

Hello. My name is Sara Habbo. I'm a first generation immigrant born in Iraq. I am the youngest of 8 children. I watched my parents and siblings all work to support our family as we got established in the U.S. Their work ethic had a deep impact on my life.

I attended the University of Detroit Mercy for undergrad and Michigan State University College of Law. I went into law school thinking that I wanted to put bad guys in jail, but while in law school I interned with Lakeshore Legal Aid and saw that we put poor and people of color in jail, not "bad guys."

After law school, I went to work at Lakeshore Legal Aid and had various roles such as an attorney at the hotline, MI Help Link, and at the local office representing clients. Serving my neighbors at legal aid showed me in devastating detail how much our government has failed to uphold its duties to serve the people.

My upbringing and experience at legal aid pushed me into doing more than just helping individual clients, but to address the system itself. So, I changed careers to address the systems my clients had been dealing with directly. I began doing political work in 2018 and have been doing that since.

I have been the president of the Detroit & Michigan Chapter for the past 5 years. Our Chapter had been dealing with a variety of issues including financial instability. In the past 5 years, our chapter has changed drastically. We regained our non-profit status, addressed our tax issues, and have been able to stabilize our financial situation - though, if you haven't bought any Merch from the Chapter table you should!

I'm running for National President because I'm committed to doing the hard work of addressing the harm caused to staff, the harm caused to state chapters, and harm caused to members of the guild. The role of the NLG is too important to allow our organization to fail and I'm ready to rebuild the systems and processes we use to allow the NLG to flourish.

I'm asking for your support as National President.