

Alice Reports

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National Association Founded

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On June 24, the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs was founded in Philadelphia by 65 Lesbian and Gay leaders from 13 states.

The goal of the Association is to coordinate the grassroots activities of local Lesbian and Gay political organizations in matters pertaining to the National Democratic Party and national elections. It will also seek to articulate the concerns of our community to national Democratic leaders. Participants also discussed plans to endorse and raise funds for national candidates and to establish a national headquarters for lobbying and organizing in Washington. The first year's budget has been set at \$35,000 of which \$10,600 was pledged by the founders of the Association.

Democratic Party Chair Chuck Manatt addressed the conference and pledged the party's cooperation and support. In a statement released to the media Manatt said: "I am delighted to see the formation of the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs which is in keeping with the 1980 Platform and Charter revision which were strongly reaffirmed at the Democratic Mid-Term Conference. As Chairman of the Party I intend to work closely with the Association on the full implementation of this program and all human rights issues facing the American public in fairness to all."

Senator Alan Cranston also addressed the founding conference and pledged his ongoing leadership in the Gay Rights struggle both in the Senate and across the Nation.

On June 25, former Vice President Walter Mondale met with leaders of the new Association. Mondale praised the Gay political movement for its growth and maturity over the past five years and promised to work closely with the Association on issues pertaining to full civil rights for Lesbian and Gay Americans. The meeting marked Mondale's first public statement in support of Gay Rights.

On June 26, the Democratic Party committed itself to an extension of the 1964 Civil Rights Act in order to "... prohibit discrimination in employment on the basis of sexual orientation."

Besides myself, Alice members Jack Trujillo and Jim Foster also participated in the conference.

Political Committee Takes Action

Louise Minnick

Voter Registration

Working in a joint effort with the membership committee, we plan to begin the registration of new voters in August. At our August general meeting we will give members an overview how-to-session on registering voters. Besides the tables set up at various street corners, we would like each Alice member to be responsible for signing up at least 10 new Democratic voters. At our August meeting the Registration Coordinator (not yet named) will be handing out the forms. So start lining up people you can register. We need all the Democrats we can find!!

Early Endorsements

The PAC Committee is recommending early endorsements for two candidates at our August general meeting.

SUPERVISOR NANCY WALKER—It is felt that Nancy Walker is one supervisor good on issues that could certainly use our early support. Nancy's voting record has been in tune with every issue of concern to Alice.

ROBERT BARNES—Robert Barnes is running for BART Board. Most Alice members are familiar with Bob's efforts to gain a seat on the BART Board because he is one of Alice's most visible members.

After the endorsement of these candidates there will be no further early endorsements. Our regular endorsement meeting will be in SEPTEMBER.

Candidates Night

Candidates Night has been scheduled for September 8th, beginning at 6:30 at the Swedish American Hall, first floor. All those wishing to participate on the screening committee that night and vote to recommend endorsements to the general membership *must* come to the August PAC meeting. Only Executive Committee members and mem-

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