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# **How to Organize a Section of the Socialist Labor Party of America (June 30, 1895)**

All persons dissatisfied with present political and economic conditions, and who believe that the land, water works, gas works, telephone and telegraph lines, the commercial highways on land and sea, with all their appurtenances and equipments; all the mills, mines, factories, machinery, means of production and agencies of distribution, created by the efforts of the laboring class through all the centuries of the past, ought of right to be nationalized, and operated for the benefit of collective humanity, and who are convinced that the disinherited producing class can and must transform the capitalistic methods of production and distribution into a social and cooperative system, are hereby invited to identify themselves with the Socialist Labor Party, which alone goes to the root of our social and economic evils.

1. Any ten persons may organize themselves into a section, provided they accept the platform and constitution of the SLP, and sever their connection, absolutely, with all other political parties.

## **2. Officers to Elect:**

- 1 — Organizer.
- 2 — Recording and corresponding secretary.
- 3 — Financial secretary.
- 4 — Treasurer.
- 5 — Literary agent.
- 6 — Chairman, each meeting.

## **3. Order of Business:**

- 1 — Reading of minutes.
- 2 — New members.
- 3 — Correspondence.
- 4 — Financial report.
- 5 — Report of organizer.
- 6 — Report of committees.

7 — Unfinished business.

8 — New business.

4. There shall be no initiation fee charged. Amount of monthly dues is fixed by each section. A monthly remittance of 10 cents per member shall be made to the National Executive Committee.

5. A full report of the first meeting, including a list of members, with enclosure of 10 cents per capita, is necessary to obtain a charter.

6. Per capita checks [dues stamps] are furnished by the National Executive Committee at 10 cents each; such checks are pasted in monthly column on the membership card, and charged to members at such excess rate as will cover the amount of dues fixed by the section.

7. Each section shall hold a regular business meeting at least once a month, and semi-monthly meetings for public discussion or lectures on political or economic questions.

8. Quarterly reports of the numerical strength and financial standing of members, party progress, and prospects, shall be promptly sent to the National Executive Committee.

9. Any person residing in a city or town where no section of the party exists may make direct application to the National Secretary, enclosing one month's dues, and will thus be enrolled as members-at-large.

For pamphlets, leaflets, platforms, and other information, address the National Secretary, Henry Kuhn, 64 East 64th Street, New York City.