

Proposed 2022 Amendment to Constitution Article 8.5: Member Censure, Suspension or Expulsion

Proponents: National Executive Committee (NEC)

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WHEREAS the National Lawyers Guild may discipline individual members-at-large, we propose the National Executive Committee decide, rather than the National Convention, which may be up to a year from harmful member conduct. National Executive Committee decisions are reviewable by the National Convention.

Original text: Article 8.5 Member Censure, Suspension or Expulsion - The National Executive Committee may **recommend**, by a vote of two thirds of its members, the censure, suspension, or expulsion of any member-at-large for a violation of the Constitution or conduct inconsistent with the aims and purposes of the organization. Such action shall become a resolution of censure, suspension, or expulsion if ratified by a two thirds vote of the Convention at its next meeting. No recommendation of censure, suspension, or expulsion shall be voted on by the National Executive Committee except after service of charges in writing and a reasonable opportunity to be heard. Nor shall a recommendation of censure, suspension or expulsion be ratified by the convention except after service of charges at least one month prior to the vote on the recommendation and a reasonable opportunity for the member to be heard before the National Convention.

Proposed language: Article 8.5 Member Censure, Suspension or Expulsion - The National Executive Committee may, by a vote of two thirds of voting members, **censure, suspend, or expel** any member-at-large for a violation of the Constitution or conduct inconsistent with the aims and purposes of the organization. The National Executive Committee shall not vote on censure, suspension, or expulsion except after service of charges in writing and a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

Implementation: The National Executive Committee will implement this amendment. The NEC consented to this amendment.