

Conference

steering committee planners are committed to aiding those who might otherwise have trouble making it to the conference. Cooperative child care, facilities for the handicapped, interpreters for the deaf and financial support for poor gay people will be provided. Those in need of aid should contact local groups for information.

Five goals were agreed on for implementation before, during and after the conference:

- to attract a maximum diversity of gay people.
- to increase communication between groups (women, blacks, the poor, parents, non-gay-liberationists and others)
- to teach participants concrete skills they can use.
- to increase individual participants' sense of power.
- to reflect on where the regional gay community is and is going, and to build the potential for cooperation.

To make the conference the result of real regional cooperation, a special organization was set up specifically to manage the conference. Thus, unlike the first two conferences, which were sponsored by ongoing local gay groups, the steering committee for the Third Annual SEGC will be composed of Atlantans from many parts of the city, and will disband after a new location is decided on for 1979. Much of the ongoing work will continue to be done by members of the Georgia Gay Alliance, which since April has made significant progress in advance planning, site selection and group contacts. The steering committee will report to the region by the beginning of December on their choice of conference co-coordinators and committee heads for such areas as speakers, workshops, entertainment and housing. State-wide and local groups will choose state coordinators and representatives by December 10 to manage planning and publicity throughout the region.

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