

## **Proposed Bylaw Amendment, Section 13: Convention Evaluations and Survey**

*Summary: This amendment would add a convention evaluation and survey requirement by adding the following (bold) section to the Bylaws.*

- This proposed amendment is being offered by Caitlin Kelly Henry [ckh@caitlinkellyhenry.com](mailto:ckh@caitlinkellyhenry.com) (510)277-2025. You can give feedback here <https://tinyurl.com/NLGFeedback>.

### **Rationale**

NLG self-evaluation appears to be done on an informal and ad-hoc basis by whomever takes it upon themselves. This would ensure specific NLG members are tasked with conducting organizational evaluations during the convention. This would guarantee that each workshop or panel at the convention would be accompanied by an evaluation form for all attendees (not just CLE evaluations). It would also guarantee that an evaluation working group is tasked with publicizing, designing, conducting, and analyzing an overall convention survey. A report that summarizes the findings would improve institutional memory and improve the convention. This would assist the NEC and host chapter in planning future conventions.

### **Proposed Changes**

Both EVPs are responsible for preparing evaluations for each panel and workshop, even if CLE credit is not offered. The EVPs are responsible for convening an evaluation working group. The EVPs will lead the process for conducting surveys at each convention. The EVPs are responsible for writing a report about the results to the NEC and to the members.

### **Implementation**

The Executive Vice Presidents are responsible for drafting evaluation forms for each convention workshop and panel, whether CLE credit is offered or not. The EVPs will devise a method that complies with the NLG's "green" resolution and states' CLE form requirement. The EVPs are responsible for gathering the results and for writing a report to the NEC, staff, and membership about the results. The EVPs must email this to the existing NLG Announcements listserv. The EVPs must mail this to the Jailhouse Lawyer membership. The EVPs may also post to other lists or websites, as the EVP and NEC deem appropriate.

The Executive Vice Presidents are responsible for drafting a survey for each convention. The EVPs will devise a method that best comports with the NLG's "green" resolution and states' CLE form requirement. The EVP is responsible for gathering the results and for writing a report to the NEC, staff, and membership about the results. The EVPs must email this to the existing NLG Announcements listserv. The EVPs are encouraged to mail this to the Jailhouse Lawyer membership, or include in publications sent to JHL

members. The EVPs may also post to other lists or websites, as the EVPs and NEC deem appropriate.

The EVPs are responsible for sharing past survey results and reports/recommendations with the host chapter.

### **Statement of Impacted Parties**

National Office Staff, Chapter Staff, NEC, and Resolutions Committee members were contacted. None submitted a statement. The National Office Staff generally support. Beginning in October 2015 these proposals were emailed to over 50 committee/caucus/project leaders, as well as submitted to the NEC for consideration in the winter and spring 2016 NEC meetings.

### **Supporters**

Natasha Lycia Ora Bannan, NLG President

Azadeh Shahshahani, Former NLG President

Karen Jo Koonan, Former NLG President

Caitlin Kelly Henry: Bay Area Police & Prisons Committee, Prisoner Advocacy Network, Mass Incarceration Committee, Past; Resolutions Committee, Safer Spaces, Bay Area Board

Anne Befu: Resolutions Committee member 2010-2014, TUPOCC co-chair 2006-2008; Queer Caucus co-chair 2005-2006

Carey Lamprecht: Bay Area Board, Mass Defense Steering Committee, Co-Chair Bay Area Mass Demonstrations Committee

Dan Gregor: Past: National Vice President, Resolutions Committee

Joelle Eliza Lingat, SNVP 2015-2017

Jill M. Humphries, NLG-NYC, Mass Defense Steering Committee