

Focus Group End of Year Report for 2019

Name of Focus Group: GLBTSA

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1. What were your focus groups major activities or accomplishments this year?

A letter was sent to the IDC and NCFR board regarding a known anti-LGBTQ NCFR member who will (again) be presenting at NCFR. He has a long history of inflammatory and anti-LGBT bias remarks and often attends LGBT sessions to badger presenters, primarily students.

2. What has your focus group done during the past year to further NCFR's inclusion and diversity initiatives?

We are increasing our visibility within the organization through paper and poster presentations at the upcoming NCFR conference. Additionally, several focus groups members continue to hold leadership roles in other committees throughout NCFR. Additionally, at our last meeting, we encouraged members to submit articles to the NCFR Focus Reports. At last years conference there were 28 LGBTQ focused presentations.

3. Please list any concerns, questions or suggestions.

We have concerns with the editorial positions regarding content in journals and other NCFR materials that takes positions counter to known science or NCFR's position on equity and inclusion for LGBTQ persons.

Return by October 15, 2019. [Prior to the NCFR annual conference.](#)

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