## **GAY & SOBER**

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An Open Letter to Hot 'n Dry Board of Directors

To Whom it May Concern,

We'd like to start this letter with gratitude. Thank you for your passionate service to the sober community for the past 25 years. Hot 'n Dry holds a special place in heart of it's participants. There is no doubt that it has enhanced the lives of sober men and has helped develop special bonds and connections. We recognize that it in itself, can not simply be replaced. On the other hand, we realize there will be more to come and that the doors have been left open to welcome in new adventures.

Our organization stems from a private group on Facebook called Gay & Sober Men. What started as a small bunch of sober guys in the summer of 2009 has since mushroomed into what is now the largest group of it's kind on social media. Gay & Sober is not "officially" affiliated with any 12 step organization, but welcomes members and friends from all fellowships. That is what make's us unique. For example, we envision the meetings at our events modeled on traditional AA - similar to Hot 'n Dry. However, we openly and enthusiastically welcome participants from all 12 step fellowships and even those that just love living a sober lifestyle. We see that kind of diversity and inclusion as a strength.

We would like to continue on in the spirit of Hot 'n Dry. In June of 2015, we took a poll amongst our members and asked them if we should start our own conference. We were overwhelmed with a very positive response. We then decided to do it on the east coast in New York. We know we have a long - perhaps even an uphill - road ahead of us. With a June of 2017 date, we have ample time to plan ahead because as you are well aware... we 'queens' love to plan things.

We are asking for your blessing, for your support, and hopefully...your participation.

Sincerely yours,

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