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BOARD IN BRIEF

Once started, the regular July meeting of the Board proceeded fairly efficiently with only 2 Board members absent, both due to work conflicts.

The most pressing single item for the Board was the acceptance of resignations from Vice-President Tonja Everett and Board Member Kathy Helms, and then filling those vacancies. Lainie Bietler and Dean Dunlap were elected to complete the Board and will serve until next May. By unanimous choice, Vic Stump was appointed to serve the remaining term of Vice-President until next November.

(See articles elsewhere in this issue.)
CHAIN LINK Issue 2 should be at the printers this Friday with a fold, staple and mutilate party to be organized by Cookie Hunt on Sat. the 18th. The print run will be 2000 copies, double last issue, and cost about \$370.00. Advertising for both the National March and National Leather Caucus will be carried in the next 2 issues. The *LIVING IN LEATHER II* Conference Program deadlines (July 25th & Aug 1st) are approaching quickly and material needs to be submitted ASAP.

A special 1st class mailing, to the entire mailing list, of Conference Brochures will be done this weekend. An new contact phone will be inserted and about 700 mailed. A new discount cut-off date of Aug 5th was approved.

Currently the treasury is in satisfactory condition due primarily to the success of our Auction July 12th which raised over \$1200.00. But we're a long way from having all our Conference and operating expenses covered thru. August.

Plans for the Men's Erotica Show Fund-raiser, July 19th, 7:00 PM at Neighbors are set & all should go well. Door will be \$4.00 members, \$5.00 others. Also as a fund raiser a Beer-Bust & Bar-B-Q will be held at the Seattle Eagle 7-26, 4 PM (\$2.00 members, \$3.00 others) with NLA supplying beverages & the Eagle donating the food.

The Board adopted a temporary action giving free admission to NLA events to persons with verifiably dissabeling ARC and AIDS. A permanent policy is being drafted by our Finance Comm.

Plans for the Conference are progressing smoothly and due to the rapidly approaching 28th-31st of August (just 6 weeks) the Board will meet in special session with the Conference Comm. on July 30th, 7 PM at the new residence of President Steve (323-3653). The next regular Board meeting will be Aug 11th at the home of Secretary George (784-7367). As always, the Board meetings are open to all members.

NLA CALENDAR

JULY

- 25 Copy Deadline Conference Program
- 26 BEER BUST & BAR-B-Q 4 PM
Fund Raiser Seattle: EAGLE
Members \$2.00 others \$3.00
- 28 Program/FundRaising/S&M Meeting
7:30 PM Sparks
- 30 Special Board with Conference
7:00 PM S.Maidhof (323-3653)

AUGUST

- 1 Ad. Deadline Conference Program
- 1 NLA: B.C. 8 PM Vancouver BC
MR & MS VANCOUVER LEATHER
Heritage House \$5.00
Fund Raiser for NLA
- 5 *LIVING IN LEATHER II*
Discount cut-off
- 11 Board Meeting 7 PM
Nelson (784-7367)
- 14 *CHAIN LINK* Issue 3
Copy Deadline
- 21 *CHAIN LINK* Issue 3
Adv. Deadline
- 25 Program Comm 7:30 Sparks
- 28-31 *LIVING IN LEATHER II* Conference
Executive Inn Seattle

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Board meeting 7:00 PM
- 22 Program Comm 7:30 PM
- 25 NLA:BC Vancouver, BC
Piercing Workshop
Jim Ward of Gauntlet Ent.

OCTOBER

- 10 National LEather Caucus
Washington DC
- 11 National MARCH on Washington
- 13 Board Meeting 7 PM
- 27 Program Comm. 7:30 PM

NOVEMBER

- 4 Board Meeting 7 PM
Pre-election meeting
- 10 General Membership Meeting 7:30
Election of Officers & 3 Board

**CONFERENCE COMES
CUICKLY!**

It's just 6 weeks to *LIVING IN LEATHER II* and registrations are coming in. Has Yours?

