

## Ms. President NOW Board Report

To: National NOW Board Members

From: Bonnie Grabenhofer, Vice President

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Ms. President NOW has been very busy activating NOW members especially in the early primary/caucus and Super Tuesday states. Some highlights since the last board report in November are described in this report. We are very proud of the work that NOW members have done to contribute to Hillary's campaign and are especially excited to celebrate her wins!

In addition, we know that others have been organizing in their states. As the election season progress, please let us know what you are doing for Hillary by sending an email to: [vpaction@now.org](mailto:vpaction@now.org) and also post it on the MsPresidentNOW Facebook page to share with and inspire others. We'd love to know the progress and celebrate your successes.

### Iowa (Caucus February 1)

National NOW sent two emails and called NOW members to encourage members to caucus and volunteer for Hillary. Our phoning identified some NOW members who are working for Hillary, as well as getting new volunteers to agree to go out and help.

Jean Classon, Iowa NOW President, David Stewart, former National NOW Board member and Hillary Precinct Captain, and other IA NOW members worked for Hillary.

### Out of State to Iowa

Bonnie Grabenhofer and Gay Bruhn went to Davenport to greet Illinois volunteers and others canvassing for Hillary in Iowa and to help with the Iowa caucus on February 1. They met a number of NOW members from both Iowa and Illinois.

Illinois NOW sent out information and the list of locations for carpooling from Illinois to Iowa, urging members to participate, and we saw a number of them in Iowa including Barb Miller, from IL NOW, was also lending a hand in Iowa for the final weekend.

Pat Reuss, NOW PAC Advisor, went to Burlington, Iowa to help in the final week's push for Hillary. The trip included a party January 28, 6-8, at the home of Elaine Baxter, former IA Secretary of State, with special guest Martha Burk, feminist leader and author of *Your Voice, Your Vote: The Savvy Woman's Guide to Power, Politics, and the Change We Need*. It was a wonderful party with over 50 guests.

Chicago NOW PAC is making an incredible impact by doing phone banking for Hillary every Wednesday night: Women Win Wednesdays. They called IA NOW members and are also calling as a group through Hillary's Virtual Phone Bank system.

Other NOW members and interns also called IA NOW members. Results included commitments to caucus for Hillary and bring people with them; identified NOW members already working for Hillary; and recruited some new volunteers.

### **New Hampshire (February 9)**

Terry O'Neill, NOW President, made three trips to New Hampshire to speak at events and canvass with NOW members for Hillary. NOW interns called NOW members in New Hampshire and Rhode Island to encourage others to join her.

Sonia Ossorio reports that in New York they had an excellent Ms. President NY launch party in January with 150 activists ranging in age from 16 to 80. She organized a busload of people to go to New Hampshire to canvass and even raised money to cover the costs! They received a heartfelt reception from the Hillary team in NH; State Senator Sal Domenico greeted them with a hearty lunch; and Rochester's first woman mayor, Carolina McCarley, greeted them and drove a carload of NOW volunteers to their canvassing site. Collectively, they knocked on over 500 doors for Hillary and recruited 19 new NOW members! They're aiming to continue supporting Hillary with GOTV calls, debate watch discussions and more. They also launched a Ms. President NOW Northeast Facebook page – check out the pictures from their trip!

In November Jacqueline Kozin (CT NOW; NOW PAC) helped organize a group from Connecticut to New Hampshire. They knocked on over 500 doors and had over 100 conversations. Then Jacqueline Kozin organized another trip to NH in late January with over 30 people. She also got a congressman to join them and local media coverage.

### **Nevada (February 20)**

We sent two emails, and NOW interns and volunteers from Oregon NOW and NYC NOW called Nevada NOW members encouraging them to vote for Hillary and volunteer.

### **South Carolina (February 27)**

NOW interns called South Carolina NOW members encouraging them to vote and volunteer for Hillary.

### **Virginia (March 1)**

NOW, including VA NOW President Diana Egozcue and Prince William President Hala Ayalla, Feminist Majority, and other allies organized two organizing events on university campuses in Virginia to support Hillary. National NOW and VA NOW sent emails and posted information on the MsPresidentNOW Facebook page, and Pat Reuss and Marj Signer organized calling to members in support of the event and VA primary.

Edith Miller, Maryland NOW Co-President and Linda Mahoney, MD NOW past president, spent the 3 days helping in Hillary offices in Richmond and Charlottesville, Virginia. Wendy Nix has made thousands and thousands of phone calls to remind Virginians to vote for Hillary.

Linda Berg, Political Director, volunteered in Virginia on Election Day to resolve voter problems.

### **Michigan (March 8)**

Email and calling efforts are underway – DC NOW volunteered to phone bank.

### **North Carolina (March 15)**

NOW including Feminist Majority, and allies organized three organizing/rally/press events. Terry O’Neill and Ellie Smeal were joined by Gailya Paliga, NC NOW President, and Marena Groll, Ms. President NOW coordinator who were instrumental and organizing some of the events. Information was posted on the Ms. President NOW Facebook page and email blasts were sent to members about the events and the primary. Ms. President NOW volunteers called, and Oregon NOW members had a phone bank in which they called NC NOW members encouraging them to attend the events, vote, and volunteer. Participants were enthusiastic and committed to work every day for the next 2 weeks until the primary.

### **Illinois (March 15)**

Gay Bruhn and Bonnie Grabenhofer collected about 200 signatures to get Hillary delegates on the ballot. Gay Bruhn was selected by the Clinton campaign to be a Hillary Delegate Candidate and is on the Leadership Team for Hillary in Illinois. Gay Bruhn and Bonnie Grabenhofer hosted a debate watch party, encouraging guests to volunteer for Hillary.

## Indiana (May 3)

Robin Olds and three other Indiana NOW members collected about 500 signatures to get Hillary on the ballot in Indiana! They are tweeting #NOW4Hillary and #Imwithher and asked Facebook friends in Iowa to get support for Hillary. Indiana NOW members are also calling Kansas and Nebraska to find more supporters for their primaries.

## MsPresidentNOW Resources

The MsPresidentNOW Facebook page is a valuable tool for volunteers to share information, successes, and resources. In the Files tab you will find MsPresidentNOW fliers/handouts and organizing documents that are easily accessible. Sign up for MsPresidentNOW ([nowpac.org](http://nowpac.org)), and Gay Bruhn will invite you to join the MsPresidentNOW page.

More buttons and stickers have been ordered.

Flyers/ handouts are available on [nowpac.org](http://nowpac.org). Organizing documents are on the NOW Leaders page under Action. <http://now.org/for-now-leaders/>

Several new resources were added:

- **Women's Reproductive Justice: One Reason We Support Clinton** – This flyer compares Hillary Clinton's and Bernie Sanders' records on reproductive justice clearly demonstrating that Hillary is a champion for women, not just a vote.  
<http://nowpac.org/womens-reproductive-justice-how-do-hillary-and-bernie-compare/>
- **MsPresidentNOW Tweet 4 Hillary** – This document provides instructions for setting up a Twitter account as well as some guidelines and hashtags. <http://now.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/MSPresTWEET-for-HILLARY.pdf>
  - Follow: @MspresidentNOW [NOW PAC volunteers] and @HillaryClinton [The one and only]
  - Include hashtags #NOW4Hillary and #Imwithher
- **Example Tweets for Hillary** – This document contains some example Tweets to get you started.  
<http://now.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Example-tweets-for-Hillary.pdf>