



Bonnie Grabenhofer



Title: Action Vice President

Bonnie Grabenhofer is a dedicated feminist who balanced a highly successful consulting career with her extensive volunteer work in the women's movement. She has been involved with NOW at the local, state and national levels in numerous capacities. She was elected executive vice president in June 2009 and action vice president in 2013.

Grabenhofer supervises the Government Relations, Field, and Internal Operations Departments. As Action Vice President she supervises NOW's chapter development program and national action campaigns such as the campaign for marriage equality including support for the federal Respect for Marriage Act and state legislation and ballot initiatives. She supervises the integration of NOW's policy and field work to ensure the advancement of NOW's agenda. As director of the NOW/PAC, she works with NOW state organizations, candidates, and the NOW/PAC to shepherd hundreds of federal endorsements through NOW's grassroots endorsement process and oversees NOW's projects to send NOW activists to key states to work on elections.

Grabenhofer has served as president and several other positions in her local chapter and also served as president of Illinois NOW, chair of the Illinois NOW PAC, and represented the Great Lakes region on the National NOW board from 2002 to 2004. During her presidency, Illinois NOW introduced reproductive justice legislation and began a successful telemarketing campaign. She is passionate about electoral politics and used her organizing expertise in many elections, including Hillary Clinton for president and Ambassador Carol Moseley Braun's historic campaign to become the first African-American woman elected to the U.S. Senate. She led the grassroots support for the fiercely contested opening of the Aurora, Illinois Women's Health Clinic, generating significant media which earned her recognition as the "Face of 2007" in the Beacon News.

Prior to her election as a national NOW officer, Grabenhofer was a principal in Partners In Learning, Inc., and has over 20 years of experience in instructional design, project management, and performance improvement consulting. Grabenhofer holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois, a master's degree from National Louis University, and is a Certified Performance Technologist.