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Those who followed the domestic partnership and anti-discrimination bills all the way from Salem might remember Hogan, who interned as a legislative organizer during the session.

Hogan, 23, moved to West Linn a year ago from upstate New York. His aunt and uncle offered him a stay in Oregon to get his "feet wet and try to find a job."

Hogan graduated from St. Lawrence University in New York. He majored in gender studies, speech and theater. He also ran the college's Queer Resource Center. "We were in charge of all queer programming," said Hogan. Through the center, he and other volunteers designed weekly events with social, activist or educational bents.

At BRO, Hogan is responsible for preparing for and helping execute events, in addition to office support.

"My long-term goal is to learn as much as I can and then one day go on to get my master's and teach," he said. "It wasn't until I came out here that I learned there's another awesome thing I can do with a major in gender studies—be an activist."

Hogan also worked in the development and fund-raising field for Stonewall, a gay rights group based in London, during his study abroad in 2005.

Since moving to town, he has taken to the city's queer social scene and frequents Portland's gay bars and queer nights with friends.

## New PABA Prez Promises 'Low Drama'

The Portland Area Business Association elected new members at its November meeting and luncheon.

The new officers ran uncontested, but there was a race between eight members to fill six board seats.

PABA's new president is Michael Long. He will be joined by vice president Corey Kaster, secretary Noel Thomas and treasurer Robert North.

New board members are Melanie Davis, Susan Johnson, James Komro, M.J. Petroni, Chris Reed and Mark Santillo. Returning board members are Dot Graeber, Anne Seelye and Michael Traylor. Jodi Blackwood and Jeff Hurder will replace Long and Kaster on the board.

Long told PABA members, "I promise transparency to the organization both in communication and style, and I want to encourage people to be passionate but with low to no drama."

PABA's first board meeting with the 2008 board was Dec. 18.



Pat Lanagan's donation to mayoral candidate Sam Adams was returned Dec. 7.

## Adams Returns Donation from Porn Proprietor

Campaign contribution reports made public this month showed that Pat Lanagan, owner of Eagle Portland and Fat Cobra Video, was among the largest financial contributors to mayoral candidate Sam Adams. Fat Cobra is an adult video store with a large gay clientele.

Adams' campaign announced Dec. 7 that the gay candidate would give Lanagan his money back. Lanagan donated \$500 personally and \$500 from his corporate entity.

"I respect Sam's position, but I am disappointed that I can't help clearly the best candidate in the race," Lanagan told *Just Out*. "It pales in comparison, however, to the No on 36 Campaign, who, in all their wisdom, wouldn't distribute their campaign signs in my stores, and when [Portland Parks & Recreation] refunded my major sponsorship on their Concerts in the Parks series. All reflect the long way we still have to go to achieve equal rights and acceptance."

Lanagan, who identifies as gay, vowed to continue supporting Adams for mayor.

Adams' campaign manager, Jennifer Yocom, told *Just Out*, "Sam felt more comfortable not accepting the funds." Followers of Portland's political history will recall openly gay former state Rep. Gail Shibley's, D-Portland, failed bid for the City Commission, when her campaign came under fire for accepting money from Tracy Blakeslee, owner of the Fantasy Adult video stores.

## Brunch for Shelter

Lisa Schroeder, owner and chef of Mama Mia Trattoria, is hosting the second annual gospel brunch, a benefit for Bradley-Angle House, the first domestic violence shelter on the West Coast.

The \$50 buffet brunch includes food, alcoholic beverages, desserts and a live performance by members of the Northwest Community Gospel Chorus, fresh off their performance with the Oregon Symphony.

Seating at Mama Mia Trattoria, 439 S.W. Second Ave., begins at 11 a.m. Dec. 30. If it fills up, a second seating will start at 1:30 p.m. Half of the donation is tax-deductible.

For tickets, call 503-238-1672 or visit [www.bradleyangle.org](http://www.bradleyangle.org).



Outgoing PABA president Sean Minogue (left) passes the torch to his successor, Michael Long.

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