



AGLCC Honored for Business Development and Advocacy as NGLCC's Chamber of the Year

ATLANTA, GA - The Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (AGLCC) is proud to announce that the chamber was honored with the 2016 Chamber of the Year Award on Thursday, August 25th at the National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC)'s 2016 International Business & Leadership Conference in Palm Springs, California. In 2014, AGLCC won the NGLCC Chamber Excellence Award in programming for their AGLCC University educational series.

"The Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to receive this award," said Jack Kinley, President of AGLCC. "We work tirelessly to create award-winning business development and educational programming for our members, connect global corporations with our member businesses for contract opportunities, and create an engaged local network of LGBT businesses. The true reward for all of this effort is in the success stories of our members but it certainly feels good to be recognized by our partners and colleagues at the NGLCC. We couldn't do this work without the passionate support of our members, corporate partners and the NGLCC team. We are so grateful for the recognition and for the opportunity to do this work."

NGLCC recognized the AGLCC as a role model for other chambers and an example of what an LGBT chamber should be. A winning Chamber of the Year is judged as an established and stable chamber that has weathered ups and downs, continued to see sustainable growth, remained relevant in the community, and is engaged locally and nationally in policy, LGBT business enterprise certification, and the business equality movement.

"The AGLCC has gone above and beyond to offer new opportunities to members and the community," said Justin Nelson, NGLCC Co-Founder and President. "President Jack Kinley, the board, and staff, have developed innovative programs, events, and trainings that have advanced the LGBT community. We are proud to recognize their success in the past year."

AGLCC works to create a fully inclusive region and state by promoting economic growth and opportunities among LGBT owned and allied businesses, professionals, and corporations in the Atlanta area. Representing its members, the AGLCC serves as the business advocate and the link between business and government in an effort to promote equality and fairness for all.

"The outstanding leadership at the AGLCC have created an organization that is an enormous asset to their local business community," said Sam McClure, NGLCC Senior Vice President. "We are proud to have them as our local partner and we know they will continue their pattern of excellence for years to come."

AGLCC is also proud to announce that the chamber was awarded a \$5,000 grant funded by the Wells Fargo Foundation and administered by the NGLCC. This grant will expand capacity for the chamber while offering technical assistance in order to foster the development, growth, and sustainability of certified LGBT business enterprises (LGBTBEs®).

ABOUT AGLCC:

The AGLCC exists to promote the economic growth and advancement of our LGBT and allied business members, our non-profit organizational members as well as our corporate partners and their employees, through advocacy, leadership, education and support. Over the last several years, the AGLCC has partnered with the NGLCC to promote business for their members. Through this ongoing partnership, opportunities now exist for LGBT business certification; scholarships, networking and education and more. www.theaglcc.org | [@theAGLCC](https://www.instagram.com/theaglcc)

ABOUT NGLCC:

The National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce is the business voice of the LGBT community and is the largest global advocacy organization specifically dedicated to expanding economic opportunities and advancements for LGBT people. NGLCC is the exclusive certification body for LGBT-owned businesses. www.nglcc.org | [@NGLCC](https://www.instagram.com/nglcc)

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