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David Mariner Appointed DC Center's First Executive Director

Kellan Baker, Pat Hawkins, Art Hernandez, Brian Watson Appointed to Board of Directors

Washington, DC: January 26th: The Board of Directors of the Metro DC Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) Community Center (The DC Center) are pleased to announce the appointment of David Mariner as its first Executive Director.

David has more than 10 years of experience working and volunteering on GLBT and HIV/AIDS issues at both the national and local level. He has worked in many different capacities, including public policy, program work, communications, and Internet work. In working at Social and Scientific Systems, David worked with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) Division of AIDS (DAIDS) Community Programs for Clinical Research on AIDS (CPCRA), an HIV research network bringing clinical trials into the community setting. He helped facilitate community involvement in the CPCRA through national and local community advisory boards, and worked to raise the visibility of the CPCRA. Working at Advocates for Youth, Mariner supervised a Web site for GLBT youth and worked on other initiatives to promote adolescent sexual and reproductive health, with a focus on both GLBT Youth, HIV/AIDS prevention. David received the Youth Pride Alliance Youth Pride Ally Award in 2000 and was recognized by Out Magazine as one of '10 Points of Light' in 1999.

“2008 was an exciting year for me. I started in January as a volunteer at The DC Center, and finished the year as full-time Executive Director. I’ve enjoyed seeing the Center grow and look forward to more growth in the years ahead as we strive to become a full-fledged community center on-par with our fellow centers in New York and Los Angeles; and the kind of Center a city like Washington, DC deserves,” David comments as he looks back at the past year. “Our Center still has much to learn from our colleague centers and many areas where we can grow. I look forward to being part of this exciting process.”

At its first meeting of 2009, The DC Center's Board appointed Kellan Baker, Pat Hawkins, Art Hernandez and Brian Watson among its ranks. These new Board members join existing Board members: Michael Crawford, Adina Lord, Secretary Robin Wood, Treasurer Jim Marks, Vice President Joseph Palacios, and President Michael Sessa.

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