



The Official Newsletter of the National Leather Association International.

Message from the President

Happy New Year,

As I've been Vice President since Mar 2014, most of y'all already know me. I'm looking forward to working with each of you and the board to help NLA-I flourish. You should be hearing from the new Vice President shortly. If y'all want to reach me I can be found at President@NLA-International.com

Here's to the next 2 yrs!!!!
CandiAnne



PRESIDENTS QUARTERLY REPORT

Happy February Membership,

It has been a bit busy here at the President's desk since taking over January 1. Here is a small recap of what has been going on and what is yet to come.

I started out with getting the website updated with all your new board members and getting the new Vice President, T.C., set up with his e-mail address and so forth. Vince is continuing on as Wisdom Keeper so I am still in need of a Commercial/Affiliate Membership Chair if anyone is interested in taking this on.

Shortly after taking over the big chair, it came to my attention that many of our Dallas members had yet to receive their membership items so I put out a post to figure out who else might have not have received theirs. The response was unfortunately, a bit overwhelming. Needless to say I beat feet and quickly got everything printed and out in the mail. By day 8 of my Presidency, this was complete. I do believe our entire membership now has a pin, patch and card for the 2014-2015 year. If you have yet to receive yours, please reach out to me.

Like many on Facebook, we got spanked for not having a real name so I had to close the account we had for NLA Publications and set up a new page under a different account. If you have yet to "like" our new page, please check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/National-Leather-Association-International/1508830782719635> Here both myself and the Publications chair will be posting various updates. Mike, more than me will be posting I'm sure!

I have been busily working to bring the DVP website back to life and I was 90% complete when I heard from Vince that he was chatting with someone who has a complete backup of the old site. This is amazing news so now I am going to contact that person and get the old website pages so all I have to do is update them. I am working with the DVP Chair, Goldie, on getting postcards again and new pins. So DVP is well under way.

The grammar geek in me had a field day with the P&P and on February 28 at our Board Meeting, I will be asking the Board to approve changes to the P&P that bring certain aspects of what we do into the modern era. I am also looking to combine the Individual Membership Chair with the Treasurer position as the Individual Membership Chair has been a problem position for some time and it only makes sense to combine these. I am also hoping to combine the Education Chair and Wisdom Keeper positions as this gives the past President a bit more to do and they can slowly work their way out instead of just ceasing upon a new President being elected. Some of the changes coming about will also require Bylaw changes that you will all need to approve so please keep your eye out for those.

Our Secretary, Tyesha, and myself are working on a new NLA-I project that we are looking to unfold in the not too distant future. We are still working out the edges and have to hand it to the Board for approval. We believe it to be a step in a very positive and forward direction. (giggle) Yes, I am a total tease.

All in all I've been a busy bee since January 1. Thank you again for electing me, cheers to an amazing 2015.

CandiAnne

Past Vice Presidents Report

Thursday, November 20, 2014 Vice President – Quarterly Report Good Morning,

Since taking over this position in March, I have not uploaded a quarterly report and for that, I apologize. Things have been a little bit insane and most of what I do is done so publicly that I did not think about sitting down to write it up. As my tenure as Vice President is about to end on January 1, we will call this a position report instead of a quarterly report.

I have been extremely busy and Robert has indeed kept me on my toes with this task and that task. The first order of business was to get our

website back up and running. With the help of Virtual Machine and harassing Vince A LOT for this file and that, I was able to get it back up pretty quickly, which made me quite happy. The website was ready for our yearly membership renewals and everyone on the board now has access to an @nla-international.com email addresses if they wish to use them so everything can look a bit more professional and for those who are anal, like me, they can keep their email accounts all nice and separate. I still have a few tweaks to do on forms, which I am slowly working on, and my next web project is to bring the Domestic Violence Project website back. This probably will not be completed until after the New Year but it will be back.

