



Dear Florida NOW members and supporters:

Welcome to the 2019 Florida NOW conference at the beautiful Florida Hotel and Conference Center in Orlando.

Many thanks to the host committee Greater Orlando NOW, especially the chair Doris Rosen, for all the hard work and dedication put into this year's conference. Doris and her committee have pulled together a full weekend of workshops and activities to educate and inspire us. Thank you, Mary Wilson, Kim Porteous, Minerva Glidden and Cynthia Harris for all you have done to make this a memorable conference. A special thank you to Marisa Velázquez-Rivas for the beautiful torch logo.

This is my last term as Florida NOW State President. It has been my honor to lead this organization and hope that I have left a meaningful legacy. I've met so many wonderful people and incredible members who awe me every day with their actions. I won't say it's been easy. We worked so hard to get the first woman President of the United States elected, only to end up with one of the worst misogynistic opportunists in history. We also continue to struggle with the Florida Legislature, so often on the defensive as they pursue legislation harmful to women and equality. Thank you to our lobbyist Barbara DeVane for standing up for us in Tallahassee.

Ah, but our victories have been satisfying too! Palm Beach member Lois Frankel elected to the U.S. Congress - how wonderful was it to see her represent us, dressed in suffragette-white, at the State of the Union? Palm Beach member Lori Berman elected to the Florida Senate. Greater Orlando member Anna Eskamani elected to the Florida House for the first time. And many more wonderful members, supporters and allies taking seats in the Legislature. Special thanks to our Political Director Joanne Sterner for her PAC leadership.

I'm also extremely grateful for the team that has kept the organization running. Vice President Laura Fausone, always at my side, my best supporter and friend, I can never thank you enough. Thank you, Legislative Director Judi Marraccini, for always being a solid, stable influence on our Board. Many thanks to Membership Director Mary Flanagan for her hard work and organizational skills. And Lisa Labbe for keeping our technology up to date. We have been a great team for four years! Treasurer Elaine Togneri and Secretary Barbara Cady joined the Board two years ago and brought their skills and support in endless ways.

Thank you for four wonderful years and all the support and love you have shown. I am so excited to see how Florida NOW will grow with new leadership in the future.

Love and in sisterhood,

Terry Sanders