



Hollywood Now Chapter Meeting May 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chapter President John Erickson.

John provided updates on the following:

1. The Chapter is sponsoring several bills currently being considered by the state legislature:
 - a. AB 569
 - b. SB 309
 - c. SB 57
 - d. SB 10 / AB 42

For more information on these bills, please see detailed information on the Hollywood NOW website.

John asked members if they had any suggestions for other bills the Chapter should consider sponsoring. It was suggested that the Chapter sponsor California SB 562, which proposes a single-payer healthcare system for state residents.

2. Women's Leadership Conference on May 13, 2017:

Members who were able to attend the WLC discussed the conference and, in general, agreed that the event was very successful, exciting and informative. John asked members for feedback on the conference, and members discussed the highlights of the event.
3. Live Love Thrive Women's Conference on November 3-4, 2017:

The Chapter will be co-sponsoring the Live Love Thrive conference again this year. The event will be held in West Hollywood (which is also a co-sponsor of the event). On November 3rd, the conference coordinators will hold an event similar to the TV show *Shark Tank*, called "She Tank," and is inviting women to be part of the pitch-fest for project funding. On November 4th, the Live Love Thrive conference will present a full day of speakers, music, film shorts and networking opportunities, followed by an after party. Both events will be held in the City of West Hollywood's Council Chambers, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd. Save the date!

4. Resist March on Saturday, June 17, 2017:
This year, the Pride Parade will be a march from Hollywood & Highland to West Hollywood Park, and will include everyone wanting to support the LGBTQ community. John urged members to spread the word and encourage their friends and colleagues to join Hollywood NOW in the march. Chapter members will meet at 8:00 a.m. at a pre-designated location near Hollywood & Highland (details are forthcoming and will be shared on the website, Facebook page and in an email to members). John also shared that ROAR Resistance, the Hollywood chapter of Indivisible, will be sponsoring a poster-making event for the Resist March, to be held this Monday, May 22 at The Abbey in West Hollywood. Poster-making materials will be available at the event.
5. Board positions and memberships:
John announced that the Chapter will be adding at least two new positions to the Executive Committee: Communications and Legislative Coordinator. More details to be shared soon.
6. "CA NOW: Standing Strong for Women and Girls 2017" conference on Saturday, July 22, 2017:
California NOW is holding its state conference in Los Angeles this year, and the Chapter will be involved in the planning and programming process. The focus of this year's conference will be "Health Care, Equal Pay and Human Trafficking," and will be held at the union headquarters of AFSCME #36, located at 514 Shatto Place, 3rd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90020.

The meeting is scheduled to begin with Breakfast and Check-in at 9:00 a.m., with the meeting kicking off at 10:00 a.m. The morning agenda will include workshops, a panel discussion and keynote speaker, followed by lunch. After lunch, the CA NOW President will chair a Board Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. by Chapter President John Erickson.