Next on the agenda was to fill some very important positions on the board that were empty and in need of someone who wanted to work and would give it their best. For Publications Chair I reached out to our Northern Nevada Chapter and a friend of mine who's pretty good with graphics and such stepped up to help out, thank you Tripper!! Goldie from our Orlando Chapter reached out to me to see how she could help at the Int'l level, knowing a bit about her background and after some discussion with her I inquired if she'd be interested in the Domestic Violence Project and she jumped at it, so thank you Goldie for reaching out and wanting to help!! Our Membership Chair was having some difficulty so I reached out to Tracy from our Colorado Chapter who's always spoken so high of how Owen did membership and she readily agreed to take on this ever so important chair, thank you Tracy!! During one of our board meetings it came up that we needed a Secretary, and Tyesha who's amazing with our Policies and Procedures stepped up to take that on. Tyesha has been phenomenal since taking on the position, she has been cleaning up all the files in the Yahoo groups, making sure all the files are up to date and we are not missing anything. I am looking forward to having her around for as long as I can keep her. Thank you Tye!! Lastly, but certainly not least, we needed to fill the Chapter Outreach Position that had been empty for some time, with some help from Tyesha, I reached out to Kate who'd had the position before and she agreed to come back interim until the election.

As a result of the election, she was brought back for the next two years. I am looking forward to working with her and letting her take the brunt of what the chapters throw at me (giggle), thank you Kate!! As you can see, there has been a lot of movin' and shakin' going on with the board and I could not be happier to have such great people to work with.

Our Awards Chair, pyxy, stepped down after some years of managing that committee and nobody stepped up to manage the position so I felt it my duty to take it up. It has been a lot of fun so far. I began with a mere handful of readers but I reached out and now have thirty readers for this year. To say I am thrilled with that turn over would be putting it mildly. You can read all about this in the Awards Committee quarterly report though.

Next extremely important task was to get the writing awards out for 2013, which was done. The website we had been using for elections was no longer sending ballots to free email addresses and trying to reach customer service there was not happening so I had to find us somewhere else. Originally, I went with one of those ballot websites for the Membership Awards and it worked well but then it was decided we needed something more secure so I found ElectionBuddy, which is where all of our elections will be held now. Once the Membership Awards voting was completed, I had the 2014 Writing Awards and the Membership Awards made and out in the mail. We are now all caught up on everyone having their awards.

Finally, I had the chance for a little downtime to attend the AGM. Dallas knows how to throw a party. Had a very good weekend and the AGM went smoothly. Robert was given his Lifetime Membership card and I am happy that I was the one to give it to him and thank him for his four years as President.

Following shortly after the AGM was setting up the elections for your 2015 Board on the new election site, which went easily and efficiently. I am completely excited to say we have a full board, not a single chair will be empty come January 1.

Most recently I have found a new chat site for our board meetings as the one that was being used really didn't allow for the simplicity of copy/paste to make minute taking and chat saving easy for our Secretary. Our most recent board meeting went well and Tyesha had the minutes out in under a half hour after the meeting had ended, now that's impressive!!!

At present, I am working to find a Vice President to take my current position and work with me as I begin my term as President of this amazing organization. I have a few discussions in the works and we will see what happens.

::phew:: It's been busy but it's also been a lot of fun, I've truly enjoyed myself these past months as Vice President and I look forward to what the future brings as President.

Life & Leather, CandiAnne

CHAPTER REPORTS

Information taken from your chapter reps or meeting notes



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The name says it all...

Mention this ad and a portion of fees for completed tax return will be donated to Leather Archives Museum



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Jan 2015 Board Meeting
MAL Nominations

- Penny
- Wayne
- Also outreach to new members.

PRIDE PARADE (I KNOW!)

- Theme: Be the Change
- Fees: Should be about \$135 TBD
- More coolers needed
- Penny Wayne looking at option for a trailer, but truck may stay as primary float.

