that I am passionate about, LGBT civil rights and the Democratic Party.

** Skip Kilpatrick is running unopposed.*

For Vice- Chair for Elections



Sean Holihan - In addition to his daytime political job and his position as President of the Virginia Young Democrats, Sean Holihan has been a leader in the fight for full equality for LGBT Virginians. His knowledge of the political players across the state and nationally has made him a valuable asset to the cause and he would bring real time expertise to the office of Vice Chair of Elections for the LGBT Caucus.

Sean first entered the political arena by hosting events to register voters during the 2004 campaign cycle. Since then, he has gone on to work for Delegates Brian Moran and Lynwood Lewis. He is a member of the 2007 Sorensen Political Leaders Class and serves on the PAC Board for the Virginia Partisans LGBT Democrats and as a member of an Advisory Panel for Equality Virginia. Having lived in Roanoke, Hampton Roads, Alexandria and staying in Richmond during every General Assembly Session for the past four years, Sean, just like Gov. McDonnell, can claim many parts of the Commonwealth as his own. He currently works for State Senator George Barker as his legislative aide, where it is his pleasure to serve the constituents of Fairfax and Prince William counties.

** Sean Holihan is running unopposed.*

For Secretary



André Hakes - I am a practicing attorney, Virginia ACLU board member, and founding member of the LGBT Stonewall Democratic Caucus of Virginia.

In 2006, my partner adopted our son from Vietnam. We could not both adopt, but filed for joint custody. The court appointed a conservative ideologue to “represent” our child.

This person published articles about “God’s Law” and equated gay persons with child molesters. He indicated it was his goal to take away our child.

My family escaped destruction in this case, and subsequent appeals, but spent thousands defending ourselves, and paid an emotional price which defies calculation. We were extremely fortunate to have the resources, support, and legal expertise that we did.

The experience inspired me to become personally active in the struggle for equality. I have, (with help from my friends), organized local protests, successfully petitioned city council on our issues, championed a gay-pride float in a local parade, arranged a Valentine’s Day benefit dinner for over 100 LGBT community members and allies, and achieved some good press coverage of our issues. I would like to continue in my current position as Secretary of the Caucus, and I ask for your vote.



Katie Rivara - As an active member of the LGBT Caucus, I am running for secretary of the organization. I have been involved with the Caucus since last fall and have recruited members and volunteers, attended meetings and events, as well as made calls to build for Caucus events. I have been involved in Virginia politics since my father ran for local office in 2006 and

since then have organized as a volunteer for national, statewide and local Democratic candidates in the Richmond area and Virginia Beach. As president of the Young Democrats at VCU, I have energized young voters to become involved in politics. I am passionate about our mission to fight for equal rights for the LGBT community, and I welcome the opportunity to work with the Caucus in an official capacity. I look forward to continuing my hard work with this organization as your secretary.

For Treasurer

Michael Phillips



Margaret Sacra - My name is Margaret Anne "Maggie" Sacra and I am a founding member and the treasurer of the caucus. By profession I am a certified public accountant, and would love to continue to use my expertise to serve the community.

I currently hold other positions in the Democratic Party, including being a second term chairperson of the Caroline County Committee, which was just awarded the Committee of the Year Award for 2010 (Tier 3). I also serve on the Central Committee through the 1st District Committee and serve on the DPVA Strategic Planning Committee.

Also, I am the treasurer and GSA liaison for the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network Richmond Chapter and am very proud of the work I do with local GSAs and LGBT teens. Previously, I served three terms as the treasurer of the Virginia Chapter of the National Organization for Women and also served as their PAC treasurer. I was also involved with the Hampton Roads Coalition for Voter Participation, which worked with the NAACP Voter Fund and the Urban League to promote voter registration, education and participation.

I proudly live with my life partner Cindy Bray, the Program Director at the Gay Community Center of Richmond.