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News from the Board

The CT Stonewall Foundation Annual Meeting was held on October 23rd. During the meeting three new Board Members were elected, Holly Algood, Rich Smalley, and Tony Ferraiolo. In addition, two current Board Members, Eila Algood and Ally Sega, resigned from the Board.

Stonewall Speakers Mission Statement

<i>Mission</i>	<i>The Connecticut Stonewall Foundation, Inc. increases understanding, acceptance and respect for same gender-loving, bisexual and transgender people through educational outreach.</i>
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Annual Meeting

Pursuant to our bylaws, CT Stonewall Foundation, Inc held its Annual Meeting on October 23rd, 2007. The meeting was presided over by co-chairpersons; Eila Algood and John Steinle. The meeting reviewed the minutes from the 2006 Annual Meeting, and then outlined the activities of Stonewall Speakers that took place during the last year. All Board Members attended as well as potential new Board Members and Speakers. The Annual Meeting is available for all Speakers to attend, and the Board encourages speakers to come to the next Annual Meeting to be held in October 2008.

Speaker Training

The next speaker training will be held after the new year. We already have several participants that have requested training. It is our goal to have all Stonewall Speakers attend a training within the next 9 months.

The date and time of the winter trainings will be sent via email to all Speakers.

www.stonewallspeakers.org

Stonewall Speakers now is on the web. Please go to www.stonewallspeakers.org and learn more about the organization. Feel free to provide feedback on the website by emailing: board@stonewallspeakers.org

We will be adding content to the website, such as snippets of speaking engagements, and quotes from our engagements.

The website will eventually have a Calendar of Speaking Engagements and will help us automate many of the tasks that MaryAnne currently does with her time and dedication.

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Appreciation Event - October 28th 2-5pm

As Stonewall Speakers approaches its 20th birthday, the Board hosted an Appreciation Celebration on October 28th to honor its speakers, its founders, and the educators who bring us into their classrooms. Nearly sixty people were present at the event at The Pond House, in Elizabeth Park in West Hartford.

Vice Chairman Holly Algood, commenting on the event, said, "This felt like Stonewall's long-awaited **Coming Out** party. We have never before had a statewide gathering of all the individuals who help Stonewall realize our goals, and the board felt strongly that all those people deserved to be thanked for their magnificent contributions." Official certificates were presented to all speakers by Chairman John Steinle, and the teachers present were given letters of appreciation for their support of Stonewall. Recognized for their courage in helping found the organization in 1988, and for their many years of often lonely work in the early years, were Steve Gavron, Don Rettmann, David Knapp, Gary Wang, John Glezen and James Klopfer. Geraldine Burke, who served for five years as board chairman until 2007, assisted in the event's presentations.

Certificates were also presented to the approximately 20 speakers who had undergone Stonewall's Speaker Training Program during 2007 (two more training sessions will be offered during the 2007-08 speaking year.)

The highlights of the event were very moving presentations by student Jesse Nasta, teacher Trevor Charles and founder Steve Gavron. Many in the audience were moved to tears hearing about the positive impact that Stonewall has had on the lives of its student audiences over the years



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Transitions

Eila Algood and Ally Sega resigned from the Board in October 2007. Eila was co-chairperson of the Board for the past year, and has been an extremely active Board Member and Speaker for the past 3 years. Ally Sega was the Stonewall Speakers Treasurer for the past 2 years and has been speaking for Stonewall Speakers for over 15 years. We wish them the best, and would like to thank them again for their dedication and service to this organization. They both plan on keeping speaking for Stonewall Speakers.

Did You Know?

- ***We have completed 17 engagements for school year 2007-2008.***
- ***We are embarking on an aggressive Fund Raising Campaign during this year, please look for more information starting next week***
- ***We continue to look for volunteers to assist with several tasks***