THE NATIONAL LEATHER
ASSOCIATION
**LIVING IN
LEATHER**
Seattle
THE 1987 CONFERENCE

AFFILIATE CALENDAR

JULY

24-26 Centaurs MC Washington DC
 Olympic X annual run Altlands Ranch
 26 FUND RAISER 3-7 PM Los Angeles
 Leathermasters Avatar the Hun
 Tom of Finland & Others Gauntlet II
 31-Aug 2 VASM Vancouver BC
 "Fantasy Acres-A Woodsey"
 31-Aug 3 BC Days & Pride Events
 Vancouver BC

AUGUST

3 Gay Pride Parade Vancouver, BC
 6-9 Wasatch Salt Lake City
 "Falcon Flight 87" annual run
 7-9 Defenders NW Seattle
 Campout/Retreat Deception Pass
 10 SigMa 8 PM Washington DC
 "Temperature Torture"
 12 Dreizehn meeting Boston
 14 Wasatch SLC
 Leather Night the Inbetween
 16 Leathermasters L.A.
 Art Sale of The Hun the Stud

SEPTEMBER

4-7 Knights of Malta Reno
 Annual Assembly
 6 Wasatch meeting SLC
 7 Wasatch SLC
 Leather Night the Inbetween
 9 Dreizehn meeting Boston
 11-14 Hellfire Club Chicago
 Inferno XVI
 14 SigMa 8 PM Washington DC
 Psychology 101

OCTOBER

2-4 Knights D'Orleans New Orleans
 XIII Anniversary weekend
 9-11 VASM Vancouver BC
 Anniversary Weekend V
 10 National LEather Caucus
 Washington DC
 11 National March on Washington
 23-24 MS Panther Koln, Germany
 Anniversary XIII

NOVEMBER

6-8 Harbor Masters Portland, ME
 Anniversary Run V

Harbor Masters of Portland, Me and
 Leathermasters of Los Angeles are
 National Affiliate Members of NLA.

BOARD CHANGES

At the July meeting of the Board,
 resignations were officially accepted
 from Tonja Everett and Kathy Helms.
 The resignations were effective of
 both Board and Conference Committee
 membership. Both these women have
 worked very hard developing and in-
 itiating this years conference into
 its current strong organizational stand
 We are most grateful for their
 dedicated work both for NLA and the
 Gay/Lesbian Leather community in
 general.

SLIGHTLY SENILE SECRETARY
 CORRECTS CURIOUS CREDITS

In last month's Scribbles, I cred-
 ited Barry Douglas of GMSMA with
 being the President of this impor-
 tant New York City Leather S/M orga-
 nization. While Barry is on the Board
 of Directors and is Fundraising Chair,
 the President of GMSMA is Gill K..
 And while speaking of GMSMA, I would
 like to compliment David Stein for
 his editorial work on the newsletter
 Newslink (Sorry NLA yes it is sim-
 ilar to CHAIN LINK, but they had it
 first).

And just another brief point. It
 is still unfortunate that a profes-
 sional person must be careful of the
 release of his full name. Gill has
 earned the respect of the Leather com-
 munity, and it is some still feel that
 his occupation needs to be protected
 from the Gay/Lesbian touch. As a
 teacher Gill deserves our support in
 far more than specifically leather
 related issues.

NEW BOARD MEMBER
 HAS ERECTION COMPLEX

New Board member Dean Dunlap is
 well known as organizer of the Seattle
 Dungeon Guild which has assembled the
 now famous BLACK & BLUE Parties en-
 joyed by so many of us. Dean is always
 looking for ways to improve the fac-
 ilities in Seattle and is considering
 construction on the scale sketched
 below which he thinks might be adequate
 I can't help wondering what he'd con-
 sider extensive.



Sometimes Secretaries must feel like they really do need a live in slave. I know this weekend I could sure use one. With composing and preparing this our 8th members' letter, providing all the necessary mailing information for a new issue of Chain Link, and sending out a full mailing of the Conference brochure, and still trying to get up to Vancouver to assist with Mack's contest this weekend, I am again doing this column at 2 AM! Our postage bill this month will be about \$400.00. When I went to the PO today and told the girl (a real bubble-gummer) that I wanted 1000 stamps, she looked at me rather blankly. I told her I was getting my Xmas cards out late. I don't think she quite understood because the blank look remained. So I tried "My dog likes the taste of the glue." She brightened immediately and said "Mine too!" She was SERIOUS! No wonder I get so many things returned.

