

## GALA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** 1060 Palm St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

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### **1. Call to Order:**

**President Matias Bernal:** called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. **Quorum.**

### **2. Roll Call:**

**Present:** Board: Matias Bernal, Ryan Duclos, CJ Gormley, Amanda Servin, Timothy Siler, Stephanie Rescan, Margaret Jones, Robert Diaz, Ritchie Bermudez, Natali Sanchez, Jane Lloyd  
Youth Board: Vivian

**Guests:** Tauria Linala, Ellen Sturtz, Rotem Drori, Anthony Parra, Ilan Funke-Bilu, Kelly Bilu, Doug Heumann, Denise Taylor, David Robinson, SierraRose Przybyla

**Absent:** N/A

**Staff:** Executive Director: Michelle Call

### **3. Speakers**

#### **3.1 Ilan Funke-Bilu – San Luis Obispo County Judge Candidate – 6:05pm**

Ilan Funke-Bilu addressed his career accomplishments and his campaign to pursue appointment as San Luis Obispo County Judge.

**Board: Matias Bernal, Timothy Siler: Speak**

**Public: Tauria Linala, Ellen Sturtz: Speak**

#### **3.2 Anthony Parra – Reverse Drawing – 6:25pm**

Anthony Parra explained the reverse drawing for the upcoming Pride event. 200 tickets are sold at \$100/each and each ticketholder has the chance to win sums ranging from \$500-\$5000, with half of proceeds donated to GALA. Each ticket includes two dinners for the event on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Anthony Parra tasked each board member with selling 5 tickets. Tickets once sold should be turned into Executive Director Michelle Call, and if not sold should be returned to Parra.

#### **3.3 Tauria Linala – History Project Follow Up – 6:30pm**

In early 2018, Linala approached the board with a request to donate the senior LGBTQ history project videos to Cal Poly to archive and make available to the public. She is following up on that request. The board had discussed this matter two months prior. Amanda Servin made a motion to approve this request; Robert Diaz seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed, one abstention (CJ Gormley); motion carried.

#### **3.4 Jessica Lynn at Cal Poly – Rotem Druri – 6:32pm**

Rotem Druri spoke on behalf of Jessica Lynn, addressing her upcoming speaking event at Cal Poly. Jessica Lynn is a traveling speaker who presents on her life story and experiences as a trans parent.

She has assisted with TCC in the past and has spoken at Cal Poly before. Rotem Druri followed up on a request for a GALA donation to support Jessica's event. The cost of the event is small, with an estimate at \$800 for reservation of the space and \$1000 total. The event is free of charge and open to the community. The program will include donor names and the lobby will be set up so that organizations may table and perform outreach. The date of the event is June 4<sup>th</sup> at Cal Poly's Spanos Theatre. Druri will bring flyers to the GALA center.

**Board: Margaret Jones, Timothy Siler, Ryan Duclos, Matias Bernal: Speak**

#### **4. Action/Information/Discussion**

##### **4.1 Name Change/Article/Survey Results – Bernal and Bermudez - 6:41pm**

GALA sent a survey to members and nonmembers to assess GALA's current image and what the community wants to see from GALA moving forward. GALA has hired a new Executive Director to carry out the mission of the board and become more direct services focused. One of the questions posed to the community in the survey regarded whether the GALA name should be updated. Bermudez provided a breakdown of the survey result responses. 45% said "no" to a name change, 25% said "yes," and 30% responded, "I'm not sure." President Bernal clarified a recently released article that addressed a potential name change for GALA. Bernal was contacted by a reporter who asked if GALA were planning on changing the name, due to GALA having asked this specific survey question. Bernal responded that the promotion of inclusivity was the reason why GALA was considering a name change. Members of the public shared their stance regarding a potential name change.

After Pride, GALA will host a town hall to invite the public to present individual views on a potential name change. A motion was made by Ryan Duclos and seconded by Ritchie Bermudez to conduct the town hall event. All were in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. After the town hall, the GALA board will vote on a name change. The board will vote privately, and the results will be published publicly.

**Board: Vivian, Robert Diaz, Amanda Servin, Matias Bernal: Speak**

**Public: Rotem Drori, Tauria Linala, Doug Heumann, SierraRose Przybyla, David Robinson, Denise Taylor, Ellen Sturtz: Speak**

##### **4.2 Approve April Meeting Minutes – Servin – 7:19pm**

Robert Diaz moved to approve the April meeting minutes; Natali Sanchez seconded the motion.

##### **4.3 April Financial Report – Gormley – 7:19pm**

CJ Gormley moved to approve the April financial report; Timothy Siler seconded the motion.

