

In November 2014, the following members of the Board were elected:

**Tatiana Vinnichenko** is the Chairperson of the Board of the Russian LGBT Network; she is also a human rights defender and feminist. Since 2007, Tatiana Vinnichenko is the head of the Archangelsk LGBT organization “Rakurs”, which is one of the few officially registered LGBT organizations in the country. Tatiana is the Candidate of philological sciences (Ph.D.) and the senior lecturer at the Northern (Arctic) Federal University. In 2014, Tatiana Vinnichenko was elected into the Board of the Movement for the second time – she became the Chairperson of the Board and replaced Igor Kochetkov in that capacity.

**Igor Kochetkov** is a public figure, human rights defender, Candidate of historical sciences (Ph.D.). In 1992, Igor Kochetkov graduated from the faculty of Social Sciences, Herzen State Pedagogical University. After the graduation, he was involved in the scientific and teaching activities. Since 2004, Igor Kochetkov is an activist of the Russian LGBT movement. Initially, he worked as a publicist for such projects as GayNews.ru and GayRussia.ru. In 2006, he became one of the founders of the Russian LGBT Network. In 2008, he was elected to be the first Chairperson of the Russian LGBT Network and held this position until November 2014. Between 2010 and 2012, he was the head of St. Petersburg LGBT organization “Coming Out”. In spring 2012, Igor Kochetkov was a candidate for ombudsman in St. Petersburg. In 2013, he was included in the list of The Leading Global Thinkers (by Foreign Policy magazine). In 2014, Igor Kochetkov was a nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize. In addition, he is a member of the St. Petersburg Human Rights Council.

**Kseniya Kirichenko** is a legal expert and human rights defender. She holds a degree from Novosibirsk State University (2005), and completed her postgraduate studies in law (2008). In 2011-12, she was an invited researcher at the Columbia Law School in New York. Kseniya is involved in human rights work since 2003; since 2007, she cooperates with the Russian LGBT Network regarding strategic litigation, international advocacy and legal aid. Since 2008, Kseniya Kirichenko is a member of the Auditing committee of the Russian LGBT Network; since 2011, she is the member of the Board.

Kseniya Kirichenko worked with various LGBT and women’s organizations in Russia, USA and Hungary, with the office of the Commissioner for Human Rights (Council of Europe) and with the UN Treaty bodies. From 2007 to 2012, Kseniya Kirichenko organized diverse events devoted to LGBT human rights in Novosibirsk. She was also the head of the Novosibirsk regional branch of the Russian LGBT Network and the head of the feminist organization “Gender and Law”. Since 2012, Kseniya is the coordinator of the strategic litigation program and the program on international advocacy in the LGBT initiative group “Coming Out”. She is also the Director of the Transgender Legal Defense Project

**Elena Shakhova** is the Chairperson of the Citizens Watch, which is a St. Petersburg human rights NGO founded in 1992. In 2000, Elena Shakhova graduated from St. Petersburg State University, School of economics. In 2004, she graduated from the International School of Human Rights organized by the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights. Since 1998, Elena works in the Citizens Watch. Elena Shakhova is involved in various projects devoted to the formation of independent and impartial court, legal aid, work with young human rights activists, and distribution of information about NGOs in Russia. Moreover, Elena actively participates in the work of EU-Russia Civil Society Forum, Human Rights and the Rule of Law working group. For a long time the Citizens Watch supports the Russian LGBT Network and Elena Shakhova – supports various LGBT-related projects aimed at the civil society in Russia.

**Anna Gizullina** is the senior professor at the Clinical psychology and psychophysiology department of the Institute of social and political sciences, Ural Federal University. She is also the head of the Sverdlovsk regional branch of the Russian LGBT Network. Anna Gizullina graduated from the Ural State University, Department of biology with specialization in paleozoology and paleoecology in 1983. Since 1989, she is teaching at the University, since 1992 she is teaching at the Psychology department. For the years when Anna Gizullina was the head of the Sverdlovsk regional branch of the Russian LGBT Network, this regional division became one of the most effective in the Movement.

**Mikhail Tumasov** is an LGBT activist and human rights defender. Mikhail has an extensive managerial experience. In 2011, he founded Samara’s social LGBT-movement “Avers” and Samara’s regional branch of the Russian LGBT Network. Over the 3 years when Mikhail was the head of Avers, the organization became well known in the region and all over the country. Besides, Mikhail is an activist of the international LGBT Christians Movement.

**Polina Balyava** has a lot of experience of work with NGOs. Over last ten years, she is coordinating various social projects. Polina Balyaeva is an individual member of the Russian LGBT Network since the creation of the Movement.

Moreover, Polina Balyaeva is a trainer of the Russian LGBT Network, specialist in fundraising and teambuilding. She worked with more than 25 projects in various NGOs.