

Constitution

PREAMBLE

The Communist Labor Party of the United States of North America (CLP) is a political party of the working class. It is a revolutionary party with the aim of socialist reconstruction of our society, guided by the advanced theory of scientific socialism: Marxism-Leninism. A real communist party is the subjective expression of an objective communist movement. Our Party strives to become that subjective expression. Therefore, our Party fights on all fronts of struggle and sends its cadre in all social directions. Everywhere our cadre rely on the spontaneous movement, deepening and broadening it, bringing it political clarity and consciousness of its historic role. In order to carry out these aims, we established and organized the Communist Labor Party.

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Communist Labor Party of the United States of North America.

ARTICLE II

PRINCIPLES OF ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1

The system of organization of the Communist Labor Party is based on democratic centralism. The principal basis of democratic centralism is that lower bodies elect higher bodies and submit to their authority.

SECTION 2

Collectivity is carried out through the principle of collective decisions and individual responsibility. After thorough collective discussion in any unit, committee or convention, decisions are arrived at by majority vote. All members, including those who

disagree, are duty bound to explain, fight for and carry out the decisions. Any member who disagrees with a decision has the right to appeal it to the next higher body. Appeals may be made to successively higher bodies up to and including the Congress. While the appeal is pending the decision must be upheld and carried out. Factions are not permitted.

SECTION 3

The Communist Labor Party acts by strict discipline and subordination of the minority to the majority. Discipline is based on ideology. Ideology is class consciousness based on theory. Discipline is accepted by members by joining the Party.

SECTION 4

Each Party body is subordinate to the next higher body. The Congress is the highest body in the Party. The Congress has the authority to act on all aspects of Party policy. It elects a Central Committee to carry out its will and implement political decisions between Congresses.

SECTION 5

The Party organizes its activity around its agitation and propaganda.

SECTION 6

Election of leading bodies at every level is to be conducted with full participation of the members. All candidates are evaluated and voted on individually. The introduction of slates in Party elections is not permitted. Members or chairs of Party bodies may be removed by majority vote of the body to which they are responsible. All elections are held by secret ballot. Co-optation of members to elected bodies is not permitted.

The basis for all elections will be an evaluation of the carrying out of decisions. The same principles apply to any unit or committee when electing or removing chairpersons.