DC NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD MINUTES – AUG 7, 2019

Held at Offices of Klimaski & Assoc

Present: Turna Lewis (chair); Anitra Ash-Shakoor, James Drew, James Klimaski, John McCoy, Bill Montross, Ann Wilcox (not present: Quentin Driskell) Also present: Aneesa Khan, Mid-Atlantic Regional co-RVP & DC Chapter member, and Max Rameau, Technical advisor

I. Chair Turna Lewis opened the meeting; members introduced themselves.

II. Technical Updates: Tech expert Max Rameau (who is also a local activist), will consult with the board about upgrading technical resources. Max outlined his recommendations for upgrading our communications (list-serve, etc) and social media tools. He will provide a proposal for his services to Turna Lewis and the Exec Board, and begin on tasks we outlined (for example, upgrading Board and chapter list-serves).

III. Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer, Jim Drew, reported that we have a healthy balance in our account. Approved payments were made, including Jobs with Justice annual dues.

IV. Paid Staff/membership coordinator: We utilized the services of a UDC law student during the past year, working with the Chair to publicize and plan events; keep lists updated and other tasks. Turna will circulate a job description, and we hope to hire a similar part-time assistant this year.

V. Report from NEC meeting: Ann Wilcox, Mid-Atlantic co-RVP, reported on the NLG National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting, which took place in NYC on Aug 3-4, 2019. This included review of budgets, the upcoming National Convention and other business.

VI. Issue with 2019 Board elections: Aneesa Khan, a DC chapter member and Mid-Atlantic co-RVP, addressed the board, regarding the recent Executive Board elections. The board recognized that there were some problems in implementing the just completed election, including that the membership list provided by National did not include Aneesa. The board resolved to review and upgrade our election procedures in future elections, including exploring using on-line voting.

VII. National Convention, to be held October 17-20, 2019 in Durham, N.C. Information for the upcoming national convention is on the national website; early registration is encouraged. We approved a $400 ad for the dinner journal, from the DC Chapter. Jim Drew and others will work to encourage DC members to attend the Convention.

VIII. 2019 Student Disorientation: Ann Wilcox and Aneesa Khan reported that the Georgetown Law NLG chapter has proposed organizing a Student Disorientation, in Sept. (we usually have a city-wide Disorientation, at which students from area law schools are invited to attend). Ann and Anitra Ash Shakoor will work with the Georgetown organizers, supporting any speaker requests & other arrangements. The chapter will provide a contribution ($100) toward the costs of the Disorientation. The national office has sent a box of Disorientation Manuals.

IX. Board Planning Retreat: It was proposed by James Klimaski, that the Board have an informal retreat in the near future, to discuss long-range planning and program ideas. (the Retreat date has been confirmed for late August).

Minutes submitted by Ann Wilcox, Recording Secretary