

Message from the President

Members,

These are the Nominees for the NLA-International Board for 2017-2019. You will vote and elect from this group of volunteers to lead our Association and help make decisions on our future.

Voting will take place from December 1 – December 15. Winners will be announced in the month of December and will take office on January 1st 2017.

All nominees have been asked to submit bio's and/or pictures. All nominations are listed inside for all positions.

The Board you are about to elect will carry on and serve with your next President. All the Nominees are qualified to serve on the NLA-International Board and some of them have a history of being involved with the NLA-International Board on some level or another.

Please take the time to read these bio's and contact them via the members group for any concerns or questions you may have.

CandiAnne
President NLA-International

President – CandiAnne – Current President

Hello NLA-I Members,

Over the past two years I have worked to streamline NLA-I by making voting happen much quicker through an online only process and moved us from Yahoo message boards to an in-house message board system housed within the NLA-I website. With Pat coming to NLA-I my goal of bringing life back to the Domestic Violence Project was realized, there is still a lot of work to do here but it is once again full of life. I have also had the pleasure of visiting with 6 of our 9 chapters.

I have been nominated for another term as your President. In the next two years, I'd like to finish visiting the chapters and possibly revisit some as my visits were always a good time. I want to work closely with Pat to bring the database of domestic violence service centers back to where it used to be with the help of her volunteers and see what else can be done to make DVP the amazing project it once was. I am also looking at other things NLA-I can do to be relevant in today's world. This last item is something I would love to hear ideas from all of you about.

Thank you for the past two years and I look forward to the next two.

CandiAnne Shafer
President – NLA-International

Member at Large – Sergeant Major – Current Member-At-Large

An independent member of NLAI since 2002. I have had the honor of serving as a member at large for several successive terms. In addition to my service to NLAI I am the president of an educational not for profit, Leather Journey, dedicated to the alternative lifestyles. Served as a member of the board of Minnesota Leather Pride for 12 years and was responsible for making it a not for profit organization.

With my partner of 12 years we have had the opportunity to present at multiple national events on topics related to various aspects of the alternative lifestyle based on our experiences in the leather lifestyle. Leather Journey is the sole sponsor of the weekend retreat for submissives, S.E.E.K. (Submissives Empowerment, Enrichment and Knowledge Share) produced by my partner.

Great Lakes Master in 2006.

Founder and director of MAST:Twin Cities. 2006

Member and instructor for Titans of the Midwest.

Associate member of Chicago Leather Club, Atoms of Minneapolis and Cornhaulers of Iowa.

Member at Large - Jubi Arriola-Headley

I'm Jubi Arriola-Headley, a 47-year old Black gay man, with two tattoos (so far), three piercings, a handful of kinks (so far) and more blessings than I have a right to expect. I first came into my leather self in 2003, when, on my third (simultaneously thrilling and terrifying) visit to the DC Eagle, I met Steve Kenney of the Centaurs MC. Steve is the very first person I had a conversation with about my attraction to the leather life – and he's the person who (thankfully) introduced me to the Highwaymen TNT. The Highwaymen really gave me my education – and a home. I owe who I am in leather today to my brothers Alexander Robinson, Kenneth Rogers, Herb Kaylor, Max Steiner, and others, including some who have left us – including Nokomis Jefferson and Neil Alexander.

Since my initial years with the Highwaymen in Washington, DC, I've relocated twice, and now make my home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where I live with my husband of nearly six years (we were married in January 2011 in Washington DC during MAL weekend). Having moved beyond my local involvement, I'm hoping to contribute meaningfully to the leather community on a national level. I bring my skills as a writer (including grant-writing), my energy and passion, and above all, my desire to be of service to a community which over the past decade or more has fed me both sexually and spiritually.

In conclusion, in response to the question of why I would like to serve as a member of the board of the National Leather Association, I'd like to share in part my first post to Facebook after the recent election (below in italics):

This election can be parsed in a million ways, I suspect - one of those being a repudiation of who we are. I say "we" because, if you're on this list - my list of friends on Facebook - you likely fall into a group who might be considered deplorable by those who caused said event. Trust me when I say that I've curated my friends' list on here to within an inch of its life - the array of progressive, intellectual, creative, artistic, kinky, and downright outrageous people on my friends' list feed my soul daily...it feels like a time at which we are all in grave need of affirmation.

Please know that...I value each and every one of you deeply - and over the coming weeks and months, I'll do a better job of communicating that better, and to more of you. Because, in my ever-so-humble opinion, the first line of defense in the battle ahead is to remain exactly the same progressive, intellectual, creative, artistic, kinky, and downright outrageous people we have come to be.

Member at Large – Daddy BEAR

Daddy BEAR from Tennessee formally came into Leather community in 1982. He and his Progenitor were among the foundation membership of National Leather Association and Living In Leather in 1986. After a long hiatus he returned as a member of National Leather Association including having designed the current pin for NLA-Domestic Violence Project.

His current activity in the Leather community includes leading Claw Clan as Progenitor and presenting at various groups on the subject of BDSM & Disabilities and BDSM & Your Local Law Enforcement. Also he works with the GLBT/Queer community in and out of Leather. He has been a Board member of Leather and BDSM groups including Smoky Mountain Power Exchange (SMPEX) 2007-2008 and currently Leather History Preservation Foundation. BEAR believes education of the public brings acceptance of so-called alternative lifestyles, and education for Leather and BDSM/Fetish/Kink people should not be limited in scope by assumed social standards. "Education comes from remembering our history, being an example of our philosophies, while remaining open to new experiences. Community comes from individuals unifying in acceptance of all our differences." Today he offers guidance and mentoring through Daddy Bear's Claw Clan Leather family.

BEAR was raised in an undeveloped part of northern Scotland by a F/F/M triad who practiced acceptance of others' personal choices as long as it was consensual. He still walks a path characterized by the simple ideals they taught him: honor, inner strength, support, love, discipline, compassion, and loyalty, which was re-enforced and retained through the Leather community standards that encompasses his adult life.

Publication Deadlines 2016

First Quarter 2016

Feb 14th Chapter Reports
Feb 21st Commercial and Member Ads
Feb 28th Publication Link

Second Quarter 2016

May 8th Chapter Reports
May 15th Commercial and Member Ads
May 22nd Publication Link

Third Quarter 2016

August 14th Chapter Reports
August 21st Commercial and Member Ads
August 27th Publication Link

Fourth Quarter 2016

November 13th Chapter Reports
November 20th Commercial and Members Ads
November 28th Publication Link

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