

NATIONAL NOW BOARD FALL MEETING
Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill
400 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington DC 20005
Draft Minutes

Saturday, September 17, 2016

President Terry O'Neill called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

The following board members were present or arrived shortly thereafter: Audrey Muck, Barb Miller, Bear Atwood, Beth Corbin, Cindy Drabek, Gilda Yazzie, Gina Austin-Fresh, Jacqueline Kozin, Jocelyn Morris, Meredith Ockman, MonaLisa Wallace, Monica Weeks, Nancy Campbell Mead, Sinoun Hem, Ellie Smeal (nv), Janet Canterbury (nv), Terry O'Neill, Bonnie Grabenhofer

Absent were: Carla Josephson, Judi Polson, Michele Hamilton, Patricia Ireland

Director of Foundation Programs, Jan Erickson, delivered the policy report. NOW and its allies are creating a legislative blueprint for the incoming administration. The blueprint document assumes that it will be a Hillary Clinton administration, and we do have a concern that she needs to be elected first. The blueprint is long and detailed, and encompasses issues that our allies are working on. The three issues of NOW's national action campaigns are included in the blueprint.

In addition to the blueprint, we will strongly request the new administration to create a cabinet-level office on women's issues. The Obama administration created the White House Council on Women and Girls, which has been helpful to our issues. However, it has not been well funded, and a cabinet-level office would have expanded resources.

NOW Foundation is promoting the designation of the family home of Pauli Murray as a national landmark. Pauli Murray was a NOW founder, an African American feminist who had worked in the civil rights movemet. Board members should recall that NOW was founded by a racially diverse group of women, who intended the organization to recognize sex, race and class discrimination (and, later, homophobia). In 2012 the Episcopal Church designated Pauli Murray as a saint. Her family home, if recognized as a landmark, will also be a center for research and activity on civil rights and social justice. The meeting will be in mid-November and we are hopeful the landmark designation will be approved.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.