

To: National Board
From: Gilda Yazzie, Vice President
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Vice President Report

In July of 2017, the National Office conducted a transition week for the newly elected officers. Topics included an overview of the internal structure of the Action Center, current department structure, and staff/job assignments. Our contractors and vendors were introduced, via phone or in person, later in the week. This was an informative week.

August was a fast-paced month of learning the dynamics of the office, particularly the hands-on learning of the systems (technologies, operations) that are in place. Learning, for example, the computer systems, and how our technician and I will work together to troubleshoot problem areas. Other priorities included making decisions on short term issues and office management decisions like the arrangement of common areas of the office. Prior to the election, a remodel was started, and painting and redesign is now complete. Another priority has been the reorganization of staff duties, and reassignment of duties, due to the resignation of two staff members.

In October, after two months on the job, I am now reviewing where and what are in the files and folders and taking a closer look at how everything in the office functions and the responsibilities of employees. I am beginning to have time to starting thinking about how NOW can become more efficient, and responsible, to our core issues.

I oversee and give input for these departments: chapters, government relations, political/PAC, and the network administrator. Each of these areas is staffed by a knowledgeable individual. I am learning government compliance issues and trying to make sure the office functions well.

Public Outreach Activities of the Vice President.

Women's Suffrage, August 17, 2017, NOW and the Women's Museum had a demonstration in front of the White House.

Fundraising Event for Hala Ayala, September 14, 2017, in Arlington, VA. Co-sponsored by the Feminist Majority and NOW. I had a chance to meet with the Feminist Majority leadership staff.

Congressional Briefing, "Moving Ahead: Addressing Violence against American Indian Women" September 15, 2017, co-hosted by Senators Murkowski, Murray, Hoeven and Udall, the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, the National Domestic Violence Hotline. This event was to announce the New StrongHearts Native Helpline.

Indiana NOW State Conference, September 23, 2017, Organizing to Resist and Persist.

Great people, wonderful conference. I gave a presentation about the National Action Program, and had a question and answer period.

NOW Table at the March for Black Women, September 30, 2017, NOW, Gilda Yazzie and Vicki Linton tabled at the beginning of the march at Seward Square. We gave away all our materials and collected 187 names and emails.

Montgomery County NOW's Racial Justice NOW Panel, October 1, 2017, the focus was on Racial Justice with a question and answer session. The panel consisted of Senator Susan C. Lee, Maryland Senate, Delegate Marice Morales, Laurie-Anne Sayles, Nature Conservancy, Mini Hassanein, Montgomery Community Partnerships, Gilda Yazzie, Vice President, NOW.