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CALL TO CONVENTION

THE TEXAS NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN CONVENTION WILL BE HELD AUGUST 27-29 in Austin, at the Austin Hilton Inn, 6000 Middle Fiskville Road, Austin, Texas 78752. Business will include consideration of proposed bylaws changes (these proposed changes are included in this issue), election of officers for the coming term, and consideration of any proposed resolutions. Workshops on a variety of subjects will provide an opportunity to learn more about NOW, as well as an opportunity to draft policy resolutions to be considered by the main body of Texas NOW.

The Convention will include two special events featuring feminist work in the arts and media. A feminist contemporary art exhibit will be on display throughout the convention area. Coordinated by feminist artist, Debra Vanko of Austin, the exhibit will contain several pieces by approximately 15 women. The contributors' works will be in a range of media, all expressing the artist's concern with being a woman.

Special entertainment, set for Saturday evening, Aug. 28, will be an original theatrical work with music by the Austin-based actress/director, Mavourneen Dwyer. With Mavourneen's consummate skill as a director/performer, her commitment to women's issues, and her sense of humor, this promises to be an exciting opening night for a new work.

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ARE YOU A DELEGATE TO THE DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION?

Many NOW members actively participated in the Democratic and Republican Primary and Senatorial Conventions. Because we have a considerable number of NOW members who are delegates to the Democratic State Convention (to be held in Dallas the weekend of September 10), there will be a NOW Caucus at that convention. For that reason, we ask that all NOW members wishing to participate please let us know. If you are a delegate, alternate, or if you will be an attendee at the Democratic State Convention, please drop a note to Jan Stevens, 6726 Desert Rose, Houston, TX 77086, or Teri Butler, 3452 Country Club Dr., Grand Prairie, TX 75051; or call Jan at (713) 445-2220 or Teri at (214) 262-4549. Our unity will help make an impact in November.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Date: Friday, August 27,
through
Sunday, August 29, 1982

Place: Austin Hilton Inn
6000 Middle Fiskville Rd.
Austin, TX 78752

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

I enclose:

_____ Individual Registration Fee for NOW members,
postmarked on or before August 6, 1982 \$27.50

_____ Individual Registration Fee for non-NOW members,
postmarked on or before August 6, 1982 \$35.00

NOTE: Registration Fee after August 6 is \$35.00. DO NOT MAIL REGISTRA-
TION AFTER AUGUST 15. BRING THIS FORM AND MONEY WITH YOU.

I will need special assistance due to disability:

___ Interpreter for deaf ___ Reader for blind ___ Wheelchair Access

___ Other (explain: _____)

CHILD CARE REGISTRATION

_____ YES, I WILL NEED CHILD CARE DURING THE TEXAS NOW CONVENTION.

Number of children: _____ Ages: _____

Names: _____

I will need child care on: Friday ___ Saturday ___ Sunday ___

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ANY HANDICAP OR MEDICAL PROBLEM? (specify) _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS ENTIRE SHEET to:

AUSTIN NOW
Box 18
5712 Manor Rd.
Austin, TX 78723

PLEASE NOTE: TO INSURE QUALITY CHILD CARE, THE CHILD CARE
REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 13.

1982 Texas NOW Convention

HOUSING REGISTRATION

To reserve a room for late arrival (after 6:00 pm) your room must be guaranteed. The procedure for those people who HOLD A MAJOR CREDIT CARD is as follows:

If you live in:	Call:
Austin	451-5757
Dallas	747-8011
Fort Worth	263-0737
Houston	667-9141
San Antonio	223-9191

BE SURE AND SPECIFY YOUR RESERVATION IS FOR THE NOW CONVENTION AT THE AUSTIN HILTON INN.

Persons residing in places other than the cities listed above should call the Hilton Toll Free Reservations number: 1-800-442-7260.

If you do not hold a major credit card, send one night's room rate plus 7% tax as a deposit to hold your room to the Austin Hilton Inn, 6000 Middle Fiskville Road, Austin, Texas 78752, prior to the closing date of August 13, 1982.

If you are sharing a room with other conferees, the deposit of one night's room rate plus 7% tax should be paid in full in the form of ONE check (to avoid confusion), but you will need to include the names of all the people with whom you plan to share the room.

There is limited alternate housing available. Please call G.K. SPRINKLE at (512) 926-7748 to inquire as to the availability of alternate housing.

The closing date for Hilton Reservations is August 13, 1982. Registration received after that date will be confirmed on availability basis. Check out time is 1 pm.

