

**Inventory of the Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators Records
(#1994-18)**

Note: This document is a preliminary inventory, not a completed finding aid. The collection is surveyed but not processed, and its organization and composition are subject to change. This inventory is intended to help researchers better understand the general scope and content of the collection.

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Collection Title: Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators (BANGLE) Records

Collection Number: 1994-18

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Creator: Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators (BANGLE)

Date (inclusive): 1985-1995

Language of Material: English

Abstract: The Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators was an organization created to support queer educators, queer youth, and their families in Bay Area schools. The collection consists of correspondence, minutes from meetings (primarily regional steering committee meetings), financial records, and news clippings.

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Biographical/Organizational History Note: The Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators was an organization created to support queer educators, queer youth, and their families in Bay Area schools. It was co-founded in 1994 by Rob Birle, a student teacher in Antioch, CA. The goals of the group included general social support as well as political advocacy. Initially, the group met only in San Francisco, but by the mid- to late 1980s, chapters convened in the South Bay, Contra Costa County, and the East Bay, as well as for a brief time in Sonoma. To facilitate coordination and communications between chapters, a regional steering committee was created in 1987, with representatives from each chapter. A newsletter was published, beginning in the mid-1980s, which initially included news from San Francisco, and expanded to include regional news as the chapters grew. Eventually, each chapter took on the work of producing its own newsletter.

Over the years, the individual chapters took on a variety of projects, including scholarships; essay contests; the Adopt-A-Book Project, in which books were bought and donated to schools in San Francisco and Contra Costa; the Anti-Slur Campaign, to try and encourage schools to enforce their rules against the use of homophobic slurs at school; development of support services for queer youth; and activities related to Pride parades. BANGLE was absorbed into the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) in 1997.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of correspondence, minutes from meetings (primarily regional steering committee meetings), financial records, and news clippings. It also includes documents about various BANGLE projects, including youth advocacy, a lesbian and gay parenting forum, Project Empowerment (a weekend workshop designed to empower queer educators) and the San Francisco BANGLE scholarship (for 1994 only). Finally, materials from the Gay and Lesbian United Educators of the United Educators of San Francisco (the local teachers' union) are also included, a group with strong ties to BANGLE and strongly overlapping membership.

Indexing Terms:

Education

Labor

Youth

Container Listing

Folder List

Box 1

Correspondence, 1987 - 1993

Financial Records, 1987 - 1994

Minutes- San Francisco Chapter, 1991 - 1992

Minutes- South Bay Chapter, 1988

Minutes- Regional Steering Committee, 1987 - 1990

News Clippings, 1985 - 1989

Outreach/Support for Queer Youth, 1992

Parenting Forum

Poster/Handouts

Project Empowerment, 1991

Projects

PG&E Scholarship, 1992

PG&E Scholarship, 1993

PG&E Scholarship, 1994

Union, 1987 - 1989

Union Legal Rights Booklet

Photographs

Carton 1:

Videotapes (2): San Francisco Project Ten: Rob Birle versus Cameron; and TVC [Zapalick]: Yes on [illegible]

Insurance calendar, 1995

Bylaws, San Francisco - East Bay Chapter

College Counselors (at High Schools) Address List

Membership forms and lists (old), circa 1995, mostly East Bay, but some from all chapters

Meeting agendas, notes and budgets, circa 1994-1995—all chapters

Materials related to BANGLE becoming a chapter of GLSEN, along with assorted papers, circa 1995

Publications (with articles on BANGLE)

Alameda County Department of Education materials regarding queer youth issues

Materials related to 1996 Conference Program

Bibliography, gay and lesbian youth

BANGLE Book projects, film projects, circa 1997

Insurance, 1997

Stationery

Pride Booth information

Starter kits for new members

Board meeting notes, minutes, agenda, 1996-1997—at this point the organization has become BANGLE/GLSEN

Newsclippings

Materials regarding Human Relations Commission awards, circa 1992-1994

Reports and publications, such as Making Schools Safe for Gay and Lesbian Youth, the Invisible Minority: Meeting the Needs of Gay and Lesbian Youth

Materials regarding Contra Costa BANGLE and GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network), circa 1997

Materials regarding BANGLE scholarship

Board materials, 1995

Subject files regarding homosexuality and the church/religion

GLSTN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network) newsletters, circa 1995-1996 (GLSTN became GLSEN in 1997)

Materials regarding GLSEN/BANGLE SF Bay Area, circa 1997

Department of Education policies

Carton 2:

Agendas, East Bay BANGLE, circa 1994

Alameda County Board of Education, Joint Resolution on Gay and Lesbian Youth

Attendance

Materials related to Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network, BASMYN, 1993-1994

Book Project

Business Cards

By-Laws, 1993

California *Framework*, "Family Living" article, 1992

Camp Lavender Hill Documentary, 1995

Celebrate Diversity Week, 1993

BANGLE/GLSTN conference materials, including publicity, phone trees, news clippings, follow-up, 1995

Correspondence, incoming and outgoing, circa 1993-1995

Directory

Most of the alphabetical files are Subject Files, e.g. Diversity; Equity Institute Publications; Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Independent Schools Caucus, Gay/Lesbian Issues in Education: Bibliography, Gay Games, printed resource materials, etc.—throughout the carton

Fundraiser, grant materials, 1994 and other financial and treasury statements, circa 1993-1995
Fliers

Freedom Day Parade Sign-ups

Materials related to GLSTN, including by-laws, agreement, events, directory, etc. circa 1996

Materials related to the Media

Meeting Checklist, East Bay Chapter

Materials related to Membership, circa 1993-1995

Newsletters and other materials from various regional chapters, circa 1994-1996

Notices of meetings and attendance, event flyers, circa 1990-1995

Treasurer's Reports

Contra Costa Chapter correspondence, mass mailings (some about scholarships), circa 1992

Book project materials

United Way proposal, circa 1992-1994

Carton 3:

United Way materials, circa 1995

Intra-BANGLE memos and email, 1995

East Bay Minutes, 1992-1995

Mission Statement/Statement of Purpose

Materials regarding student orientation

Alameda Co. school directory, networking phone lists, phone list trees, school address lists

Event flyers

South Bay materials

Nonprofit status

Newsletters from various chapters and other organizations

Materials regarding Oral History Project

Materials regarding Outreach, circa 1992-1993

Most of the alphabetical files are Subject Files, e.g. Out Right, P-FLAG, Youth Advocacy, a variety of folders marked "Resources"—from Legal, to Teacher Training, et cetera.

Materials related to participation in Pride parade

Regional chapters, 1992-1994

Materials regarding scholarships, circa 1994

Surveys, 1993-1994

United Way grant, circa 1995-1997

Computer disks (3-1/2", 5-1/4")

Book project, circa 1995

Membership lists (some marked "for personal use only")

Incoming correspondence, circa 1994

"The Invisible Minority"

Materials regarding Jeff Idelson (regarding counseling grant project and financial claim against BANGLE), circa 1996

Carton 4:

Miscellaneous materials—membership lists, 1994-1995, biography of educator, meeting minutes; Contra Costa chapter materials, meeting minutes, flyers, financial documents, bylaws, circa 1992-1996

Old newsletter masters, 1990s

United in Diversity conference programs, 1996

Regional Board materials (meeting minutes, agendas, new board member kits, committee notes), circa 1994-1996

Photographs and photocopies of scrapbook pages

T-Shirts—GLSEN, BANGLE, United in Diversity (approx. 5)

BANGLE buttons

Audiotapes (approx. 19)—tapes of sessions from BANGLE/GLSTN United in Diversity Conference, 1996

There is also a Banner in Banner Box B-4