##### **4.4 Center Report/Center Hours & Volunteers – Bernal – 7:22pm**

ED Michelle Call will be present at the GALA Center on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 2pm-6pm. Michelle may post to the GALA Facebook and inform the community of any extended hours. She will also assess peak traffic hours at the Center. A motion was made by Ryan Duclos to approve these GALA Center hours and Robert Diaz seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

*President Bernal requested to move forward with GALA Group Committee Reports to conserve the time of non-board members present.*

#### **5. GALA Group Committee Reports:**

##### **5.1 Mental Health Services Act PLUS Activity Report – Ellen Sturtz – 7:34pm**

Ellen Sturtz presented her Mental Health Services Act PLUS Activity Report. There are some issues in the contract between Cal Poly and the County for the grant; the project is on hold until this contract is ironed out. The board has received an emailed report from Sturtz as well.

## **5.2 Q/R Groups – Vivian – 7:40pm**

Youth Board Member Vivian addressed the recent Prom Conference and highlights of this event as communicated by the Q Youth Group. The Youth Group has mentioned bringing in more cultural aspects, including Latinx cultural components.

## **5.3 Senior Advocacy – Linala – 7:48pm**

Tauria Linala attended the Area Agency on Aging cultural competency training in Santa Maria, presented by Pacific Pride. At the last Senior Advocacy social, there were 9 in attendance; ED Michelle Call also attended. There was discussion of a potential GALA name change. The Senior Advocacy group is interested in attending the upcoming Q Youth-hosted game day at the GALA Center.

## **5.4 Tranz Central Coast – Linala – 7:50pm**

Linala has no current report for TCC.

## **5.5 PRIDE – Duclos – 7:51pm**

The Central Coast Pride Pageant occurred the previous Friday, and it was very successful. Duclos reported that the gross amount raised was \$8500, with a profit of \$5-6,000. Event clean-up assistance will be helpful for coming years. There were also some sound issues, as volume and sound check could not be held until 4:00pm. Pride planning continues, and Berlin will be the headliner performing at Pride.

## **5.6 Social/Events/Fundraising – Rescan – 7:56pm**

Social/Events/Fundraising Committee continues to work to engage the community outside the boundaries of San Luis Obispo, and LXV Winery will host the next Queer Night Out on 5/11, with 10% of proceeds donated to GALA. Each Queer Night Out event will occur on the second Friday of the month. Rescan still intends to organize percentage nights and welcomes suggestions. Upcoming events the committee is planning include the GALA Family Picnic, Halloween Party, an LGBT+ movie night in Atascadero, an event on World Aids Day (partnered with ASN), and drag brunch on the Chablis in Morro Bay.

## **5.7 Marketing and Membership Outreach Committee – Jane Lloyd – 8:00pm**

The GALA website continues to be under development, and the committee will be meeting again soon.

## **5.8 Partnerships and Advocacy Committee – Natali Sanchez – 8:01pm**

Sanchez conveyed an initiative in progress: to build a business/networking group for LGBT+ business people and allies, cultivating a space to support each other and be resources for one another. The committee will reach out to other board members to create a working contact list.

## **5.9 Education Committee – Robert Diaz – 8:04pm**

The first Q Youth-hosted open house is scheduled for May 26<sup>th</sup>, featuring board games. It will be an all-ages sober event. Diaz plans to continue these on a monthly basis, featuring a different theme each month, with the next focus on Latinx art. Templeton Pride festival will occur on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Two of the youth group members are putting on the event and Diaz will be tabling. He continues to work on raising social media presence for the Q Youth Group. Lastly, Diaz will be inviting graphic novelist Sina Grace to do a Q&A with the Q Youth.

#### **4. Action/Information/Discussion, CONT.**

##### **4.5 President's Report – Bernal – 8:14pm**

The ASN Annual Symposium will occur May 17<sup>th</sup>. On the Monday prior, President Bernal attended Janet Napolitano's event; she spoke about immigration and LGBT+ rights. Following up with San Luis Obispo high school hate crime event, he signed on to the response from Doug Heumann. Bernal met with Ellen Sturtz to follow up on other items that have come up. This month Bernal is speaking on May 16<sup>th</sup> for an event for the Mental Health Services Act, as invited by Ellen Sturtz.

##### **4.6 Michelle's Duties – Bernal – 8:17pm**

President Bernal will be the day-to-day supervisor for ED Michelle Call. He recommends that board members invite Michelle to upcoming committee meetings. Board members are also invited to schedule meetings with Michelle to speak with her individually. She will be handling email for GALA and be the face at the center.

##### **4.7 ASN 28th Annual Update Symposium – Bernal – 8:18pm**

Addressed in 4.5.

##### **4.8 GALA Feedback on RISE – Bernal – 8:19pm**

President Bernal would like to invite a board or community member to speak to RISE staff on behalf of GALA. The purpose is to address RISE's cultivation of safe space and language for LGBT+ survivors, and speak to the significance of pronoun inclusion on RISE staff email signatures. SierraRose Przybyla is interested in assisting with this, as well as board member Margaret Jones. The RISE staff meeting is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-10:30am.

##### **4.9 Innovation Project Letter of Support – President Bernal – 8:23pm**

Ellen Sturtz noted that ED Michelle Call completed this item.

#### **6. Next Meeting:**

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#### **12. Adjournment:**

**President Bernal:** announced upcoming closed session and adjourned the meeting at 8:24pm.

**CLOSED SESSION**