Duties

- Penny Wayne and Jodie to determine the feasibility of sound system powered by truck for Pride

Upcoming Meeting Topics and guidelines

- Possible Cupping class (March?)
- Photography Lessons
 - Mr. Malapros and others (?)
- Boot blacking
- Foot worship
- Belly Dancing
- Burlesque

February Meeting: Candy exchange and communication discussion [Meeting canceled due to weather]

Slosh/Munch schedules Upcoming

Mar CommUNITY Meet-n-Greet

hosted by NLA-C & MORAL
Wednesday mar 4, 2015
6:30pm - 8:30pm
location: Dick's Den
2417 N High St (campus), Columbus, OH 43202
happy hour until 9pm

March CommUNITY Meet-n-Greet

hosted by NLA-C & MORAL
wednesday mar 18, 2014
6:30pm - 8:30pm
location: AWOL Bar
49 Parsons Ave, Columbus, OH 43215

April CommUNITY Meet-n-Greet

hosted by NLA-C & MORAL
Wednesday april 1, 2015
6:30pm - 8:30pm
location: Dick's Den
2417 N High St (campus), Columbus, OH 43202
happy hour until 9pm

April CommUNITY Meet-n-Greet

hosted by NLA-C & MORAL
Wednesday april 15, 2014
6:30pm - 8:30pm
location: TBA

May CommUNITY Meet-n-Greet

hosted by NLA-C & MORAL
Wednesday may 6, 2015
6:30pm - 8:30pm
location: Dick's Den
2417 N High St (campus), Columbus, OH 43202
happy hour until 9pm

Auction Update

Penny to bring auction items in February so we can post

Picnics and other potential events

- Are we committing to 2016 for the

community picnic or do we want to hand off to another group

- Which groups will donate to the picnic
- Should it become the NLA picnic since NLA members provide the majority of the items?

Other business

- Key meeting for Stonewall on 1/20/2015 18:00-19:00 Penny will attend the meeting.
- Attila to provide donations for Stonewall on behalf of NLA



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The following are the NLA-Columbus officers for 2015:

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Corresponding Secretary	Jody Catalano	jzemie@gmail.com	Term Exp: 12/2015
Treasurer	Owen Eckert	oeckert@sbcglobal.net	Term Exp: 12/2015

* One Year Term – No candidates for the 2014 Election

Elections are held in the last quarter of each year, elected officers take office in January.

Owen



July 2014: On the 2nd, Tripper held a Flogging 101 class, held at Dilligas, with a fairly good turnout with about 25 people. On the 16th, we asked Sir Aengus and rainy back for a Needles class. Another great turn out. In this month, our new president, Murdoc, took over and started "Pint with the President" so that the locals could come out to meet him in a setting outside of meetings. We sent Val off with a thank you for her 3 years of service to the chapter.

August 2014: On the 6th, the Tea Lady came and taught a BDSM Safety class. This was the only class we were able to hold this month, but it went over well with another great turn out and many compliments on this presenter. At the meeting, it was voted that if Night of Fetish and Fantasy doesn't have a venue by September 1st, that it would be postponed until next year.

September 2014: A more in-depth tea class should have been held on the 3rd, but was rescheduled due to ailment of the presenter. Unfortunately, no classes were held this month. At the meeting, NOFF was officially put on hold until 2015.

The minutes don't reflect this for some reason, but a new member, Kristel, asked since NOFF was being canceled, what it is that we as a chapter are going to do to be involved in the community. Several different fundraising ideas were brought up, including a Thanksgiving Food drive by Turtle.

And at this meeting, several of the new members actually showed up.



Current Chapter Officers

NLA-D Chapter Report of NLA-D for NLA-I for Q4, 2014 by Neko

Male Co-Chair – Neko
Female Co-Chair – Miss Debi
Treasurer – Hardy Haberman
Secretary – Audra
Membership Chair – Charles
Program Chair - koneko
Social Chair - Vacant
Marketing Chair – Sharon
Communications/NewsLeather – Malcolm
Members-At-Large: TC, Griff, McLanahan, 2 positions are vacant
NLA-I Chapter Rep – Neko
NTXCC (North Texas Council of Clubs) – Leo
NCSF Rep – Vacant

Membership

We currently have 144 members.

