



Equality Pennsylvania

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Equality Pennsylvania Inaugurates New Board Members

Harrisburg- Continuing in its efforts to reorganize and grow, Equality Pennsylvania doubled the size of its Board of Directors by voting to add seven new members at its recent winter meeting held in Pittsburgh on January 23, 2011.

"Over the past year, we have placed much thought into the best ways for our organization to grow and become more effective," explained Board president Brian Sims. "Enlarging our board was a vital step in making sure we hear new and important voices that represent as much of Pennsylvania as possible. I'm especially pleased that our new members bring a number of unique qualifications and qualities to their service, and that they offer some real geographic balance to the overall Board."

Joining the Board, are the following individuals:

- **Kevin Bennett MBA, SPHR (Erie)** - Team Manager, Yoh Managed Staffing at GE Transportation Systems
- **Mary Isenhour (Harrisburg)** - Partner, Isenhour Rooney Strategies LLC
- **Richard L. Levine, M.D. (Hershey)** - Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry. Chief, Division of Adolescent Medicine and Eating Disorders, Penn State Children's Hospital, Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Pennsylvania State University.
- **Adanjesus (AJ) Marin (Lancaster)** - Eastern PA Political Organizer, SEIU. Chairman, Lancaster City Human Relations Commission.
- **Dr. Richard W. McCarty Ph. D. (Erie)** - Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Mercyhurst College
- **Michael J. Testa (Pittsburgh)** - CEO, Testa Consulting Services, Inc.
- **Reverend Deryck Tines (Pittsburgh)** - Pastor, ONEChurch, Chairman The ONE Life Project.

Since early 2010, Equality Pennsylvania has undergone significant efforts to sharpen its mission as the lead advocate for the Commonwealth's LGBT community in Harrisburg. To that end, the organization recently gained 501(C)4 status which allows it to be much more involved in the political process of endorsing and supporting candidates.

The mission of Equality Pennsylvania is to be the preeminent LGBT advocacy organization for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and work collaboratively to establish a comprehensive network of individuals and organizations united in securing equal rights for the LGBT community

(www.equalitypa.org).

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