

Mayo Lee



William Mayo Lee was a prominent American LGBTQ+ rights activist who served as the president of the Gay Activists Alliance (GAA) of Washington, D.C. from 1977 to 1978.

During his leadership, Lee was a key figure in organizing local resistance against anti-gay campaigns. He led the local gay community's protests when anti-gay activist Anita Bryant visited Washington, D.C. in January 1978. He also served as a speaker at the city's 1978 Gay Pride events and later co-chaired the Gay & Lesbian Rights Committee of the D.C. Bar.

Mayo was a founder of the Gay and Lesbian Education Fund in 1980. Originally called the Gay Activists Alliance Education Fund, an offshoot of the Gay Activists Alliance, the organization's mission was to secure full rights and privileges for gays by educating heterosexual American citizens about gay concerns.

During the late 1970s and 1980s, Mayo was involved in organizing legal professionals and litigating landmark gay rights cases, serving as a point of contact for amicus briefs and community legal coordination in Washington, D.C.

Mayo received a Distinguished Service Award from the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance in 1992.

Outside of the area of gay rights, Mayo worked as an attorney in the Office of General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Energy in Washington, D.C.

Mayo was born in 1946 and passed away in Washington, D.C., in 1994.