Congratulations to Alder on her selection as Seattle Leatherwomen 1987. I'm sure we'll be hearing (& seeing) lots more from her.

And speaking of the LEatherwomen Contest, I understand Cookie Hunt (our un-appreciated Publicist and 1st Runnerup in the contest) nearly provided the Board with a 3rd vacancy during her fantasy presentation. Kent is still trying to get the kinks out of his back & has assured me his teeth are all repairable. Well, what did he expect. If you attend a party you should dress appropriately. A 3-piece suit - REALLY! At a Leather function.

When listing our first National Affiliate members last issue, I missed Mack's LEathers of Vancouver, who additionally becomes NLA's first commercial business to join as an affiliate (at an appreciably higher fee). Welcome to Mack & Thanks for his continuing support.

I understand support for Vancouver's Chuck's Pub for their Fri. and Sat. Men's Leather Nights has been mixed. The crowds for the Friday night Calendar contests have been good, but the Sat. night follow-up has been less than inspiring. I know several Seattleites who have made the trip north, including some contest entrants. Come On Vancouver

As long as I made comment last month on certain leaders of our community being "Pushover Tops" - a statement which is not in any way negative or derogatory - I must in fairness follow by noting that Both David and Bruce (respective lovers of the stalwart and true leaders in question) both are in strong contention for enshrinement in the "Pushy Bottoms Hall of Fame". At least for both couples, the balance seems to work very well and both enjoy a very loving relationship.



Auctioneers Doug, Lamar, PJ, and Steve lead an enthusiastic audience at Sparks on the 12th and encouraged them to part with over \$1200 for numerous goods & services. Richard W. should be accumulating some of Seattle's most exotic dungeon equipment judging from his purchases. Good thing he didn't buy any more-he ran out of loops to hand from his belt. Thanks to the workers of Sparks for donating once again their premises. Rousing bidding surfaced for such diverse items as a Drummer T-shirt, a bondage tree, a hand made cat (the type with 9 tails not lives), and blue latex bloomers. Perhaps the most spirited bidding centered on the saving or destruction of a priceless example of plaster reproduction. Fortunately the destruction bids won. Well done to Doug Connell and his crew for assembling a good selection of interesting articles in a short time. We all had a good time.

Those of you who purchase the diceo tape of the 87 Chicago International Mr. Leather contest will note that following the closing credits of the production is a credit to NLA highlighted by a caption reading "Unity and Co-operation between men and women in Leather." Our thanks to Male Entertainment Network for this inclusion. It is a generous support we could not have afforded to purchase.

Finally I hope all members noted that our publications now carry the logo of the Gay & Lesbian Press Association. We're very pleased to be part of this national group. Is this perhaps one more step for Leather to be recognized as part of the "real Gay/Lesbian" community?

JULY EVENT

Don't miss the FUNd raising event
JULY 26th 4:00 PM

BEER BUST & BAR-B-Q

SEATTLE: EAGLE
\$2.00 members \$3.00 others

The Eagle is donating the food and we're supplying the beverages. Come and have fun while we raise a few necessary bucks. All Welcome!

AFFILIATE MEMBER



NEW BOARD FACES

In accordance with our By-laws, the Board appointed Lainie Beitler and Dean Dunlap to serve on the Board until next May. Lainie worked hard on last years conference and is doing so again this year as Co-Chair of the S&M Committee. That's Staffing & Membership! Dean is familiar both as an NLA member visible at most all our functions and as co-ordinator of the Seattle Dungeon Guild. We welcome these new Board faces to the old bored faces.



DEADLINE for DISCOUNTS DELAYED

For those members seriously considering attending the LIVING IN LEATHER II Conference in August, a reminder is made of the discounts available for early registration. Savings of up to 25% are possible for members registering before August 5th. To be eligible for discounts you must pay in full when you register. Why pay 25% more?



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