

**NATIONAL NOW BOARD MEETING**  
**Via Nationwide Webinar**  
**Draft Minutes**

**Wednesday, June 15, 2016**

President Terry O'Neill called the National NOW Board meeting to order at approximately 8:08 pm Eastern Time.

**Roll Call**

Vice-President Bonnie Grabenhofer called the roll. The following were present or arrived shortly thereafter: April Emmert-Maguire, Beth Corbin, Carla Josephson, Charlotte Klasson, Gilda Yazzie, Gordy Gustafson, Jerilyn Stapelton, Joanne Tosti-Vasey, Kae Chatman, Kim Villanueva, Marian Bradley, Mary Pollock, Meredith Ockman, Michelle Hamilton, Nancy Campbell Mead, Robin Dionne, Sinoun Hem, Sue Gibson, Janet Canterbury (nv), Patricia Ireland (nv), Terry O'Neill, and Bonnie Grabenhofer.

Absent were: Aida Zuniga, Elena Carillo, Laurie Bertram Roberts, Panayiota Bertzikis, Shirley Ranz, Sonia Ossorio, Carol Moseley Braun (nv), and Ellie Smeal (nv).

**Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted without amendment.

**2016 Board Elections Process Discussion**

The Executive Committee presented the following motion:

"Moved, that the actions of the National Action Center pertinent to the board's previously adopted board election rules and the actions taken so far to implement the board elections at the 2016 conference are hereby ratified."

**Substitute motion by **Tosti-Vasey**:**

1. Move that the elections be held at the district level in the fall of 2016.
2. Move that the Elections Committee be appointed today with 6 members - one from each district. All members shall not be individuals who have already put their names up for election to the next board.
3. Move that the clock starts ticking again for the elections process effective Monday, June 27 - the day after our conference ends.
4. Move that each district can determine how to hold their election - time, place, and by how to ballot - face-to-face, electronic, OR, if new bylaws amendment passes by mail in ballot. Note the electronic ballot cannot be used if the district hasn't set up a secure system to handle such a ballot.
5. Move that all votes be recorded by name and not just the total yes's and no's so that we have a record in the minutes on how each person voted.

**O'Neill** ruled the substitute motion out of order because the NOW bylaws require that "Districts must notify the National Action Center no later than January 1 of an election year that the election will be held at a district conference," and no such notification was received by anyone

authorized to speak on behalf of a district. **Tosti-Vasey** challenged the ruling of the chair and requested a record be made of each board member's vote. After discussion, the ruling of the chair was upheld with the following voting to uphold the chair's ruling: **Corbin, Josephson, Yazzie, Gustafson, Villanueva, Pollock, Ockman, Mead, Hem, Gibson, and Grabenhofer**, and the following voting against: **Emmert-Maguire, Stapleton, Tosti-Vasey, Bradley, and Hamilton**.

After further discussion, the Executive Committee's motion, which required a two-thirds vote, was approved with the following voting in favor: **Emmert-Maguire, Corbin, Josephson, Yazzie, Gustafson, Chatman, Villanueva, Pollock, Ockman, Hem, Gibson, and Grabenhofer**, and the following voting against: **Klasson, Stapleton, Tosti-Vasey, and Bradley**.

### **Committee Appointments**

**O'Neill** named the following people to the 2016 board elections committee: **Pollock** (chair), Hala Ayala, **Chatman, Gustafson, Villanueva**, and Monica Weeks. After discussion, the elections committee was approved.

**O'Neill** named the following people to the Registration and Credentialing Committee: Toby Abrams and Cliff Fiedler (co-chairs), Rita Fuson, and Marian Watkins. After discussion the registration and credentialing committee was approved.

**O'Neill** named the following people to the Rules Committee: **Yazzie** (chair), **Gustafson**, and **Villanueva**. After discussion, the rules committee was approved.

**O'Neill** named the following people to the Resolutions Committee: **Corbin** (chair), **Hamilton**, and **Mead**. After discussion, the resolutions committee was approved.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10 pm.