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PUBLICATION

The Socialist

Guidelines

(2001 Convention) BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following guidelines will apply to all subsequent editing and publishing of The Socialist.

1. As the official journal of the Socialist Party, and thus one of its primary means of outreach, The Socialist will, on an ongoing basis, present the principles, platform, and policies of our party, as well as statements and resolutions as requested by the National Committee.
2. The National Committee will elect a gender-balanced Editorial Board that reflects the geographic and political diversity of the party. The Editorial Board will work closely with the Editor(s) to decide upon general policy and practices in keeping with these guidelines, will aid and support the Editor(s) as mutually agreed upon, will meet on a regular basis, and will stay in regular contact with the National Committee.
3. The Editor(s) will solicit and publish articles reflecting the geographic, gender, political, and ethnic diversity of the party.
4. The Editor(s) and editorial board will make every effort to maintain open communication with the party membership and will be responsive in a timely way to constructive feedback.
5. The Socialist will be funded by member dues, by subscription ads, and by individual contributions. All of these funds will pass through the national treasury. The Editor(s) will formulate a budget each calendar year, taking into account expected revenues based on past revenues. The budget will be presented to the National Committee for its review and approval. The Socialist will not operate at a deficit.
6. The Socialist will appear at least six times a year on a regular schedule to be determined by the Editor(s) in consultation with the Editorial Board. The Socialist will publish International Women's Day and May Day issues each year, which will be in the hands of the members, and locals, at least ten days prior to March 8 and May 1, respectively.

(2009 Convention) 7. The national committee shall have the authority to publish its statements in The Socialist. The national committee shall also set general guidelines on the direction of the journal.

Related resolutions

(June 2009 NC) As the official journal of the Socialist Party and thus one of its primary means of outreach, The Socialist will on an ongoing basis present:

- a) material that does not conflict with the principles of our party
- b) statements and resolutions as requested by the National Committee
- c) in the event and article contradicts the party platform or policy statements, it shall be preceded by the positions of the party.

(June 2009 NC): The National Committee confirms that Socialist Women must abide by all of the same mandates and directives as The Socialist while replacing The Socialist during the publication schedule, including all resolutions passed at this NC meeting.

Editor

Job Requirements

(June 2009 NC) The Editor of The Socialist – the national publication of the Socialist Party USA, a democratic socialist feminist organization, will consistently fulfill the following job requirements:

1. Actively solicit materials (articles, poetry, book reviews, commentary and graphics) particularly from women, people of color, LGBTQ and radicals, people both within and outside the SP-USA, via general calls for submissions and personal contact with individuals and organizations who are willing and able contributors.
2. Make sure that a democratic socialist feminist orientation is maintained by reaching out to radical feminists within and outside the party, and by publishing material that brings attention to women's issues as identified in the SP Statement of Principles and platform.
3. Write editorials that reflect the position of the Party in its statement of principles, platform and resolutions.
4. Promote written communication around the principles and program of the Socialist Party USA and the global democratic socialist movement by welcoming contributions from new writers and by encouraging their efforts through a supportive, respectful, editing process.

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5. Since TS is the SP's primary print-media means of outreach, the editor will publish statements as directed by the NC, and quotes from those sections of the Statement of Principles and platform that are relevant to the theme of the issue or to particular articles.
6. Communicate regularly with and share responsibilities with the Editorial Board; communicate regularly with the National Committee.
7. Meet publishing and distribution deadlines so that issues are in circulation during the first week of January, March May July, September and November – for consistency and to accommodate the IWD and May Day issues that are time sensitive.
8. Participate in an annual review of job performance with members of the National Committee and the Editorial Board (both self and peer evaluations).

Editor Election

(Oct 2009 NC) To re-elect Billy Wharton as the Editor of The Socialist.

(Oct 2009 NC) To discuss the election of an assistant Editor at the next National Committee meeting.

(June 2009 NC) The national committee hopes that Billy Wharton will reconsider his resignation as Editor of The Socialist during the next seven days. If Billy does not withdraw his resignation in the next seven days, the Party will start the process of looking for a new Editor. (**note:** The resignation was withdrawn)

(March 2008 NC) To name William Wharton as the Editor of The Socialist.

(June 2007 NC) To name Terry Williams Editor of The Socialist based on his acceptance.

