

## Opposition to Eliminating Membership Selection of Committees, Caucuses and Projects on the NEC.

NLG Constitution at 5.5

This proposed substantive change would take away voting rights from the entire membership on an important aspect of our self-governance.

From 2016 to 2018 an NEC created subcommittee was tasked with restructuring the NEC. In 2018 we unanimously put forward amendments and by-laws which, among other changes, codified two guaranteed NEC seats for TUPOCC, guaranteed two NEC seats for the Queer Caucus and allowed the national membership to select up to eight other committees, caucuses and projects to sit on the NEC. Previously the NEC alone made these selections.

Our recommended restructuring was voted on by the entire NLG membership and was passed in 2018.

This proposed amendment would turn back the clock and give exclusive power to the existing NEC to select which committees, caucuses and projects sit on the NEC.

The existing rule encourages the membership to learn about each of the groups which seek a voice on the NEC and encourages the membership to help shape the leadership of our organization.

Allowing the members to retain the power to determine the composition of the NEC is important to transparency and supports our fundamental democratic principles.

Please continue to encourage full membership participation in forming the NEC. Please vote NO on this step backwards.

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NLG Bylaw 7 (e)

This proposal would facilitate removing the right of the full NLG membership to select the composition of the NEC. See our opposition to Constitutional Amendment at 5.5.

Please vote NO on this change. Please retain the power of the full membership to determine the composition of the NEC. The existing rule supports full transparency and supports our fundamental democratic principles.