

**Name of committee, project, or caucus applying for a seat on the NEC:**

Environmental Justice Committee

**Contact person for application:**

Joel R Kupferman

**Designated representative:**

Same as above

**Can your representative commit to attend three NEC meetings and the convention this coming year?**

yes

**Is your committee, project, or caucus national in scope?**

yes

**What is your mission statement and description?**

The EJ Committee provides assistance to impoverished communities, communities of color, and other vulnerable residents who are disproportionately exposed to the impacts of environmental hazards. Global climate change exacerbates these existing inequalities. Incremental changes in a political economic system based on the free market and the assumption of unlimited natural resources will not stave off pending environmental catastrophe. In the US- environmental justice concerns include land use, open space, the public trust, the siting of hazardous industries, indoor and outdoor air allergens, urban toxins (e.g. lead paint), disaster preparedness and recovery, access to information, pipelines and extractive industries, alternative energy, and the rights of indigenous peoples. In 2018, the NLG membership voted to add the "rights of ecosystems" to our mission statement, in recognition of the long history of the Guild's work with environmental movements. EJC works with other committees of the Guild.

**Do you have and regularly update a Guild-issued email list to communicate with members?**

yes

**Do you use an nlg.org contact email that is shared on the national NLG website and other materials?**

yes

**Do you hold at least 1-2 meetings per year? These can be conducted by phone or video, held at the national convention, or a separate physical retreat.**

yes

**Do you hold elections regularly (no less than every 2 years)?**

no

**Are all committee members also NLG members current in their dues? Current includes those in the three-month grace period.**

yes

**What does your committee, project, or caucus want to contribute to the NEC?**

Collaboration with NLG committees and chapters -

**Does your committee, project, or caucus currently sit on the NEC?**

no

**How many members does your committee, project, or caucus have?**

Over 240

**What is your committee, project, or caucus budget?**

0

**How did your committee, project, or caucus use its budget last year?**

n/a

**Anything else that's essential for the members to know when they consider voting for you:**

Environmental Justice is of heightened critical importance in the age of Covid and Global Warming. The EJ Committee will uniquely serve the ever growing progressive aggressive environmental movement.