

<p><b>Mailing Lists</b></p> <p><b>alerts@ncwu.org</b>  public can subscribe  members can post  strictly moderated</p> <p><b>members@ncwu.org</b>  members can subscribe  supporters can subscribe  members can post  most without moderation</p> <p><b>board, program, wake, durham  and a couple of other lists</b></p> <p><b>General info</b>  Mailman based  reply goes to sender  attachments allowed  size limit 40K</p>	<p><b>Web site</b></p> <p>Hosted at RTPnet (Linux, PHP)  RTPnet is all volunteer admin  I'm on advisory board  Uses a bad Dreamweaver template  with minimal CSS – needs  update for both</p> <p>There is a members' only section  with a lot of organizational data  – budget, directory, etc.</p>
<p><b>Extranet</b></p> <p><a href="http://ncwu.ontero.net">http://ncwu.ontero.net</a>  Role-based permissions, but  everyone given publisher  permission.</p> <p>Idea was members would post public  policy information directly,  but very few have ever tried it.</p> <p>The calendar does get some use – but  I'm the one who posts 90% of  the events</p> <p>Ontero is still on the TechSoup list,  but the product appears to be  on life support</p> <p>Would a blog format be better?  What are the calendar options?</p>	<p><b>Other IT</b></p> <p>Member database is in Access on my  desktop machine. Board has  approved purchase of an  Internet based system, but who  does analysis, selection,  implementation?</p> <p>Various spreadsheets populated from  various events constitute the  database of stakeholders</p> <p>We use freeconference.com for  teleconferences and have  experimented (a bit) with  IsophInstitute.com for  webconferencing</p> <p>We use Onebox.com for Vmail/FAX</p>

## What is NCWU?

Founded 1988

501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

- Identify and study issues that affect women
- Educate the public and policy makers about issues facing women and policy options that can address the needs
- Continue cooperation among organized and unorganized women to achieve common goals

Current goals fall into four broad categories

Access to health care

Affordable and accessible health care; protect and advance reproductive freedom.

Civic participation and equality

Full and equal civil rights; increased participation of women in the political process

Economic self-sufficiency

Pay equity; the elimination of hunger, poverty and homelessness; access to training and educational opportunities that lead to meaningful employment; and the need for affordable and accessible services such as child care and elder care

Violence against women

To ensure freedom from domestic violence and sexual assault

Committed to ending discrimination in all areas of public life.

We are explicitly progressive.

Members are organizations

Donors and those affiliated with member organizations are “supporters”

40 member organizations

Through 2004, the only organizations that have failed to renew were ones that essentially closed their doors.

All volunteer – sustaining the Women’s Agenda Assemblies and Women’s Advocacy Day projects that were administered by NC Equity until the end of 2001. Now in our second biennium under the new structure.

Web site and e-mail lists have been critical to our success.

We are only beginning to consider how to reach those who aren’t online, rather than depending on member organizations to do that.