

Resolution for the Formation of a Committee for Global Solidarity

Whereas state-sanctioned violence against journalists has been on the rise both in the United States and around the world,

Whereas the NewsGuild condemns all state-sanctioned violence against journalists everywhere, including but not limited to the targeting of journalists by police covering racial justice uprisings across the United States, the assassination of Jamal Khashoggi by the Saudi government, the targeting of the offices of Al Jazeera Media Network and the Associated Press in Gaza by Israel, the rapid dismantling of press freedom and attacks on women journalists in Afghanistan, and the U.S. government's ongoing use of the Espionage Act to criminalize the publishing of information,

Whereas the need for global solidarity is more urgent than ever due to the increasingly concentrated, consolidated and globalized ownership of media companies by powerful corporations and billionaires that erode quality journalism and undermine editorial independence,

Whereas the United States is ranked 44th in the World Press Freedom Index by Reporters without Borders and US media workers benefit from modeling how organized media workers build power and effectively advocate for greater press freedoms in other countries,

Resolved:

The NewsGuild encourages locals to support the work of advocating for greater press freedom in the United States and abroad,

The NewsGuild will appoint a Committee for Global Solidarity (CGS) to meet at least monthly with the goal of deepening ties between US media workers and our union siblings around the world and advancing our common goal of building working class solidarity and advancing press freedom,

An international staffer may be appointed to assist the CGS in its work,

The CGS will be allotted a budget that may be used to host international union delegations and send international delegations of Guild members overseas, to organize educational and solidaristic events, with priority given to events and delegations that aid ongoing contract campaigns by NewsGuild members against global companies,

The CGS will provide ongoing updates of their work on The NewsGuild website and will provide a report on their activities and suggestions for further developing and improving on our mission of deepening solidarity between media workers around the world at the next sector conference.