NOTE: BE SURE AND IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS A NOW CONVENTION PARTICIPANT WHEN MAKING YOUR ROOM RESERVATION.

Fill out and mail the next page of this form to the Hilton.

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NOW CONVENTION
August 27 through
August 29, 1982

Mail this form to: AUSTIN HILTON INN
6000 MIDDLE FISKVILLE RD.
AUSTIN, TX 78752

ROOM RATE: Single or Double \$48.00
Triple or Quad \$60.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

_____ Enclosed please find my deposit in the amount of \$ _____
representing one night's room rate plus 7% tax. Please hold
my room for late arrival on Friday, August 27, 1982.

_____ Please reserve a room for me for the nights of August 27, 1982,
and August 28, 1982. My reservation should be billed to the
credit card listed below, and held for late arrival on Aug. 27.

_____ Please reserve a room for me the night of August 28, 1982, only.
My reservation should be billed to the credit card listed below,
or I enclose one night's room rate plus 7% tax.

Credit Card: _____

Account Number: _____

If sharing a room, please list roommate(s):

The room is to be reserved in the name of:

(NOTE TO CONFEREES: It is recommended that you make a photocopy of
all registration papers before mailing them so that you will remember
in what name your room is reserved, etc., and avoid confusion.)

PROPOSED BYLAWS REVISIONS
1982 TEXAS N.O.W. CONVENTION

PURPOSE: TO ALLOCATE STATE COUNCIL REPRESENTATION TO AT-LARGE MEMBERS.

ARTICLE IV, PARAGRAPH B. Add section 3.

3. *At-large Texas NOW members shall be allocated for each area: two State Council delegates for the first one to ten attending, and one additional delegate for each additional thirty or major fraction thereof attending. At-large delegates must be elected by a majority of those at-large Texas NOW members from their respective areas present at the State Council meeting.*

PURPOSE: TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY MEET AND TO SPECIFY A QUORUM FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

ARTICLE IV, PARAGRAPH C. Insert wording in script.

- C. *Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be composed of State Officers. Where immediate action is necessary between State Council meetings, the Executive Committee may act on behalf of the Council provided that the action is consistent with existing NOW policy. All Executive Committee decisions shall be made in a meeting or a teleconference called by the State President. A quorum for the Executive Committee shall be three-fourths of the elective state officers. The Executive Committee shall report all of its actions and decisions to the State Council at Council's next meeting and shall be subject to the review of that body.*

PURPOSE: TO PROHIBIT STATE OFFICERS FROM SIMULTANEOUSLY HOLDING MULTIPLE STATE ELECTIVE OFFICES.

ARTICLE VII, PARAGRAPH A. Add section 4.

4. *No person may hold more than one elective Texas NOW office simultaneously.*

PURPOSE: TO SPECIFY THE CONTENTS OF THE CALL TO CONVENTION.

ARTICLE V, PARAGRAPH A. Insert wording in script.

- A. The State Council shall fix the exact date and place of the State Convention within 120 days of the previous convention, and give all Texas NOW members at least 30 days notice prior to the convention. *This notice shall include the proposed bylaws revisions, the proposed agenda, and information about the time and place of the convention.*

PURPOSE: TO ENSURE THAT DECISION-MAKING POWER IN THE STATE CONVENTION RESTS IN THE HANDS OF TEXAS N.O.W., AND TO PROHIBIT PROXY VOTING.

ARTICLE V, PARAGRAPH C. Insert wording in script.

- C. A quorum shall be one-third of the duly *credentialed* and registered Texas NOW members in attendance at the Convention. *Discussion in plenary sessions shall be open to all duly registered NOW members in attendance. Voting and introduction of motions in the plenary sessions shall be limited to duly credentialed Texas NOW members in attendance. Proxy voting shall not be allowed.*

PURPOSE: TO REQUIRE AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS' N.O.W. MEMBERSHIP TO BE CREDENTIALLED FOR VOTING AT THE STATE CONVENTION.

ARTICLE V. Add Paragraph D.

- D. *NOW membership thirty days prior to the State Convention shall determine eligibility for credentialing at the State Convention.*

PURPOSE: TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF A VACANCY TO INCLUDE RELINQUISHING MEMBERSHIP IN TEXAS N.O.W.

ARTICLE VII, PARAGRAPH C. Insert wording in script.