Current Projects & Activities

Bylaws and P&P Committee
Our Bylaws & Policies and Procedures Committee completed their recommended revisions and submitted them to the Executive Committee. The EC reviewed them and sent them on to NLA-I. NLA-I responded by saying that we are required to send our full membership records to NLA-I on a quarterly basis. This breaks the following law:

§32.51. FRAUDULENT USE OR POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.

a. In this section:

1. "Identifying information" means information that alone or in conjunction with other information identifies an individual, including an individual's:

A. name, social security number, date of birth, and government-issued identification number;

2. unique biometric data, including the individual's fingerprint, voice print, and retina or iris image;
3. unique electronic identification number, address, and routing code, financial institution account

number; and

4. telecommunication identifying information or access device.

a. "Telecommunication access device" means a card, plate, code, account number, personal identification number, electronic serial number, mobile identification number, or other telecommunications service, equipment, or instrument identifier or means of account access that alone or in conjunction with another

telecommunication access device may be used to:

- i. obtain money, goods, services, or other thing of value; or
- ii. initiate a transfer of funds other than a transfer originated solely by paper instrument.

5. A person commits an offense if the person obtains, possesses, transfers, or uses identifying information of another person without the other person's consent.
6. An offense under this section is a state jail felony.
7. If a court orders a defendant convicted of an offense under this section to make restitution to the victim of

the offense, the court may order the defendant to reimburse the victim for lost income or other expenses, other than attorney's fees, incurred as a result of the offense.

H. If conduct that constitutes an offense under this section also constitutes an offense under any other law, the actor may be prosecuted under this section or the other law.

Co-chair, Neko, has been discussing this with members of the NLA-I board as to how best handle members who do not consent to having their information shared with NLA-I as well as how to properly restrict access to the information to those who demonstrate a justifiable business need. A resolution has not been reached to date.

General Meeting Leather Wisdom

(a brief 10-15 minute talk on a topic as it relates to the speaker's knowledge)
September, 2014 – Master Tallen on the new Heartland Person of Leather Contest
October, 2014 – Beth & Malcolm on Being a Beyond Vanilla Co-Director

General Meeting Seminars

August, 2014 - Mark Frazier on Breath Play
September, 2014 – Fire Cupping by Master Justin
October, 2014 – CBT by Miss Debi

Beyond Vanilla XXIV

Our twenty-fourth annual conference, Beyond Vanilla, was September 26-28 at the historic Crowne Plaza in downtown Dallas. Our kickoff party Thursday night at the Dallas Eagle was a great success! Our Friday night Meet & Greet, Keynote, Play Party and new Victory Brunch was well attended! The keynote was Karen Ultradomme and her speech can be found on Leatherati. It was an empowering speech followed by a presentation by Hardy Haberman and the Council that Shall Not Be Named honoring Karen with a leather fez. We had multiple tracks of workshops, including leather, service, play, power exchange relationships, puppies, rope, and more from presenters from around the country! The International Puppy Trainer Contest (IPTC) winners are Sir Justin and pup Tork. Beyond Vanilla for the first time this year had LAM Event: Heartland Person of Leather. The winner was Master Bill. NLA-International's Annual General Meeting was held Sunday morning. The charity of choice was the John Thomas Gay & Lesbian Resource Center. Our silent auction was very successful in raising

money for it as was our pre-event raffles. The event was the best attended BV in many years and made a small profit! Kudos to everyone who worked to make this year's Beyond Vanilla great!

Fund Raising

Outside of Beyond Vanilla's fundraising, we've also been continuing our fundraising NCSF with a cookie fundraiser at every General Meeting.

