

AGLBIC AWARDS HISTORY

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The AGLBIC Awards history begins with Co-Chairs Fernando Gutierrez and Brenda Hawkins who established an Awards Committee in 1985. According to August 1985 Newsletter, the Awards Committee was established to “recognize two men and two womyn each year, one each from within the organization and one each from outside who has been deemed by a soon-to-be-formed committee as having made significant contributions to our organization and to counseling gay men and lesbian womyn.....The awards will be certificates (and if we can afford it, we might be able to throw in frames that aren’t too tacky)”.

The Awards history can not be discussed without placing them in the context of the history of the organization. Joe Norton founded the Caucus of Gay Counselors (CGC) at the 1975 APGA convention in New Orleans. In 1978, under the leadership of the first female Co-Chair, the caucus added Lesbian to the title (Caucus of Gay and Lesbian Counselors). In 1979, the caucus name was changed to the National Caucus of Gay and Lesbian Counselors to reflect the expansion of the organization. In 1986, the name of the organization was change to the Association of Gay and Lesbian Issues in Counseling (AGLIC) to focus on sexual orientation issues not the sexual orientation of the counselor. In 1988, under the leadership of Sari Dworkin, the organization included Bisexual in the title and became the Association of Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues in Counseling (AGLBIC). The organization has maintained this name for almost 20 years with repeated discussions on the role of advocacy for transgender individuals and how that could be included in the name. The organization has continued to function as AGLBIC with a silent T.

In addition to the name change, the organization has gone from an informal caucus in 1975, to an ACA Organizational Affiliate in 1996, to an ACA Division in 1997. The 1996 officers for the Organizational Affiliate became the first elected officers for the Division and included Bob Barret (President), Colleen Logan (President-Elect), Tom Eversole (Secretary), Saskia Schweitzer (Treasurer), and Rita Drapkin (Governing Council Representative). Reese House was charged with writing the Division’s mission statement and goals. Rob Mate was the Web Master and Gil Torres the first News Editor. Division Liaisons included Stuart Hayes (IAMFC), Mark Pope (NCDA), Michael Hutchins (ASGW), Reese House (CACREP Standards Revision Committee) and Ned Farley (ACES). The Charter Board of Trustees replaced the Division Liaisons in 1998 with Colleen Logan presiding over a Fall board meeting in Houston to outline the goals for this new Division of ACA.

Having a voice in ACA was a focus for every early leader of AGLBIC. That official voice was realized through a Governing Council (GC) Representative when Organizational Affiliate status was reached in 1996. Rita Drapkin was the first GC

Representative for AGLBIC at ACA, and even though she did not have the right to vote, she did have the right to speak. She was also able to represent AGLBIC on GC during its bid for Division status. Rita was appointed to the GC by the Co- Chairs of AGLBIC and served from 1996-1999. She was given the Joe Norton Award in 1999 for her service to AGLBIC. Bob Barret then became the first elected GC representative from AGLBIC, and he served from 2000-2003, followed by Colleen Logan from 2003-2006. Currently Ned Farley is serving AGLBIC as the GC representative from 2006-2009.

The earliest mention of AGLBIC Awards is in a 1987 newsletter when Joe Norton and Barbara Yanico were given the first awards. Joe was honored for “his pioneering leadership in AGLIC”. Barbara was honored for her work on the “annotated bibliography on resources for counselors dealing with gay/lesbian issues”. In 1988, Bob Rhode and Mary McGhee were given the Joe Norton Achievement Award. According to the June 1988 organizational newsletter, “Mary was the founding chair of the ACPA Standing Committee on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Issues in Counseling. Bob, of course, has been the backbone of AGLBIC almost from its founding”. Previous newsletters indicate that the Joe Norton Achievement Award began in 1987. Initially the Joe Norton award was for an AGLBIC member, but in 1996 the award was changed to honor a non-member who had made a significant contribution to the GLBT community. In 1999 the AGLBIC Service Award began to honor AGLBIC members who had made a significant contribution to the organization.

Joe Norton Awards:

- 1987 Joe Norton and Barbara Yanico
- 1988 Bob Rhode and Mary McGhee
- 1989 Olivia Espin
- 1990 Jamie Washington and Diane Hulse-Killacky:
- 1991 Sari Dworkin and Stuart Loomis
- 1992 Barry Losinsky
- 1993 Michael Hutchins
- 1994 No awards given in Minneapolis
- 1995 Bob Rhode
- 1996 Joyce Breasure
- 1997 Brooke and Joan Collison
- 1998 Richard Yep
- 1999 Fernando Gutierrez
- 2000 Robert Washington
- 2001 John Garcia
- 2002 PFLAG of New Orleans
- 2003 GLBT Service Center of Orange County California
- 2004 Keith Spare
- 2005 Joanne DeMark
- 2006 Project Interaction, McGill University, Montreal
- 2007 Ruth Ellis Center, Detroit

AGLBIC Service Award

1999 Rita Drapkin
2000 Bob Barret
2001 Colleen Logan
2002 Sari Dworkin
2003 Mark Pope
2004 Kathleen Ritter
2005 Rob Mate
2006 Susan Seem
2007 Karen Hartman