3. A vacancy occurs whenever a state officer resigns, or misses two consecutive State Council meetings or a total of three meetings in a term of office, *or relinquishes membership in Texas NOW, or has otherwise ceased to fulfill the basic duties of the position*

PURPOSE: TO ELIMINATE THE POSITIONS OF STATE MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR (ELECTED) AND TASK FORCE COORDINATOR (APPOINTED), AND DEFINE THREE VICE PRESIDENTIAL OFFICES. TO REVISE ALLOCATION OF DUTIES.

ARTICLE VII, PARAGRAPH A. Changes appear in script.

2. The State President, State Vice President-Action, State Vice President-Membership, State Vice President-Communications, State Secretary, and State Treasurer shall be elected

ARTICLE VII, PARAGRAPH B. Changes appear in script.

1. The State President shall...preside at meetings of the State Council, shall maintain records of the status of chapters and convening chapters in Texas,
2. The State Vice President-Action shall be responsible for encouraging the growth of State Task Forces, and shall assist the State Task Force Chairs and other interested Texas NOW members in coordination of statewide actions. The State Vice President-Action shall serve as liaison between the Task Force Chairs and the State Council.
3. The State Vice President-Membership, with the assistance of Area Membership Coordinators, shall work to promote chapter growth and development in Texas, and shall assist in the convening of new chapters.
4. The State Vice President-Communications shall be responsible for a State newsletter which shall be published no fewer than six times per year. This responsibility shall include the promotion of advertising for the newsletter.
5. The State Secretary shall
6. The State Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of Texas NOW; shall prepare a financial statement to be distributed at the State Convention; shall issue financial statements to the State Council at its regular meetings; and shall maintain a state membership list in conjunction with the State President. For each State Council meeting, the State

Treasurer shall determine the delegate entitlement for each chapter or convening chapter, and for at-large Texas NOW members in attendance at the meeting.

7. Meetings at which the State President is absent shall be chaired by the State Vice President-Action. In the event that the State President and the State Vice President-Action are both absent, the State Vice President-Membership shall preside.

ARTICLE VII, PARAGRAPH C. Insert wording in script.

1. In the event of a vacancy in the office of State President, the State Vice President-Action shall immediately assume the office and duties of the State President.

NOTICE: IN THE INTEREST OF FAIRNESS, THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BY THE 1982 TEXAS N.O.W. CONVENTION PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BYLAWS REVISIONS:

RESOLVED: That all changes in the Texas NOW Bylaws as a result of votes taken at the 1982 Texas NOW Convention, except the possible addition in Article V of Paragraph D, become effective at the close of Plenary Session II, at which time the discussion and voting on proposed Bylaws changes shall cease for the duration of the 1982 Convention. The proposed change, if passed, adding Paragraph D to Article V will become effective at the close of the 1982 Texas NOW Convention.

Anne Miller, Chair
1982 Bylaws Committee

THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT: WE HAVE JUST BEGUN TO FIGHT! 9

WE HAVE A LOT GOING FOR US RIGHT NOW.

We have developed many, many leaders among our ranks--valiant leaders.

We have proven we can raise more money than the Democratic Party.

We have politicized more women than have ever been politicized before--and even those women who were political before have joined OUR ranks.

A women's voting bloc emerged in the 1980 presidential election--8% fewer women than men voted for Reagan. This translates into 3.3 million women's votes--enough to cost an election.

We have had a force of several hundred salaried and expenses-paid coordinators in the unratified states--a far greater number than either political party--and thousands of volunteers all over the country.

We have a network of some 750 phone banks across the country.

Membership in women's rights organizations, especially NOW, has increased dramatically since Reagan took office. Membership in Texas NOW has increased from about 3,000 to over 7,500.

We have trained our members in phone-banking, fundraising, lobbying, and campaign management to the point that we now have in place a political network of great proportions. It is our job from now on to use that network to the best of its capability--so we can never be shoved to the back on our issues again. We must begin to set priorities--we must stop letting others set them for us.

We have conducted a heroic campaign--one of which we should be very proud.

We are going to flush out those shadowy forces which blocked passage of the Equal Rights Amendment--we're going to expose them, and we're going to defeat at the polls those who sold out to them.

Don't underestimate the effect our lobbying has had on legislators.

They're scared of us--and we've got to keep the pressure on. Perhaps you've heard the story of a legislator in North Carolina who crawled under a chapel pew to avoid facing ERA supporters. Those cowardly anti-ERA legislators have developed a knack for talking while walking backwards, always trying to get out of facing facts. This is the kind of pressure we've got to keep up--right into the polls. Let those cowards who won't support equality back themselves right out of a job.

