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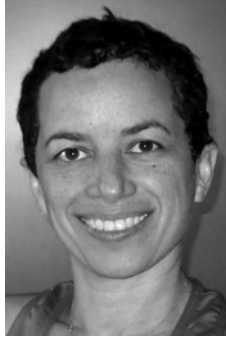
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Pro-Choice Leadership Team



Pilar Olivo



Susan Arnold



Monica Ciolfi



Liz Hager

Experienced activists with NARAL Pro-Choice New Hampshire are stepping into new roles. After seven years as a volunteer board leader, Pilar Olivo is the new interim executive director for NARAL Pro-Choice New Hampshire. Susan Arnold has resumed the role of board chair of NARAL Pro-Choice New Hampshire. Monica Ciolfi is leading the board of NARAL Pro-Choice New Hampshire Foundation. Former Republican state representative Liz Hager is the chair of the NARAL Pro-Choice NH PAC.

"This team has the energy, the commitment, and the know-how to continue and heighten the vitality of this critical pro-choice organization," said interim Executive Director Olivo. Olivo has been active in the reproductive rights movement since 1989—when she began as a clinic escort at the Planned Parenthood clinic in Brookline, MA. In 1991, she was a volunteer coordinator in Washington for the state-wide citizen initiative campaign that codified *Roe v. Wade*. For the state senate elections in 1994, she was NPCNH's electoral organizer. She served as NPCNH's board treasurer from 1995-1997. For the past nine years, Olivo has devoted her time to raising her three children and local volunteer activities in Concord.

Arnold was the political director of NARAL Pro-Choice NH from 1988-1996 under long-time director Peg Dobbie before serving as board chair from 2002-2006. Arnold was the director of policy for Governor Jeanne Shaheen from 1997 to 2002. She is now the director of conservation for the Appalachian Mountain Club.

Ciolfi has been active in the local pro-choice community since 1989, when she joined the Board of the New Hampshire Family Planning Council. She has been a NARAL Pro-Choice NH Board member since 2004. Ciolfi lives in Concord and administers the state employee health benefit program.

Hager is a longtime leader in the pro-choice community in New Hampshire. While a legislator, she led the successful repeal of the state's unconstitutional parental notice law. She received NPCNH's Champion for Choice Award in 2009 and is currently the chair of the NARAL Pro-Choice America PAC. Hager is the executive director of the United Way of Merrimack County.

NPCNH Foundation Awarded Two Grants in 2009

NPCNH Foundation is proud to announce the receipt of two grant awards in 2009. The Annette and George William Cottrell, Jr. Fund at the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation has provided immediate and critical support for planning during the most recent executive director transition.

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January 26, 2010: Save the Date for the 2010 Roe v. Wade Celebration

Honoring Champion for Choice:

Ann McLane Kuster, Adoption Attorney and Longtime Pro-Choice Activist
Watch for your invite in late December!

NPCNH Internship Experience Summer 2009



By
Allison Connolly
Summer 2009
Intern

I really lucked out in finding NARAL Pro-Choice New Hampshire for my summer internship. The internship allowed me to focus on my interests in women's health (gained through my past three years at Brandeis University as a Health: Science, Society and Policy major and a Women's and Gender Studies minor) and to help promote the reproductive health care issues that I feel strongly about.

As an Organizing Outreach Intern for NPCNH, I recruited volunteers and members. I worked on three major projects throughout the course of the summer: a Lapsed Member Campaign, Market Days in Portsmouth and Concord New Hampshire, and created a Policy F.A.Q.

For the Lapsed Member Campaign, we wanted to encourage member-to-member conversations about why NPCNH is a critical organization to support. The first step was to recruit phone volunteers and increase volunteer outreach through phoning and conversation. The second step was to work with a team of volunteers to call people whose memberships had expired to ask them to re-join. Then I analyzed and input data from the phone bank using a database system and evaluated campaign performance by analyzing and charting the outcomes.

To keep members concerns at the forefront of these conversations, I created a Policy F.A.Q. Based on phone conversations that I and other volunteers had with members over the summer, the Policy F.A.Q. is a structured way for the organization to listen and respond to the concerns of members and includes issues like trends in national polls, pregnancy prevention policies, teen safety and parental involvement, and NPCNH endorsement decisions.

