



The annual election and general membership meeting of CLOSER, Community Liaison Organization for Support, Education, and Reform, Inc., will be held Tuesday, May 21, at 7:45 PM in the parish hall at All Souls Episcopal Church, Biltmore. CLOSER is a support and educational group for gay men and lesbians and other gay-affirming people.

Four slots on the Board of Directors need to be filled, as half of the directors are going off the Board this year. (CLOSER's first Board of Directors was elected last May, with four persons elected to two-year terms, and four elected to one-year terms.)

According to the by-laws, "candidates for membership in the Board of Directors shall be considered only on the basis of their outstanding character and integrity and a demonstrated commitment to the goals of the corporation."

As always, a Nominating Committee has been appointed to seek out candidates. Anyone wishing to nominate a member of CLOSER who fulfills the above qualifications must 1) request the consent of that person to place his/her name in nomination, and 2) speak to a member of the Nominating Committee. This year's Nominating Committee is comprised of David Beckett, Carlos Gomez, Vicky Miller, and Kelly Finn.

In addition to the slate of nominees for the Board positions, the Nominating Committee will provide a slate of nominees for the Executive Committee, i.e., President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Nominating Committee will also make absentee ballots available to every eligible member who requests one.

The resignation of two Board members this winter necessitated the appointment of two new members to the Board, and the replacement of two officers. Jim Fowler and Nancy (Curry) Snead were appointed to the Board. According to the by-laws, they will serve the rest of the two-year terms vacated by those who resigned. The Board elected Bill Haines Secretary and Bill Allen Vice-President.

The Board of Directors now consists of Charlotte Goedsche, President; Bill Allen, Vice-President; Bill Haines, Secretary; Carlos Gomez, Treasurer; and Directors Cindy Brewer, Jim Fowler, Charles Lee, Betsy Mayers, and Nancy Snead. Charlotte, Jim, Betsy and Nancy will continue to serve on the Board next year. ▽



Resident manager needed for Our House. Applications and job description available in WNCAP office. Deadline for applying is April 15. Please call 252-7489 for more information.

Buddy training will be held in June. Anyone interested in becoming a buddy should contact Elaine at WNCAP.

O. Henry's 4th annual auction is scheduled for June 29. Donations are being requested. This annual event raised \$10,150 last year for direct support for WNCAP clients. Please come to this very worthwhile event.

April 27--SPRING ALIVE--benefit variety show for WNCAP. Tickets will be available at the office. More information later. Mark your calendar now!

National Organization for People With AIDS to Visit Asheville

A representative from the National Association of Persons with AIDS (NAPWA) will be in Asheville April 17 through 21 to meet with area PWA's and to interview individuals and groups involved with PWA support.

Asheville/Western North Carolina area is among four metropolitan areas in the U.S.A. selected as official NAPWA sites. The other sites are Topeka, Spokane, and Tampa-St. Petersburg. NAPWA is an advocacy group for PWA's. It will provide technical assistance to the newly-formed PWA association in this region, the Mountain AIDS Coalition (MAC), in dealing with

issues affecting the HIV+ population. Funding for technical assistance is made possible by a grant from the Centers for Disease Control.

Applications for membership in MAC may be clipped from the February - May issues of *Community Connections* (SEE APPLICATION ON THIS PAGE), or applications may be obtained directly from MAC. Readers who have questions may call 299-1633 or write to MAC at PO Box 1862, Asheville, NC 28802.

MAC's next meeting is planned for Saturday, April 13, from 2 until 5 PM at Shambhala Institute, 118 Cumberland Avenue.

MOUNTAIN AIDS COALITION (M.A.C.)

An Official NAPWA Site

P. O. Box 1862

Asheville, NC 28802-1862

(704)299-1633

Statement of Purpose

Our purpose is to advocate for and support People with HIV who are unable to voice their opinions with organizations that are not listening or reacting to the individual needs and devastations of People With HIV, and to incorporate our "Statement of Purpose" under the "Mission Statement" of the National Association of People with AIDS.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

By requesting membership in M.A.C. I am attesting that I am a Person With HIV. I understand that this information is confidential and will be used only by and for the coalition.

I will support M.A.C. in its "Statement of Purpose" and in its endeavors to assure equal and fair treatment to Persons With HIV.

M.A.C. will make no distinction of race, sex or sexual orientation.

For M.A.C. to effectively represent its membership and achieve its purpose I must keep my membership information current. I agree to at least once during the calendar year inform M.A.C. in writing of any changes in my application information.

Please PRINT

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (Area Code first) _____

Send application to:

M.A.C.
P O Box 1862
Asheville, NC 28802

For more information call:

(704)299-1633