

## Meeting of the Socialist Party USA National Committee

Post Convention October 23, 2005

**Attending:** Susan Dorazio, Raul Cano, Mary Loritz, Matthew Andrews, Andrea Pason, Emma Gonzales, Viji Saris, Ruth Greenberg-Edelstein, Tina Phillips, Greg Pason and Shaun Richman.  
(Attending but not voting): Alice Kelsey, Sam Mesick and Linda McKinney and Jim Schaefer (Treasurer).

Meeting called to order at 3 pm by Raul Cano, who chaired.

### Officer Elections

**Motion:** To re-elect Greg Pason as National Secretary. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion:** To re-elect Jim Schaefer as National Treasurer. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion:** To re-elect Steve Rossignol as National Archivist. **Motion passed unanimously.**

### Treasurer's Report

Jim Schaefer asked for input on how to invest available cash in the Treasury.

**Motion:** To authorize Jim Schaefer to choose the most appropriate investment of cash in the National Treasury until the next National Committee meeting. The National Committee recommended certificates of deposit or Treasury bonds. **Motion passed unanimously.**

### The Socialist

Greg Pason and Mary Loritz reported that there was at least one application, from Robert Pohle, to edit The Socialist, but it was received just before the convention, so was not available. They also reported that Cde. Pohle was willing to speak at an upcoming National Committee meeting.

**Motion:** To authorize Shaun Richman to guest edit the January/February 2006 issue of The Socialist with the Editorial Board, and to set a budget of \$750 to print and mail the issue. **Motion passed with one abstention** (Mary Loritz).

**Motion:** To add Robert Pohle to the Editorial Board for the January/February issue. **Motion passed** 7 yes (Mary Loritz, Matt Erard, Matthew Andrews, Tina Phillips, Emma Gonzalez, Lary Alice Herbert and Viji Sargis.) 5 no (Greg Pason, Wayne Rossi, Jason Becker, Dwight Welch, Susan Dorazio and Doris Lake) 1 Abstention (Andrea Pason).

### Platform Sub-Committee

**Motion:** To name Jason Becker, Matt Erard, Dwight Welch, Tina Phillips and Susan Dorazio to the Platform Sub-Committee. **Motion passed unanimously.**

### Organizing Conference

The NC discussed the convention decision to hold a national organizing conference.

**Motion:** To direct the National Secretary to put a call out for proposals to host the 2006 Socialist Party national organizing conference based on guidelines in the convention resolution. The deadline for proposals is January 1, 2006 but the National Committee should not disqualify quality proposals submitted between January 1st and the February 2006 National Committee meeting. **Motion passed unanimously.**

### Broad Left Party

The NC discussed issues related to enforcement of the Broad Left Party resolution passed at the convention. Specific examples included the recent Howie Hawkins campaign as Green in Syracuse.

**Motion:** To direct the National Secretary to write the Central New York Local, asking how the Party can improve communication and ensure the local gets the proper authorization before running or endorsing non-Socialist Party campaigns. **Motion passed** 6 yes 3 no 4 abstentions.

**Motion:** The National Committee establish a sub-committee to investigate options for pre-qualified parties for the convention's Broad Left Parties resolution. **Motion passed** 10 yes and 2 abstentions (Emma Gonzales and Viji Sargis).

**Motion:** To name Tina Phillips, Wayne Rossi, Dwight Welch and Doris Lake to the Pre-Qualified Parties sub-committee. **Motion passed** 12 yes and 1 abstention (Michael Marino).

### **Youth Commission**

Mary Loritz reported the following resolution passed at the YPSL National Convention: "TO retain YPSL's autonomy, work in coalition with SPUSA, resolve to work with and reach out to other radical groups, and do our own fundraising, and encourage the creation of a YC."

**Motion:** To grant a 6 month temporary charter to a Youth Commission and to name Tina Phillips temporary convener. **Motion passed** 8 yes 3 no and 2 abstentions.

### **Next Meeting**

**Motion:** To hold the next meeting of the National Committee on either the first or second weekend of February based on input by National Committee members via e-mail. **Motion Passed unanimously.**

**Motion:** To hold the next National Committee meeting in Philadelphia Pennsylvania. **Motion passed unanimously**

Meeting adjourned