

Gay E. Bruhn is a long-time NOW activist and organizer with the broad experience and vision needed to lead the National Organization for Women.

Currently serving as chapter president, Dr. Bruhn also served as State President and National NOW Board member.

As a National NOW Board member, Bruhn worked on the Budget Committee and chaired NOW's multi-year Vision Committee. As chair she worked for years planning and gathering member input, developing the process, and implementing the NOW Vision Conference. At the conference members took a new look at NOW's vision, mission and values and created [NOW's Declaration of Sentiments](#).

As Illinois NOW President Bruhn organized and led a statewide field organization for the primary that elected Carol Moseley Braun as the first African-American woman in the U.S. Senate. During her terms Bruhn led many press conferences, demonstrations, lobby days, and inspired IL NOW to write inclusive reproductive rights legislation.

Dr. Bruhn was a founding member of the DuPage NOW Women's Assistance Fund which raised funds for sexual harassment and discrimination lawsuits, and she served on the IL NOW LEF.

Dr. Bruhn's political experience includes serving on the IL NOW and National NOW PACs and many women's campaigns. She was an early member of the Kamala Harris For the People leadership team and delegate candidate. She proudly served as a Hillary delegate in 2008 and on her Illinois leadership team. Bruhn developed and helped implement the organizing strategy for the MsPresident NOW campaign for Hillary's 2016 presidential campaign.

Dr. Bruhn founded and managed an award-winning consulting firm where success depended on accurate budgets and measurable results. Prior to that she directed programs with the developmentally and mentally challenged and managed a training and performance improvement group in a large telecommunications company. In addition, she directed the certification program for a professional association.

Bruhn holds an Ed.D. in Education and master's degrees in counseling and instructional design. She is a Certified Performance Technologist.