

**NOW National INC Board Meeting**  
**March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Approved July 18, 2024**

*Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

**Convene, 11:00 a.m. ET**

**Roll call, 11:08 a.m.**

Board Members: BJ Star, Christine Chin Ryan, Cynthia Bennett, Danielle Walker, David Stewart, Katonya Hart, Kimberly Adams, Kobby Hoffman, Triana Arnold James, Jerilyn Stapleton, Rose Brunache, Terry Sanders, Laura Welch, Kimberly Villanueva, Cindy Wolfe Boynton

Officers: Vice President Bear Atwood and President Christian Nunes

Advisory Board Members: Linda Berg, Nancy Campbell Mead, Terry O'Neill, Ellie Smeal

Absent: John Erickson

**Adoption of the agenda, 11:10 a.m.**

**Motion:** Jerilyn Stapleton moved for approval of the agenda

Seconded by David Stewart, 11:11 a.m.

Discussion on the approval of the agenda

**MS passed by** the majority via a voice vote, 11:25 a.m.

**Approval of the Minutes, 11:27 a.m.**

**Motion:** Jerilyn Stapleton moves to defer the minutes to the next meeting

Seconded by David Stewart, 11:28 a.m.

**MS passed by** the majority via a voice vote, 11:30 a.m.

**Point of Information** requested by Triana Arnold James, 11:30 a. m.

**Point of Information** requested by Kobby Hoffman, 11:32 a. m.

**Board District Action Reports,**

Pacific District Report presented verbally by Jerilyn Stapleton and Christine Chin

Southern District Report presented verbally by Terry Sanders, Triana Arnold James, and BJ Star

Heartland District Report presented verbally by Laura Welch and Kim Villanueva.

Northern District Report presented verbally by Kimberly Adams and Cindy Wolfe Boynton.

Eastern District Report presented verbally by Kobby Hoffman, Rose Brunache, and Katonya Hart.

**President Report, 12:01 p.m.**

The President Report was distributed to the Board and verbally presented by President Christian F. Nunes, 12:01 p.m.

Questions presented on President's Report presented at 12:16 p.m.

**Vice President Report, 12:36 p.m.**

The Vice President Report was distributed to the Board and verbally presented by Vice President Bear Atwood, 12:36 p.m.

Questions on Vice President's Report, 12:38 p.m.

**Presentation by Vice President on Donors vs. Members and Rebates, 12:41 p.m.**

Presentation on Donors vs Members by Vice President Bear Atwood, 12:41 p.m.

Questions on Presentation, 12:50 p.m.

Presentation on Rebates by Vice President Bear Atwood, 12:58 p.m.

Questions on Presentation, 1:15 p.m.

**Lunch Break, 1:23 p.m.**

**Convene, 1:49 p.m.**

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**Budget Committee and Financials Report, 1:49 p.m.**

Budget Committee and Financials Report by Terry O'Neill, 1:49 p.m.

Questions on Financials, 1:55 p.m.

**Motion:** Kobby Hoffman moves that National NOW move to ACH/electronic rebate payments

Seconded by Rose Brunache

**Motion:** Bear Atwood moves that motion is out of order/not within the Board's purview

Budget Committee Chair Terry O'Niell agrees and rules it out of order

MS: 7-8 rule that chair is overruled and motion is in order

**Motion:** Triana Arnold James moves to amend Kobby's original motion that NAC will investigate the operational needs/requirements of transitioning to ACH/electronic database and report back to Board at Fall Board Meeting

Seconded by Bear Atwood

**MS:** 11-1 Board approves amendment

Vote on amended motion overall

**MS:** 12-1-1 Approves the motion, motion passes.

Questions on Financials continue, 2:29 p.m.

**Motion:** Rose Brunache moves to increase regular annual dues from \$35 to \$50 starting in 2025 for the 2025 budget

Seconded by Kobby Hoffman

**MS:** 8-7 in favor, motion fails due to lack of required 2/3 majority

**Motion:** Kobby Hoffman moves that National send an accounting of the rebates when they are sent

Bear Atwood clarifies that chapters get bi-monthly membership reports that serve as the accounting for rebates.

**MS:** Motion ruled out of order.

**Motion:** Kobby Hoffman moves to review the 2024 budget

**MS:** Motion ruled out of order, existing procedure for calling a special meeting in the bylaws.

### **Staff Reports, 3:00 p.m.**

Online Report presented verbally on behalf of Kim Sontag by Bear Atwood.

Political Report presented verbally by Quiana Dickenson.

Kim Villanueva urges NOW PAC not to require an in-person interview or completed questionnaire for previously endorsed incumbent candidates who have documented support of NOW's Core Issues and the recommendation of their state or local chapter.

Government Relations Report presented verbally by Jan Erickson.

Chapters Report presented verbally by Supria Bhatia.

Membership Report presented verbally by Shelby von Hofe.

### **Board Committee Reports, 4:10 p.m.**

**Motion:** Terry Sanders moves to put together a Board committee to create a statement on a resolution for Board passage on the Conflict in Israel and Gaza and bring it to the April Board Meeting. Christina clarifies that the Structure and Process Committee will be the committee.

Seconded by Jerilyn Stapleton

Bear Atwood, Laura Welch, Terry Sanders, and Jerilyn Stapleton volunteer to be on the committee.

**Motion:** Kobby Hoffman moves to extend time by 30 minutes.

Seconded by Jerilyn Stapleton

**MS:** 12-1 motion passes.

Discussion returns to Israel/Gaza Statement, will be reviewed at the April 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

**MS:** 13-0, motion passes.

### **Membership Participation, 4:49 p.m.**

Membership Participation done on zoom, 4:49 p.m.

### **Adjourn to Foundation, 4:55 p.m.**