

Attention All IS Members

NOTES ON THE 1976 CONVENTION

1. The four convention discussion documents will be sent to the branches on Friday, May 21st. Convention resolutions will be published one week later. Counter resolutions or amendments must be at the National Office by Wednesday, June 16th.
2. The convention will start in Detroit on the morning of Saturday July 3rd and will end in the afternoon of Monday July 5th. Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon will be reserved exclusively for national fraction meetings.
3. The convention itself will have five full sessions on the national secretary's report, the industrial document, the domestic politics document, the international document and the party building document plus a mini-session on organization (NC elections, etc.).
4. The convention will discuss resolutions not documents, and the time accorded to each resolution will not be equal, but will be put to the body by the convention arrangements committee at the beginning of the first session.
5. There will be one delegate per five branch members based on the membership figure for the branch on June 1, 1976. Branches that are part of district organization (NY, Chicago, Detroit) may also elect delegates on this basis as long as the size of the complete delegation from the district does not exceed the one-per-five guideline. Each organizing committee of three or more will get one delegate.
6. Each branch will elect a single alternate who will only be seated if the elected delegate is physically unable to attend.
7. NC members will have voice but no vote in the convention, and will not stand for delegacy from their branches. Members at large will have neither voice nor vote, but will have the same observers' rights as other members.
8. To get a discussion document published by the national office and distributed to the members, it must have been discussed and agreed to by a branch or discussed by a branch and have the signatures of five members of the organization. The same holds for resolutions and amendments to EC resolutions.
9. In addition to the branch discussion, the national office will organize several one-day regional conferences for pre-convention discussion (details later). These conferences do not have the same powers as the branch meetings and will thus confine themselves to discussion and not take votes on resolutions.
10. Non-members who are sympathetic to the IS will be allowed to attend the convention as observers as long as specific permission is obtained in advance from the National Office.

National Committee

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