Leather Perspectives

We started a new educational initiative this year, called Leather Perspectives. Each Fourth Saturday, a person walking a leather path is invited by our program chair to speak on topic in leather that is also a part of their journey. This quarter, we've had:

August – Jeffrey Payne on Leather Contests and All That Go With It

October – Master Lanie on Leather Giraffes

November – will be Lily Ma'am from Austin on Large Leather Families
December – No Leather Perspectives due to the Holidays

Advanced Workshops

Our advanced workshop on Saturday, August 9 was Pup Rylee doing Ritualistic Cutting and Master Tallen doing Electricity. We had good attendance and a good day! Our next advanced workshop is Saturday, November 8 with Sir Dragon doing duct tape mummification. It will be at the Dallas Eagle.



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Review of Halloween Party

About \$2000 was made \$175.00 from the door goes to NLA-U, the rest to Wasatch Academy. Party was very well attended. The food was great. Everyone seemed to have a great time. Only complaint was that the auction went too long. We may have to figure out a way to do it quicker next year. In past years we used bidding sheets, and wherever the bids left off is where the auctioneer started the bidding. That seems to have worked well.

Wasatch wants to donate leftover money to NLA-U but we are not comfortable with that. We suggested maybe furniture or something that can be used for future parties.

Treasure report- about \$1200 with some reimbursements that still need to be done and some receipts that need to be gone over.

Membership- One membership is waiting on verification of i.d. Chris will email him and remind him that he is still waiting for that. NLA-I has been paid for all memberships to date.

Education- The first aid class went well. Ted/Terri will post on fetlife for any feedback.

Ted and Terri have compiled a list of classes that members would like to see. We can do discussions at Kaffenio and save the ones that need Demo for parties, as we can not demo at Kaffenio. We will do demos such as fire, flogging, wax, mummification, rope, whips, knife play, body punching during the first 45-60 minutes of the parties. This may get people to show up sooner and get the energy of the party going a bit better.

Next party will be the last weekend of January. The theme will be Queen of Hearts. We will use it to drive membership by offering any member that brings a non member to sign up a free entry and the non member can get into the party for the price of the prorated sign up cost of \$7.50. We are needing to increase membership.

We also need to be more visible at other munches, parties and events in the community, and on fetlife. There was a noticed calendar mistake- The Path's munches are now held at IHOP instead of Denny's.

Next meeting will be January 11th, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.
Meeting ended at 3:03 p.m.



Bi-laws are finished and will be posted on Officers Group. Will be sent to NLA-I for approval.

Meetings are free to attend unless it is a members only meeting.

Treasurer- We have money.

Discussed what we would like to see and do, classes and presenters. Discussed Toys for Tots, Food Drive and Bootblacking.

There will be theme night at The Woodshed. It will be a Leather Takeover "Leather Night" at the Shed. This will be after NLA-O's General Meeting. "Leather Takeover" motion passes for this event.

Patches- We will be having NLA-O patches made and they will retail for a reasonable amount. Will send some to the Leather Archives. Would be great for a group to go travel together as a group to the Leather Archives Museum.

Motion passed to appoint MrSadist to help the Treasurer with duties.
<https://fetlife.com/users/7004>

There will be theme night at The Woodshed on Saturday December 13th. It will be a Leather Takeover "Leather Night". This will be after NLA-O's General Meeting. For the food drive one will receive \$1 off per canned item up to \$5. "Leather Takeover" motion passes for this event.

The Woodshed's Anniversary party is Saturday February 14th. NLA-O will be helping with it. The coordinator for the event will be MasterPolarbear
<https://fetlife.com/users/391313>. There will be volunteer's for tour guides, possible demo's, Bootblacking for tips and more. This will be discussed in depth at our next meeting.

Publication Deadlines 2015

First Quarter 2015

Feb 15th Chapter Reports
Feb 22nd Commercial and Member Ads
March 1st Publication Link

Second Quarter 2015

May 10th Chapter Reports
May 17th Commercial and Member Ads
May 24^h Publication Link

Third Quarter 2015

August 16th Chapter Reports
August 23rd Commercial and Member Ads
August 30th Publication Link

Fourth Quarter 2015

November 15th Chapter Reports
November 22nd Commercial and Members Ads
November 29th Publication Link

Subject to change based on desires of the membership of NLA-I

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