



AIA Austin LGBTQIA+ Alliance | gAylA

Meeting time: Tuesday, May 20 @ 6:00 pm

Meeting location: Batch Craft Beer & Kolaches - 3220 Manor Rd, Austin, TX 78723

Chair: Sarah Biesterveld

Chair Elect: John Stenzel

Staff Liaison: Rob Hoffman

Mission: *Our mission is to preserve and celebrate queer space while supporting LGBTQIA+ designers in Austin and beyond. We aim to create a safe environment for conversation, build community, and foster diversity and inclusion within our profession and organization.*

Welcome: Sarah and John

- Sponsors: Chioco Design and Michael Hsu

Subcommittees - Call for volunteers

Are you interested in being more involved in the AIA, the gAylA committee, and/or our queer community? Volunteer for a role that suits you! Subcommittee 'positions' are able to be filled by more than one person. If you are unable to attend the committee meeting but are interested in volunteering - email us! [LGBTQIA Alliance](#)

- **Communications** - *The goal of the Comm Committee is to present a consistent public image of the LGBTQIA+ Alliance*
 - Communications Lead - [Robbie Anderson](#)
 - Graphics: event specific, committee meetings, etc
 - Create and implement a social media plan
 - Photography / Media - [\[open\]](#)
 - Takes photos at events or organizes a photographer
 - Organize event photos and post-event insta posts
 - Help organize social media campaigns - a series of posts highlighting our founding members for example
 - Lectures & Awards - [\[open\]](#)
 - Track awards and presentation submission deadlines
 - TxA, AIA, NOMA
 - Coordinate awards submissions
 - Work with Mikel to get articles published about us or that relate to our mission
- **Community Outreach & Education** - *Identify and create connections in the community that aid our goals of preserving queer space*
 - Preservation - [\[open\]](#)
 - Help organize and research for the Queer Austin Bike Tour

- Establish/ continue connections with: Preservation Austin, the Equity Based Preservation Plan, Third Spaces, Black history bike tour
- Education - [open]
 - Help organize family friendly event: drag queen story time
 - Work with K-12, NOMA, and others on events, lectures, workshops
 - Engage with students at UT, ACC, Huston Tillotson, etc.
- Outreach - [open]
 - Establish/ continue connection with outside orgs: Equality texas, TENT, Out Youth, etc.
 - Coordinate events, lectures, and workshops
- **Special projects** - pitch an idea to the group or privately about a subcommittee that we need! Make this committee what you want it to be. 😊



QTOPIA 3.0 | Zine Creation and Loud & Proud Auction

- Thank you to everyone that made this event possible! Thank you to our event sponsor and host - The Beck Group. Hopefully this isn't the last time Tammy makes an appearance 😊
- Next steps
 - Need to create additional pages
 - Cover page, gAylA pages
 - Final print strategy & distribution plan



Hill Country Ride for AIDS

- What we accomplished at HCRA:
 - 💰 We raised **\$4,275**, exceeding our goal by over a thousand dollars!
 - 🚴 Biked over 12 miles in the beautiful (but brutal) hill country
 - 🦊📣 Gained **2 riders** to our team & **1 volunteer!**
 - 🏠 Spent a beautiful night at Krause Springs



NOMA Collab with Dr. Marlon Johnson

- June - Workshop around third spaces
 - Location: Preservation Austin's new space

QTOPIA 4 Kids

- July - Zine activity "Tell your own story"
 - Potential drag queen story time

Pride / Design Charrette

- August - TBD

Other opportunities:

- [2025 Design Excellence Conference](#) Course Submissions Due May 19
- [2025 TxA Honor Awards](#) Call for Nominations Submissions Due May 20
- [2025 Phil Freelon Professional Design Awards](#) NOMA Conference Submissions Due June 14
- [NOMA of Central Texas Summer Camp 2025](#) | See what Project Pipeline is all about! Become a Mentor, sponsor a camper, or tell a friend. July 11-12 from 9am-4pm
- LegiSLAYtion and Liberation with Brigitte Bandit @ OilCan Harrys, Tuesday 7-9pm
- [Freedom + Juneteenth | A Night of Jubilation](#), June 7, 2025 6:00PM - 9:30PM