For Portsmouth Market Square Day and Concord Market Days, I created an interactive presentation—a Wheel of Choice Game—for the community members to engage with our staff and volunteers and to educate the public on what NPCNH has been working on. The game was a particular draw to young people!

Having never been put in a situation so confrontational regarding women's health care rights, I found myself outside of my comfort zone more often than not. Finding my voice and my ability to hold conversations about choice, answer questions, and engage with the community of these issues was the highlight of the Market Days experience for me. NARAL Pro-Choice New Hampshire was a perfect fit!



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State House Forecast

Every other year, NPCNH members do their great work at the polls electing a pro-choice governor, a pro-choice state senate and a pro-choice house of representatives. Then for the next two years, members keep our pro-choice elected officials on the right path with phone calls and emails. With more than 400 elected officials and the unusual rule of the New Hampshire house that all bills come to a floor vote, a pro-choicer's work is never done!

The 2010 legislative session begins the first week in January. So far we haven't seen any actual language, but here's what the anti-choice side may be pursuing this year:

- Targeted licensing of outpatient abortion facilities.
- Mandating parental consent for young women seeking abortion care and other health care.
- Creating personhood for fetuses in the criminal code.

Look forward to more updates as the session unfolds. We'll be counting on YOU to contact your legislator in the coming year!



NARAL Pro-Choice New Hampshire

Dear Friend,

As part of New Hampshire's dynamic pro-choice community, you understand the role that choice plays in state politics. As a supporter of NARAL Pro-Choice New Hampshire, you understand the critical importance of a mobilized and trained grassroots constituency in keeping our state pro-choice.

Every gift
makes a
difference.
We need
your help
today!

Now NARAL Pro-Choice New Hampshire must raise an additional \$5,000 before December 31, 2009. I sincerely hope we can count on your help today.

Your generous support provides the resources for monitoring state policies. You allow us to advocate for comprehensive sexuality education. You make it possible for NARAL Pro-Choice NH to support pro-choice candidates, to hold comprehensive briefings for elected officials, and to deliver constituent calls during legislative sessions. Your membership, joined with more than a thousand others, demonstrates to legislators and others our political power and influence.

However the threat to reproductive rights has not receded—even with pro-choice electoral victories. In fact, the anti-choice losses have mobilized and energized their supporters. Now is not the time to be complacent. As you've read here, great things are happening at NARAL Pro-Choice New Hampshire: a new pro-choice leadership team, energizing connections with young women in our communities, loyal funders and much more.

I hope that you share our enthusiasm and commitment to preserving choice in the future and are willing to make an investment in that future now.

Please consider a gift of \$100, \$75 or whatever you can best afford. Your additional gift or renewed membership will help us meet our critically important year-end goal and will keep our momentum growing.

NARAL Pro-Choice New Hampshire nurtures the constituency that keeps choice alive. It only takes a moment to return your check in the enclosed envelope or to renew online at www.prochoicenh.org. Your gift will go a long way toward ensuring the right of each individual woman to make personal, private medical decisions without government interference.

Please keep our pro-choice community strong. Thank you so much!

For choice,

Pilar Olivo
Interim Executive Director

NPCNH Foundation Awarded Two Grants in 2009

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This grant enabled the board to enlist Mary Ann Leon as a transition management consultant.

The second grant from the NARAL Pro-Choice America Foundation is providing support for coordinating a high-level of board involvement for the recent transition and support for an organizing program for young women.

“With the challenging combination of a prolonged recession and the second executive transition in two years, we are so pleased that these funders continue to support a critical and vital role for NPCNH Foundation in New Hampshire’s pro-choice community,” said Monica Ciolfi, board chair.

Choice Volunteers Needed!

Our daytime Concord office volunteers are at the core of NPCNH operations. We have a few new roles that we would love your help with if you have just 1-2 hours per week—especially on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. No prior experience is required, we provide training, and chocolate is always available! Volunteer opportunities include:

- Income tracking in QuickBooks
- Volunteer tracking
- Bill & vote tracking in our legislative database
- Thanking our members and donors

Call Cara Pearson at 228-1224 or email her at cara@prochoicenh.org



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Please bring a friend and hors d'oeuvres to share, if you are able.

18 Low Avenue, Concord.

5:00 - 6:00 pm,

Monday, November 23, 2009,

NPCNH's Annual Meeting

The Power is in Your Hands!

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE