

**Socialist Party USA  
National Organizing Conference**

**Saturday August 14, 2010 Schedule**

**9:00 am:** Doors Open

**10:00 am:** Opening Remarks

**10:00 am to 12:00 pm- First Session** (rooms will be posted at the conference)

**Workshop 1 A: Defining the Socialist Society: An Open discussion on what a socialist society will look like.**

There are many thoughts on what a socialist society will actually look like.

**Facilitator:** Jerry Stastny.

**Workshop 1 B: The Fall of the US Empire –and then what?:** A workshop taken from the book, “The Fall of the US Empire - and Then What?” By Johan V. Galtung. This book explores the why, how, when and where of the present decline and fall of the US Empire, based its contradictions. It also considers what could be the resolution of this? Possibilities include Successors, Regionalization or Globalization? US Fascism or US Blossoming? It could lead to a positive outcome – a more democratic system dedicated to alleviating human suffering throughout the world or an even more repressive state involving corporate dictatorship and world war.

**Speaker:** John Carey

**Workshop 1C: Building of a healthy, attractive, activist Socialist Party:** A discussion on how we can build the Socialist Party as a party that is: outwardly directed; engaged in activism as well as electoral campaigns; has an internal culture that treats all members with respect; focuses internal discussion on the vision, strategy and tactics to be actively involved in American movements and politics; minimizes internal disputes over largely abstract and distant questions and eschews rude behavior and vitriolic language.

**Facilitator:** Dan LaBotz

**12:00- 1:30 pm: Lunch**

**1:30 to 3:00 pm- Second Session** (rooms will be posted at the conference)

**Workshop 2 A: Immigration and Labor**

**Facilitator:** Matthew Andrews

**Workshop 2 B: From Conflict to Collaboration: Consensus Decision Making How it Works and Why it Works and Improves Member Participation**

**Facilitators:** Kristin Schall and Greg Pason

**Workshop 2 C: Street Activism and Tactics:** Discussion on which forms of actions are more effective, Blocades, Picketlines, Sit-ins, Direct Action violent/non-violent, Boycotts, Occupations etc. Also, how to defend yourself when dealing with aggressive police tactics, how to prepare for a protest demonstration i.e. what to bring, how to assist people who have been beaten by the police via medical assistance, how to Resist Aggressive police tactics and how the Socialist Party can be more revolutionary during protests and fighting back in the streets to reclaim them.

**Facilitator:** Matty O’Dea

**3:00 – 5:00 pm:** Plenary featuring Paul Buhle, Cindy Sheehan and Dan La Botz

**6:00 pm: Dinner**