

## ALGBTICTN REPORT

July 2010

The Association for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Issues in Counseling of Tennessee [aka ALGBTICTN] was approved for Division status by TCA Leadership at the July, 2009 LDC in Cookeville. ALGBTIC approved our State Branch status at their November 2009 National Board meeting. We established ourselves as a Division during the 2009 TCA Conference by attaining the 40-member minimum, and currently have 48 paid members.

The Division has staffed 4 of its 6 designated committees, namely the Planning, Publications, Membership, and Bylaws committees. The Nominating and Regional Network committees remain to be staffed. The Project Planning and Membership committees held statewide conference calls during June 2010 to begin organizing and focusing their work on the goals of the Division as described in the Mission statement.

Just a few of the Committees' proposed tasks were:

- Identifying plans and programs to increase awareness of GLBTO concerns in the private and public sectors
- Establishing dialogue with other TCA Divisions [TSCA, TAMCD, TMHCA, TACES] to begin addressing GLBTO issues
- Identifying creative methods for marketing the Division to potential new members
- Developing a GLBTO issues track for future annual TCA Conferences.

The ALGBTICTN Division began its work by publishing an article in the spring 2010 TSCA Newsletter. This article sought input from all TSCA members regarding programs to support the safety of GLBTO students [and teachers] and to raise awareness of the need for educating student bodies of the issues facing their GLBTO classmates.

The Division's goals over the next year include fully staffing its committees, identifying existing needs of counselors and educators to help serve GLBTO clients and students, developing resource programs for and with other TCA Divisions, and generally working to remove barriers which prevent awareness and support of the needs of GLBTO individuals.

Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Loos', with 'LPC-MHSP' written in smaller text to the right of the signature.

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President, 2010-2011