

NATIONAL COMMITTEE PROPOSALS FOR THE ORGANIZATION  
OF THE CONVENTION

Motion: That the following rules govern convention procedure:

1. In cases of procedural disputes, discussion shall be limited to two speakers, one for and one against, and that each speaker be limited to two minutes.
2. A speaker may have the floor only once in a given discussion until all those who wish the floor have had the opportunity to speak.
3. Discussion from the floor shall be limited to eight minutes per speaker.
4. All voting, except for election of National Committee and National Control Commission, will be done by voice vote, unless a division of the house is called for; then the vote will be taken by a show of delegates' cards. Election of National Committee and National Control Commission shall take place by secret ballot.
5. Only delegates shall have voice and vote. Fraternal delegates shall have voice and consultative vote.
6. Alternate delegates have voice and vote only when acting to replace a regularly elected delegate.
7. In all other cases, Roberts Rules of Order shall apply.

Motion: That the Presiding Committee be composed of the Secretariat of the outgoing Political Committee and convention reporters: Jack Barnes, Catarino Garza, Doug Jenness, Lew Jones, Malik Miah, Olga Rodríguez, Larry Seigle, Barry Sheppard, Betsey Stone, Tony Thomas, Mary-Alice Waters, and the youth reporter.

Motion: To adopt the following agenda:

1. Political Resolution Report
2. Desegregation Struggle Balance Sheet
3. The Crisis of American Capitalism and the Struggle for Chicano Liberation
4. The Emerging Puerto Rican Struggle in the United States and Its Perspectives
5. Tasks and Perspectives Report
6. Youth Report
7. World Movement Report
8. "Key Issues Around the Debate in the World Movement on the Portuguese, Italian, and Mexican Elections"
9. "Stalinism and the Political Revolution in China"
10. Election of National Committee

Motion: That the following time allotments be given to reporters.

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1. Political Resolution: 1 1/4 hours plus 1/2 hour summary
2. Desegregation Struggle: 1 hour plus 1/2 hour summary
3. Chicano Liberation: 1 hour plus 1/2 hour summary
4. Puerto Rican Struggle: 1 hour plus 1/2 hour summary
5. Tasks and Perspectives: 1 1/4 hours plus 1/2 summary
6. Youth Report: 1 hour plus 1/2 hour summary
7. World Movement (two reporters): 1/2 hour each plus 1/4 hour summary  
"Key Issues Around the Debate in the World Movement on the Portuguese, Italian, and Mexican Elections": 1 hour plus 1/2 hour summary
9. "Stalinism and the Political Revolution in China": 1 hour plus 1/2 hour summary

### Motion: That the following workshops take place:

1. Party Participation in the Struggle Against Racism
2. The Women's Liberation Movement Today and the Party's Involvement
3. The Party Suit Against Government Harassment
4. 1976 SWP Presidential Election Campaign
5. Fall Circulation Campaign for The Militant
6. How to Win New Members to the SWP
7. Defense Activity for Latin American Political Prisoners
8. Writing Articles and Taking Pictures for The Militant
9. Blacks in the Unions
10. Teachers: AFT and NEA
11. Equal Rights Amendment Support Activity
12. Steel Workers
13. Printing Trades
14. Building Trades
15. Defense of Iranian Political Prisoners
16. Mineworkers
17. Communication Workers
18. Party Participation in the Chicano Movement
19. Speakers Bureau Perspectives
20. Hospital Workers
21. Auto Workers
22. Party Finances
23. Pathfinder Literature Distribution Perspectives in the New Branches
24. Public Employees
25. Teamsters
26. Panel Discussion on Producing Politically Attractive, Regular Forums
27. Electrical Workers
28. Coalition of Labor Union Women
29. Election Campaign Finances and Laws
30. Party Participation in the Puerto Rican Movement
31. Pathfinder II
32. Soviet and Eastern Europe Defense Activities
33. Defending the Arab Revolution
34. Party Education Plans
35. Party Participation in the Struggle for Black Women's Liberation

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36. NAACP
37. Fundraising in the Anti-racist Movement
38. Filipinos, Japanese-Americans and Chinese-Americans
39. High School Activities
40. Panel Discussion by Chicano Activists
41. 1976 Election Campaign Candidates Workshop
42. Election Campaign Media
43. YSA Finances
44. Election Campaign Traveling Campaign Teams
45. International Women's Liberation
46. Youth Support to the 1976 Election Campaign
47. Three Talks on the Canadian Political Situation
48. Other talks and classes by guests from other groups in the World Trotskyist Movement
49. Lawyers and Law Students

Motion: To approve the convention schedule (see attached).

Motion: That the following serve as convention secretaries: Bitsy Myers, Bob Roberts, Vangie Eidsvik, and Reba Williams.

Motion: That a committee of John Hawkins, Rich Feigenberg, Joan Quinn, Mike Zárate and Andrea Lubrano be designated to head up convention security.

Motion: To elect a credentials committee consisting of five delegates.

Motion: To elect a Constitution Committee consisting of three delegates.

Motion: To elect a Nominating Commission consisting of twenty-six members composed as follows:

- 3 New York Local
- 2 Northern California (San Francisco Local, San Jose Local, Berkeley Branch, Oakland Branch)
- 2 Southern California (Los Angeles Local, San Diego Branch)
- 2 Texas (Houston Local, Dallas Branch, San Antonio Branch)
- 1 Philadelphia Local
- 1 Pittsburgh Branch
- 1 Chicago Local
- 1 Boston Local
- 1 Atlanta Local
- 1 Cleveland Local
- 1 Milwaukee Branch
- 1 Newark Branch
- 1 Seattle Local
- 1 St. Louis Branch
- 1 Minnesota (Minneapolis Branch, St. Paul Branch)
- 1 DC/Virginia (Washington DC Area Local, Richmond Branch)
- 1 Denver Branch
- 1 Detroit Local

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- 1 New Orleans Branch
- 1 Portland Branch
- 1 Baltimore Branch

Motion: To seat as fraternal delegates the following:

(1) National Committee members, (2) members of the National Control Commission, (3) heads of national departments, (4) members of the YSA National Executive Committee, (5) one delegate each selected by branches organized in new cities after May 10, and branch organizing committees, (6) special guests.

Motion: That the convention be open to party members, provisional members, Young Socialist Alliance members, and invited guests.

Motion: That the official convention tape recording be directed by Barbara West.

Motion: That the official convention photographers be Susan Ellis, Mary-Jo Hendrickson, Lou Howort, Walter Lippman, and Henry Snipper.