Let's hit the 1982 elections with a solid impact--and remember, 1982 is just the prelude to '84, and '86, and '88, and....

WE HAVE JUST BEGUN TO FIGHT!

(Jan Stevens, Texas NOW Vice-President)

HUGS AND KISSES TO THOSE CHAPTERS that already send copies of their mailings to the State NOW President, Vice-President, or one of the Membership Coordinators. If you don't already do so, please help us maintain records on the status of chapters by including one of these officers in your mailings. (Rick Tonsing, State Membership Coordinator)

NOW MEMBERS' RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. All members are entitled to be treated with respect and are entitled to be heard. Likewise, members should respect and listen to others.
2. Any member may make a motion or present a resolution to be voted on by the organization, within the guidelines of the body's bylaws. Motions or resolutions should be presented in writing.
3. Any member may and is encouraged to take part in the state, regional, and national organizations of NOW, as well as in their local chapter.
4. Any member may contribute to the newsletter. Articles from a variety of sources make an interesting and broad newsletter. Acceptance of articles is, as with any news publication, at the discretion of the editor.
5. Members are encouraged to attend state, regional, and national conventions, and to run for the position of delegate.
6. Members should get to know NOW.
 - a. Get to know your leadership.
 - b. If you are part of the leadership, get to know the members.
 - c. Familiarize yourself with NOW policies and positions on the issues, by reading National NOW Times and your local newsletter, by attending conventions and business meetings where policy is set, by reading NOW brochures.
7. All NOW members are PR persons for the organization. Make your support of NOW known when you have an opportunity; seek out such opportunities to put in a good word for the largest feminist organization in the country.
8. Support NOW with monetary contributions when you can. Like most political organizations, NOW relies on its members for the bulk of its income. Tithe if possible.
9. Contribute your time to NOW as much as possible. There are literally hundreds of responsibilities which need to be taken care of by members; remember, when you leave all the jobs to a few, those few run a greater risk of "burning out." Sometimes you might need to be persistent in finding the sort of job which is best for you to do. But when you take on a responsibility, do follow it through; if you run into trouble completing a job, call on someone to help you or ask to be relieved of the responsibility. Remember, others count on you as much as you count on them.
10. Offer your ideas for activities to NOW leadership, and be prepared to help carry out your ideas if you really wish to see them carried out. Task force chairs are probably in that position because they have many ideas of their own, or because they are good at carrying out ideas (or both) but they cannot possibly carry out every suggestion singlehandedly; therefore, they have to set priorities. It can be as frustrating to a leader as it is to you when the leader is under pressure to do too much with too few volunteers.

11. Members should take part as much as possible in offices, committees, task forces, and actions. Do not be reluctant to run for office or to ask to chair a committee or task force just because you feel that you are not as familiar with the group as someone else, or because you feel that you are not part of a "slate," or because you feel you are not part of the "in" group. NOW can benefit most when the natural variety of its membership is heard from.

(from BECOMING AN EFFECTIVE NOW MEMBER, Jan Stevens, 1981)

BRIEF CHECKLIST FOR EFFECTIVE CHAPTERS

MEMBERSHIP: Recruit members committed to NOW's purposes and to achieving NOW's goals. Attempt to grow in membership and to have a membership that is as representative as possible of the community. Provide a variety of opportunities for members to take part in deciding and carrying out NOW actions and goals.

BYLAWS: Adopt chapter bylaws in conformity with National and State bylaws.

ACTIONS: Act on issues following members' consideration and decisions.

Act on issues of chapter, state, and national NOW priorities.

FISCAL MANAGEMENT: Contribute to the financial support of NOW at national and state levels. Develop a budget adequate to carry out operations.

Derive income through a variety of ways from members and non-members.

PROCEDURES: Hold annual meetings of the membership to elect officers, determine chapter priority actions, approve a budget, and consider bylaw amendments, if any. Hold regular membership meetings to develop plans, determine actions, and evaluate the progress of the chapter. Send elected representatives to State Board/Council meetings and to National NOW Conferences. Encourage members to attend state, regional, and national conferences and conventions.

