

Event: APPOINTEES RECEPTION  
Place: Vice Presidential Ceremonial Office, OEOB  
Time: 5:00pm  
Date: May 16, 1996

The Vice President will be meeting in the ceremonial office with 60 gay and lesbian appointees as well as staffers from the Re-elect and the DNC. The event is hosted by the Human Rights Campaign.

This is an historic event. There has never been a meeting in the White House during any Administration, of all the openly gay and lesbian appointees; let alone one hosted by the President or Vice President.

The Vice President will be introduced by Bruce Lehman, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks. Bruce is the highest ranking openly gay official in our administration. Roberta Achtenberg, former Assistant Secretary of HUD will also be in attendance. She is currently a consultant to Secretary Cisneros.

Bruce will speak for approximately 5 minutes. Bruce will acknowledge HRC's sponsorship of the event and Elizabeth Birch, Executive Director.

The Vice President will speak for approximately 5 minutes. At the conclusion he will meet and greet.

There will be no press. Photographs will be informal.

If time is available, Marsha Scott will escort the Vice President from the West Wing Office. She will update him on the same sex marriage bill.

Philip Dufour and Marsha Scott will meet briefly with the Vice President before he enters the reception to go over any other concerns.