

Detroit and Michigan Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild

Annual Meeting



Wednesday May 13, 2015

6:00 pm

Bert's Market Place in Eastern Market

2727 Russell St., Detroit, MI 48207



Food will be provided. Cash Bar. \$10 donation requested at the door to defray expenses.

Detroit's Economically Violent "Revival"

Tax Foreclosures and Water Shut Offs



Vanessa Fluker

Attorney Vanessa Fluker has devoted her 13 year legal career to defending victims of foreclosure and predatory lending in Detroit. In 2010, she was honored by the Black Women Lawyers Association of Michigan and presented with the prestigious Harriet Tubman Award for her legal services on behalf of children victimized by lead poisoning as well as her work representing homeowners fighting foreclosures and predatory lending. The Michigan Coalition for Human Rights presented her with its 2013 "Community Activist" award. Fluker has been a member of the NLG Board of Directors for three years.

Fluker explains her work: "For every home we are able to save there are a thousand families who are put out on the street. If you think this doesn't affect you, think again. Have your home appraised and see what it's worth. The federal government is paying the banks to toss people out of their homes. Everyone must take up the fight for justice against the banks and lenders who continue to get billions in our tax dollars."



Shea Howell

Shea Howell has been a Detroit activist for nearly 4 decades. Like many people of her generation, she was deeply influenced by the civil rights, black power and anti-war movements of the 1960s. She was involved in feminist and anti-military struggles, writing her first book, Reflections of Ourselves on women, politics and media in 1983. She contributed to the development of the ecofeminism and ecology movements, especially the development of the national Green Gatherings. She worked in early anti-oppression efforts, co-authoring two widely-reprinted pamphlets with Margo Adair, The Subjective Side of Politics and Patterns of Power. She has been actively involved in LGBTQ politics in Michigan, chairing the Michigan Campaign for Human Dignity and working with the Triangle Foundation and Affirmations. She is a contributing writer for Between the Lines, a state-wide newspaper for the LGBTQ community. She wrote a weekly column for the Michigan Citizen exposing the Emergency Manager as an occupying, hostile force. She is a member of the Board of the Boggs Center.

Board of Directors and Executive committee elections

Elections will be held for eight (8) at-large Board of Directors and four (4) Executive Officer positions.

To become a candidate or nominate another person for election to the board contact the nominations committee chair Kathy Murphy at Murphyklh05@yahoo.com.

Candidate statements will be issued through the membership email list. Members must be current on dues at the time of the election to vote. New Members (all persons who have not been a member in good standing in the past five years) must join and pay dues seven days prior to the meeting to be eligible to vote. Members must be present to vote.