(from NOW Convenor's Kit)

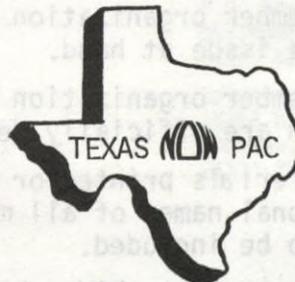
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The Texas NOW Political Action Committee

MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION PAYABLE TO

"Texas NOW PAC"

and mail c/o:

Phyllis Tucker, Treasurer
243 Empress
Houston, Texas 77034



NOW COALITION GUIDELINES (adopted by NOW National Board, 5-21-78)

NOW, AS THE LARGEST FEMINIST ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD, SHOULD NOT UNDERESTIMATE ITS STRENGTH AND EFFECTIVENESS AS AN INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION. However, in a few limited circumstances it may be in the best interest of the national organization or its subunits to join into a coalition or an alliance.

A distinction between a coalition and an alliance should be made clear. An alliance is a loose-knit, non-structured relationship with other groups and can be an effective means of increasing or reinforcing community communications. A coalition is a structured, policy-making, action-oriented organization composed of several member groups. A coalition should be used only when the coalition can achieve some desired result that NOW, working independently, could not achieve.

NOW discourages involvement by itself and its subunits in coalitions. However, NOW and its subunits should adhere to the following criteria when determining whether to join or continue involvement in a coalition:

1. A coalition should be on a well-defined single issue.
2. Commitment for involvement should be for a limited time.
3. NOW should not participate in a coalition in which NOW has one vote among many, but in which NOW actually contributes a major portion of the coalition's financial and/or human resources.
4. NOW shall not join or continue involvement in coalitions whose decisions violate NOW policy.
5. NOW shall not be bound by coalition decisions which violate NOW strategy decisions.
6. The coalition must be made up of only genuine or actual structured organizations.
7. The coalition must have a written statement of purpose with a clearly stated goal agreed to by all member organizations.
8. Basic guidelines for operational procedures of coalition activities must be written and agreed to by all members at the beginning.
9. Each member organization must retain the right to independent action even in the issue at hand.
10. Each member organization should be represented by delegates or alternates which are officially designated by each organization.
11. All materials printed or published by the coalition must contain the organizational names of all members, unless the organization itself does not wish to be included.
12. The appropriate NOW subunit must authorize its participation in and select its representative to the coalition.

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JULY 1, 1982

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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Get involved in the campaign for equality. The local NOW chapters organize the broad grassroots support needed to initiate social change and engage in a wide variety of activities and action programs in their communities. Active NOW members experience personal growth and satisfaction through taking control of their lives. Look through the listing of local chapters and join the one nearest you.

Convene a NOW chapter if your community doesn't already have one. Towns with as little as 5,000 population have chapters. Conservative communities definitely need local chapters. Feminism is not hereditary--it must be learned. Through increased awareness, an entire community will change its attitudes. This very thing happened in North Carolina with the ERA campaign: support for the ERA went from 49% to a solid 63% because of the efforts of the volunteers there. Take action to bring women in your community into full participation in the mainstream of American society now by convening a local NOW chapter. Send your request to Mary Calk, President of Texas NOW, along with your address, telephone number, and the geographical name you prefer for your chapter. Texas NOW will help you get established.

Join Texas NOW if your community has no local NOW chapters and you are unable to convene one. You will be supporting statewide actions for equality. You will become eligible to vote at the State Convention, hold a state office, and serve as an at-large delegate on the State Council (providing the bylaws change is approved). (Rick Tonsing, State Membership Coordinator)



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I wish to join NOW and commit myself to take action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now, exercising full rights and responsibilities in partnership with men.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

AREA CODE/TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

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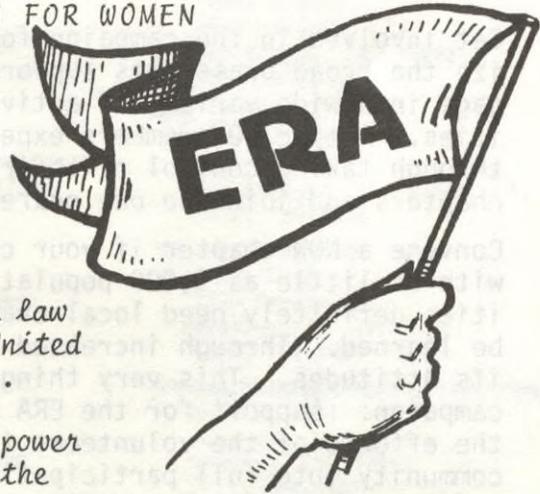
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