

Proposed 2022 Amendment to Article 8.3: Service and Opportunity to be Heard

Proponents: National Executive Committee (NEC)

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WHEREAS the National Lawyers Guild may not censure chapters or revoke chapter charters except after chapters receive service of charges in writing an opportunity to be heard, this proposed amendment preserves that procedural obligation. This proposed amendment is a procedural companion to proposed amendments to Articles 8.1 and 8.2, which would give the National Executive Committee the ability to censure chapters and revoke their charters respectively.

Original text: Article 8.3 Service of Charges and Opportunity to be Heard - No **recommendation of censure or charter revocation** shall be voted on by the National Executive Committee except after service of charges in writing and a reasonable opportunity for the chapter to be heard. Nor shall a recommendation of censure or charter revocation be ratified by the National Convention except after service of charges in writing at least one month prior to the vote on the recommendation and a reasonable opportunity to be heard before the National Convention.

Proposed language: Article 8.3 Service of Charges and Opportunity to be Heard - The National Executive Committee shall not **vote on chapter censure or charter revocation** except after service of charges in writing and a reasonable opportunity for the chapter to be heard.

Implementation: The National Executive Committee will be responsible for providing charges in writing and a reasonable opportunity to be heard before voting on matters of chapter censure or charter revocation. The NEC consented to this amendment.

Compliance with Bylaws Section 8.7: The NEC consulted all chapters to request their consent to the proposed changes. The majority did not respond to the request.

Consented:

Columbia Law School, Loyola Law School Los Angeles, University of Arizona College of Law, University of New Mexico School of Law, University of Oregon School of Law, University of Pittsburgh School of Law

Refused:

Colorado, Massachusetts