**Leadership Memo, February 2015**

Hello NOW State and Chapter Leaders,

 The [2014 Annual Report](http://now.org/leaderdoc/filing-your-chapters-2014-annual-report/) is now available on the NOW Leaders page! Please fill it out for your chapter by June 30, 2015 to avoid any lapse in rebate eligibility.

 Thank you to everyone who planned or participated in events celebrating the 42nd Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and [reported activities](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1yAvQYbnaa8GYvQdPGj8NoO-LHnBEATP9XXusoaCBqBw/viewform). A feminist planning calendar has been added to [Resources for Chapter Leaders](http://now.org/leaderdoc/resources-for-chapter-leaders/) on the NOW Leaders page to highlight important dates throughout the year as suggestions for your chapter to organize around.

 Also, check out ["She's Beautiful When She's Angry"](http://www.shesbeautifulwhenshesangry.com/) – a new film about the birth of the modern women's movement and the founding of the National Organization for Women in 1966. Watch the trailer and find a screening near you at the link above.

*Here’s what’s coming up:*

**Conference Registration and Delegate Credentialing**

[Registration for the 2015 NOW Annual Conference is now open!](http://salsa.wiredforchange.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=Nk8YG%2BhKU6DGhhvtb3Ium69I09mhUodP) The 2015 National NOW Conference will be held from **June 19-21** in New Orleans, Louisiana at the [Hyatt Regency](http://now.org/about/conference/hotel-and-location/). Delegate allocation is calculated as of **February 19, 2015**. The delegate allocation is based on the number of active memberships after dues payments received by this date have been posted. Therefore, new members who join after February 19, 2015 will not be counted for delegate allocation -purposes. Every delegate must be a NOW member for at least 90 days prior to the Conference; this year that date is **March 21, 2015**. Be on the lookout for an email from the membership team later this month with more details.

**Upcoming Structure Modernization Webinars**

February's Structure Modernization webinar topics will be [Sub-Units (and their relationships to one another)](https://nowconference2015.wordpress.com/3-sub-units-and-their-relationships-to-one-another/) on **Wednesday, February 4 at 8pm ET** and [Money & Members](https://nowconference2015.wordpress.com/4-voting-at-national-conferences/) on **Wednesday, February 25 at 8pm ET**. Please register for each webinar using the links above and note the dates that the discussion boards open and close for comments on each topic. It is imperative that we engage as many of our activists as possible throughout this process so we can hear your ideas about these topics and find solutions for making NOW a more effective, efficient and impactful organization. To this end, a [discussion guide](https://nowconference2015.files.wordpress.com/2014/12/structure-modernization-discussion-guide-final1.pdf) is available to help facilitate conversations in chapter meetings.

**Expanding Social Security**

It’s been 50 years since the adoption of Medicare, Medicaid and the Older Americans Act. 2015 is also the 80th birthday anniversary for Social Security. All these are critically important programs for women, assuring access to health care and enhancing women’s economic security in retirement. Every 10 years, a [White House Conference on Aging](http://www.whitehouseconferenceonaging.gov) is held. This year, there will be a number of regional forums -- beginning Feb. 19 in Tampa, FL. For more information about the conference and how to get involved in the regional forums, visit the link above. Also, check out the newly published book by Nancy J. Altman and Eric R. Kingson, ["Social Security WORKS! -- Why Social Security Isn't Going Broke and How Expanding it Will Help Us All"](http://www.amazon.com/Social-Security-Works-Isn%C2%92t-Expanding/dp/1620970376/ref%3Dsr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1422468572&sr=8-1&keywords=Social+Security+WORKS%21+--+Why+Social+Security+Isn%27t+Going+Broke+and+How+Expanding+it+Will+Help+Us+All)

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**Links from this Email**

2014 Annual Report

<http://now.org/leaderdoc/filing-your-chapters-2014-annual-report/>

Chapter Activity Report

<http://now.org/leaderdoc/chapter-activity-report/>

Feminist Planning Calendar and Resources for Chapter Leaders <http://now.org/leaderdoc/resources-for-chapter-leaders/>

"She's Beautiful When She's Angry"

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2015 National NOW Conference Hotel and Location <http://now.org/about/conference/hotel-and-location/>

Structure Modernization Webinar: Sub-Units (and their relationships to one another) <https://nowconference2015.wordpress.com/3-sub-units-and-their-relationships-to-one-another/>

Structure Modernization Webinar: Money & Members <https://nowconference2015.wordpress.com/4-voting-at-national-conferences/>

Structure Modernization Chapter Discussion Guide <https://nowconference2015.files.wordpress.com/2014/12/structure-modernization-discussion-guide-final1.pdf>

White House Conference on Aging

<http://www.whitehouseconferenceonaging.gov>

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**Helpful Leader Links:**

Structure Modernization Forum

<http://nowconference2015.wordpress.com/>

Chapter Activity Report

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1yAvQYbnaa8GYvQdPGj8NoO-LHnBEATP9XXusoaCBqBw/viewform>

Need a membership or credentialing list?

<https://nationalnow.wufoo.com/forms/order-form-for-membership-lists/>
Want to change chapter information for the national website?

<https://nationalnow.wufoo.com/forms/chapter-website-change-request/>

Miss something from a previous leadership memo?

<http://now.org/leaderdoc/leadership-memos/>

Field Team Twitter

<https://twitter.com/fieldteam_NOW>