

## **Council of Elders 2016 Update**

*The 5 members of the GAYLA Council of Elders met monthly in 2015-2016. Each meeting began with a reading of the GAYLA Covenant.*

*We are grateful to the GAYLA Coordinators, Treasurer, and many others who stepped up through the year to support GAYLA, one another, and Ferry Beach. Your efforts and love are what make GAYLA magical.*

*Here are some of the projects the Council worked on.*

Maintained ongoing liaisons with the GAYLA 38 Coordinators, Ferry Beach, and the GAYLA Treasurer.

Assisted the GAYLA Coordinators with housing issues.

Initiated first-ever Ferry Beach contingent at Boston Pride and organized with Ferry Beach.

Designed GAYLA marketing campaign on Facebook.

Designed and distributed post cards for marketing and staying in touch with GAYLA brothers.

Organized phone outreach to GAYLA brothers at Winter Reunion and mid-Spring.

Developed list of ways GAYLA brothers can get involved.

Developed Coordinator role description to help brothers who are thinking about becoming a Coordinator, and to inform all GAYLA brothers about what's involved in the role.

Refined list of Coordinator responsibilities and timeline to assist future Coordinators.

Designed GAYLA 38 keepsake.

Began exploring ways of expanding GAYLA programming.

Negotiated GAYLA "compensation" package with Ferry Beach.

The 2015-2016 Council of Elders members were:

Tom Hughes 2013 - 2016

Brad Cohen 2013 - 2017

Bob Walker 2013 - 2018

Troy Liston 2014 - 2019

Bill Mitchell 2015 - 2020