

**RESOLUTION REGARDING SEAT ON MEIKLEJOHN CIVIL LIBERTIES
INSTITUTE BOARD FOR NLG MEMBER WHO WILL REPORT TO THE NEC**

WHEREAS, National Lawyers Guild (NLG) members were instrumental in founding the Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute (MCLI) in Berkeley, California in 1965, and NLG members have always served as Executive Director and on the MCLI Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the NLG expressed its commitment to civil liberties by publishing the *Civil Liberties Docket*, which reported thousands of cases in state and federal courts from 1955 to 1968, including many handled by Guild lawyers, and, in the process collected pleadings and briefs from attorneys and amicus briefs from NLG chapters and the National Office; and

WHEREAS, the MCLI continued publication of the *Human Rights Docket* and collecting briefs and other records;

WHEREAS, MCLI serves as a central repository for documents on all aspects of human rights not easily accessible in law school and other libraries, and serves as an important educational resource for all NLG members, with all documents collected permanently in the Bancroft Archival Collections of the University of California-Berkeley, making them accessible to the legal profession and to scholars throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: From 2008 forward, the NLG affirms that if a permanent seat on the Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute board is reserved for a member of the NLG, the NLG will fill said seat with a member who can regularly attend board meetings and report back to the NEC about those meetings.

Implementation: The NEC, in consultations with MCLI

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