

2002 RESOLUTIONS

Establishing and Prioritizing a Guild National Campaign to Dismantle Corporate Power and Reclaim Democracy

-Submitted by the Committee on Corporations, the Constitution and Human Rights

[Prioritizing a National Campaign to Dismantle Corporate Rule and Reclaim Democracy to focus on corporate constitutional rights and corporate personhood; denial of workers' Bill of Rights protections in the workplace; state corporation codes, including the process by which they are developed.]

Implementation by the Committee on Corporations, the Constitution and Human Rights

Establishing a National Campaign to Defend Democracy and Restore Civil Liberties: Repeal the USA PATRIOT Act

-Submitted by Peter Erlinder, Jim Lafferty, Mac Scott, Los Angeles Chapter, Minnesota Chapter

[Calling for the repeal of the USA PATRIOT Act and the formation of a grassroots movement to defend democracy and restore civil liberties and as a first step to call for hearings with the House and Senate on the results of the PATRIOT Act to date; to join with other groups in forming a national campaign calling for the repeal of the PATRIOT Act, including the formation of an umbrella coalition of groups to restore democratic rights at the local and national levels.]

Implementation by the NEC, all National Committees and Projects, NLG Law Professors Network and Chapters of the National Lawyers Guild

Establishing an Education Campaign Exposing Illegal Acts of Government

-Submitted by Heidi Boghosian and Jim Lafferty

[Calling for education and action campaigns exposing the repressive and illegal acts of the U.S. government, including supporting those engaging in civil disobedience and a call to repeal the USA PATRIOT Act.]

Implementation by the NEC, NO, Mass Defense Committee and all Guild Chapters, Committees and Projects

In Opposition to Unilateral Military Action by the United States Against Iraq and Other Nations

-Submitted by the International Committee

[Directing the International Committee to prepare a document detailing how the Government's actions violate the U.S. Constitution and international law for wide distribution within and outside the Guild; encouraging chapters to provide speakers, draft letters to the editor and op-ed pieces and promote resolutions in local bar associations and law schools opposing the war against Iraq. The Guild shall

explore the feasibility and effectiveness of placing a full-page ad in the NY Times; the International Committee shall develop legal strategies to challenge the policies of the U.S. Congress and Bush administration and shall also participate in building a multinational, multiracial mass movement to challenge government policies and provide legal defense to those demonstrating against these policies.]

Implementation by the International Committee, the Emergency Response Committee, the NEC and the NO

Endorsing and Supporting Immigrant Workers Union National Boycott Against Rhee Brothers Incorporated

-Submitted by Jim Lafferty and Victor Narro and Endorsed by the NLG Labor and Employment Committee

[Endorsement of the IWU national boycott against Rhee Brothers Incorporated and join the Assi Supermarket Workers' demand for IWU recognition and to encourage local NLG chapters to support the IWU and participate in the national boycott against Rhee Brothers, Incorporated.]

Implementation by all Chapters of the Guild

Providing Support to the ILWU

-Submitted by Labor and Employment Committee

[To provide complete and unequivocal support to the struggle of the ILWU in whatever manner may be sought by the Union; to participate in picket lines and solidarity actions as the ILWU requests and to apply our legal skills to support ILWU members and labor attorneys; and to support the right to work safely.]

Implementation by the Labor and Employment Committee

Providing Material Commitment to the New Faces of the Legal Left

-Submitted by the Law Student Caucus and Recent Graduate Committee; Remedies endorsed by the Legal Worker Caucus

[Directing the Agenda Committee for each national convention to approve at least one law student workshop proposal, one recent graduate workshop proposal and one legal caucus workshop proposal.]

Implementation by the NEC, Convention Agenda Committee, Law Student Caucus, Recent Graduate Committee and the Legal Worker Caucus

Endorsing the Right to a Home and a Homeland Global Campaign to Rebuild Palestinian Homes

-Submitted by the Palestine Subcommittee

[Endorsing and supporting the Right to a Home and a Homeland Global Campaign to Rebuild Palestinian Homes and to support those Israelis and Palestinians working together to rebuild homes in peaceful and constructive resistance against Israel's Occupation.]

Implementation by the Palestine Subcommittee

Facilitating Joint Work Through Convention Scheduling Resolution

-Submitted by the NLG Executive Committee

[Directing the Guild to set conventions based on criteria of childcare, vacation issues and previous resolutions seeking August timing; law school schedules; convention, meeting and event conflicts with NCBL and other progressive organizations (taking into consideration collaborative timing and financial considerations)]

Implementation by the NEC

Promoting Guild Work Against Racism

-Submitted by Ann Fagan Ginger

[That Guild publications emphasize the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (WCAR) Programme of Action and the Declaration and Programme of Action, particularly including the demand for reparations and that the Guild now start organizing to participate in pre-conference planning and planning to send a delegation to the WCAR in 2006 to participate especially in the reparations movement and to educate our membership about this movement.]

Implementation by the International Committee in cooperation with the NEC

Modification of Current Voting System to Give Each Student Chapter at Least One Vote at National Elections

-Submitted by the NLG Student Caucus, the Recent Graduate Committee and the Legal Worker Caucus

[Directing the NEC to place a constitutional amendment before the 2003 convention plenary providing that each student chapter shall have at least one vote regardless of the number of members.]

Implementation by the NO and the NEC

One NEC Vote for Each Student NVP

-Submitted by the NLG Student Caucus, the Recent Graduate Committee and the Legal Worker Caucus

[Directing the NEC to place a constitutional amendment before the 2003 convention plenary providing that each Student National Vice President shall have one vote on the NEC.]

Implementation by the NEC

Constitutional Amendment Adding Section 7.4 Bonding

-Submitted by Jerome Paun and Heidi Boghosian

[Mandating that officers of the NLG and employees of the NO with responsibility and authority to sign checks, collect or disburse funds, buy, sell, lease, rent or lend property, shall be bonded in such amounts as may be determined by the NEC.]

Implementation by the National Office

Violations of the U.S. Constitution by the Bush Administration

-Submitted by the SF/Bay Area Chapter

[Providing support for those who call upon Congress to take all necessary and appropriate steps to halt violations of the US Constitution, including, in the House of Representatives, an investigation of grounds for impeachment of Bush, Cheney, Ashcroft and Rumsfeld.]

Implementation by the NEC