(Feb 2007 NC) In the absence of communication from Diane Brand, Terry Williams is authorized to lay out the International Women's Day issue of The Socialist. Matthew Andrews will guest edit and the National Office will lay out the May Day issue. The Editorial Board will communicate with Diane Brand about her ability to serve as Editor and will report back by March 15th with Diane's answer.

(June 2006 NC) To name Diane Brand as Editor of The Socialist.

(Oct 2005 NC) 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.

(Oct 2005 NC) To add Robert Pohle to the Editorial Board for the January/February issue.

(June 2005 NC) The National Committee name Shaun Richman to edit/lay out the August/September issue of The Socialist and allocate \$750 from the Treasury for the issue's production and mailing.

(June 2005 NC) The Editorial Board is charged with writing, assigning or authorizing the Editorial for the August/September issue of The Socialist. The Editorial Board shall also advise the Editor on approval of articles.

(Feb 2005 NC) The National Committee directs the National Secretary to edit and produce the May Day issue of The Socialist with the support of the Editorial Board. The Treasury will provide \$900 to the National Office for producing the issue.

(Feb 2005 NC) The National Committee does not feel it currently has an appropriate candidate for the position of Editor.

(Feb 2004 NC) The National Committee thanks Ken Meyers for his work as the Editor of The Socialist, and names Katherine Nicewander as new Editor starting immediately.

(Oct 2003 NC) To re-elect Ken Meyers as Editor.

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Editorial Board

(June 2009 NC) To accept the resignations of Tina Phillips and Courtney Campbell from the Editorial Board and to name Kristin Schall and Sally Joyner to the Editorial Board.

(June 2009 NC): Upon confirmation by Mary Alice Herbert of her resignation as convener of the Editorial Board, the National Committee names Marc Luzietti as the Editorial Board convener.

(June 2009 NC) Since the Editorial Board convener is the main liaison between the Editorial Board and the National Committee, the NC will accept as our responsibility electing the Editorial Board convener.

(Jan. 2009 NC) To name Marc Luzietti to the Editorial Board.

(March 2008 NC) To add Courtney Campbell and Steve Sears to the Editorial Board.

(June 2007 NC) To name Ardenne Bunde to the Editorial Board.

(Oct 2006 NC) To replace Steve Rossignol and Kristy Treacy on the Editorial Board with Jason Becker and Jessica Dreistadt. Steve and Kristy are invited to re-apply for the Editorial Board at the next NC meeting.

(June 2006 NC) Motion: To name Eric Chester, Mary Alice Herbert, James Marra, Tina Phillips, Steve Rossignol and Kristy Treacy as the Editorial Board of The Socialist, with Mary Alice Herbert as convener/chair. The NC directs Mary Alice Herbert to contact former Editorial Board member Michael Baker with this information.

(Feb. 2006 NC) To name Diane Brand to the Editorial Board as convener.

(Feb. 2006 NC) The current Editorial Board was reported as: Tina Phillips, Michael Baker, James Marra and Steve Rossignol and Mary Loritz (who has resigned from the Board.) The National Committee agreed that all existing EB members who wished to remain on the Board will be retained.

(Feb. 2006 NC) To name Mal Herbert and Kristy Treacy to the Editorial Board.

(Feb. 2006 NC) To set the size of the Editorial Board to eight.

(Feb. 2006 NC) To fill the open male EB position: Eric Chester was elected to the Editorial Board.

(June 2005 NC) The Editorial Board is charged with writing, assigning or authorizing the Editorial for the August/September issue of The Socialist. The Editorial Board shall also advise the Editor on approval of articles.

(Feb 2005 NC) To create a seven-person gender-balanced Editorial Board responsible for oversight of the production of The Socialist and maintaining all existing Editorial Board policies.

(Feb 2005 NC) To name the following members as members of the Editorial Board: Mark Alper, Michael Baker, Susan Dorazio, Mary Loritz, James Marra, Tina Phillips and Steve Rossignol, with Raul Cano replacing Steve Rossignol who declined the position.

(August 2004 NC) The National Committee directs the National Secretary to remind the Editorial Board of its mandates from the NC and convention. The Editorial Board is directed to report to each NAC and NC meeting, and have a member present at NC and NAC meetings available to answer questions.

