

Mark Liberson (he/him/his)

Position Sought: Treasurer

Mark Liberson is a Chicago business owner (Hydrate Nightclub, Replay Lakeview, Replay Andersonville, Elixir Andersonville and Elixir Lakeview) and an active member of the community, serving as the Vice-President of the Northalsted Business Alliance (Chamber of Commerce), the Chairperson of the Chicago's Pride Fest and Market Days festivals, and is a Board Member of the Andersonville Chamber of Commerce and Howard Brown Health, a local nonprofit LGBTQ+ health Organization, where he chairs the Development Committee.

Currently Mark serves as Midwest representative to InterPride's Global Advisory Council (GAC), is a member of the WorldPride Committee, Finance Committee, Governance Committee and Scholarship Committee. He serves on the Finance and Governance committees for Northalsted and created the audit program for the Chicago's Pride Fest and Market Days recovering over \$100,000 as a result of the detailed review he began for each event while growing both festivals as Chair Person to bring in higher revenues and returns since being first asked to take over Chicago's Pride Fest when it was not succeeding over 15 years ago.

Mark is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Cornell University with a major in Government and completed his Masters in Education at the University of Chicago. In addition, he has pursued extensive coursework in accounting and finance during his undergraduate career. After graduating Mark began his career with the Management Consulting Firm Booz-Allen & Hamilton doing financial analysis as part of consulting teams, then returned to his love of hospitality as the Director of Food & Beverage for Hotels, including for the Hilton & Forte brands, and as the Director of Operations at the former USAir Arena in Washington DC for the Levy Organization before ultimately creating his own company.

My goal for seeking the position of Treasurer is to be of further service to InterPride by bringing the combination of my business and non-for-profit financial experience to support InterPride's future success. At a time of increasing concern over InterPride's income and expenses, as well as the utilization of funds and increasing demands for transparency, I believe that my experience will help support the Board's understanding of our financial trajectory, ensure the proper review of the organization's expenses and revenues, and be capable of working with InterPride's Bookkeeper to provide meaningful, timely and transparent financial reporting that is necessary for the Board to be effective and for our membership to have faith in the Board's financial stewardship of the organization.

