

## **NOW Foundation Board Meeting**

March 13, 2016

Via Nationwide Webinar

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NOW Vice President **Bonnie Grabenhofer** called the meeting to order at approximately 1:45 pm.

### **Roll Call**

Present or arriving shortly thereafter were: The following were present or arrived shortly thereafter: April Emmert-Maguire, Beth Corbin, Charlotte Klasson, Bonnie Grabenhofer, Gilda Yazzie, Gordy Gustafson, Jerilyn Stapleton, Joanne Tosti-Vasey, Kae Chatman, Marian Bradley, Mary Pollock, Meredith Ockman, Michele Hamilton, Nancy Campbell Mead, Panayiota Bertzikis, Shirley Ranz, Sinoun Hem, Sonia Ossorio, Sue Gibson, Terry O'Neill, Bonnie Grabenhofer

Absent were: Aida Zuniga, Carla Josephson, Elena Carrillo, Kim Villanueva, Laurie Bertram Roberts, , Robin Dionne, and Advisors: Carol Moseley Braun, Eleanor Smeal, Janet Canterbury, Patricia Ireland

### **Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted without amendments.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were approved without correction.

### **Policy Report**

Jan Erickson, Director of Foundation Programs, reported that NOW Foundation is the principal sponsor of an amicus brief in *Ortiz v. U.S.*, objecting to a quirk in the Federal Tort Claims Act that prevents the newborn child of a female military service member, but not a male, from suing for injuries suffered at birth due to military doctors' negligence. The appeals court ruled against the mother, and she has requested the Supreme Court to take up the case.

NOW Foundation signed on to National Women's Law Center amicus brief in *Voisine v. U.S.*, in which a domestic violence offender, who was banned from possessing firearms, is claiming that the gun ban should only apply to abusers who act intentionally, not those whose offense is merely reckless.

Finally, NOW Foundation also signed on to an amicus brief in *U.S. v. Texas*, where the state is challenging President Obama's executive order granting deferred action for certain undocumented children and their parents.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:10 pm.