(August 2004 NC) To add David Frazer and Mary Cal Hollis to the Editorial Board.

(Oct 2003 NC) To elect a five person gender-balanced Editorial Board. Editorial Board nominations are to be made by October 27th and elections held by October 31st. The new EB will go into effect starting with the January 2004 issue of *The Socialist*.

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General Policies

Content

(Jan 2009 NC) For the year 2009, the publishing schedule for “The Socialist” and for “Socialist Women” will be as it was for the year 2008, i.e., the 4 issues of TS will be dated January-February, May-June, July-August, and November-December; the 2 issues of SW will be dated Spring and Fall.

Schedule

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(March 2008) Be it resolved that (in 2008);

- 1) Socialist Women will serve as the March/April and September/October issues of The Socialist.
- 2) The Socialist Editorial Board will authorize the Women’s Commission to take responsibility for the March/April & September/October issues.
- 3) Existing mandates on The Socialist will apply to the March/April and September/ October issues of Socialist Women.

(Oct 2006 NC) The National Committee hereby authorizes the following schedule for the publication of The Socialist and Socialist Women for the year 2007:

February-March: 16 page International Women’s Day issue of The Socialist produced collaboratively by the Editorial Board of The Socialist and the Editorial Collective of Socialist Women.

May-June: 16- page May Day issue of The Socialist

July-August: 8 page issue of Socialist Women

October-November: 16 page issue of The Socialist combined with an 8 page issue of Socialist Women.

(June 2006) To direct the Editorial Board to work with the Editorial Collective of Socialist Women on producing six issues of Party publications for 2007.

(Oct 2003 NC) The International Women’s Day issue of *The Socialist* is to be a joint project of the TS Collective and the Editor of Socialist Women. *The vote was interpreted to give the Editor the authority to work out such an arrangement if he chooses.*

Staff

(June 2007 NC) The Party authorizes \$150 from the Treasury for Editing and \$50 from the Treasury for layout of each issue of The Socialist.

Advertising Policy

(June 2007) “Policy on Advertisements for the Socialist and Socialist Women”

- I. The masthead shall include a deadline for the submission of ads for the next issue. The masthead of both publications should contain the following: Advertisements are welcome. Advertisement rates and policy guidelines are available upon request. The Editorial Board reserves the right to reject inappropriate ads.
- II. Policy guidelines: 1) Anyone submitting an inquiry or copy for an advertisement shall be provided with the advertising policy guidelines prior to the placement of the ad. The policy guidelines shall also be printed in The Organizer; 2) The person receiving the copy of the proposed ad, and the payment for such, shall immediately forward the ad to the Editorial Board and the Editor; 3) Advertisements may be in the form of memorials to recently deceased members; solicitations for goods and services provided by radical or progressive sources; greetings with a democratic socialist message compatible with the Socialist Party’s Statement of Principles and platform.
- III. Ads presenting the following types of messages will be deemed inappropriate and will not be printed: a) those which contradict the Party’s Principles and platform b) sexist, homophobic or bigoted content; c) critical of the Socialist Party; d) advocating the perspective of a specific tendency within the Party; e) promoting a viewpoint on an issue of controversy within the Party; f) advocating a resolution or constitutional amendment for consideration by the Party’s convention g) promoting candidates for nomination for any office by the Socialist Party of the United States of America.

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IV. Ads from other political organizations will not be printed without the express authorization of the national committee.

Those whose ads are deemed inappropriate will be informed that Hammer & Tongs is the appropriate forum for internal debate.

Hammer & Tongs/Arise!

(Feb. 2006 NC) Hammer & Tongs shall print a "Volunteer" section to inform members of all the ways in which they can participate in the work of the Party. Commissions will be encouraged to recruit in each issue. Committees which can accept new members, or to which the NC may wish to appoint more members, will be listed. Vacant or temporarily filled positions will be advertised. Each submission in this section must include some details to describe the kind of work and responsibility involved. Matt Andrews is named to produce the "Volunteer" section.

(Feb 2005 NC) To rename "Arise!" as "Hammer and Tongs" with a subtitle of "Internal Discussion Bulletin of the Socialist Party USA

(Feb 2005 NC) Articles for Hammer & Tongs may not exceed 1500 words.

(Feb 2005 NC) To authorize Antonio Salas to edit the June issue of Hammer & Tongs.