

# CONSTITUTION

## Article 1 Name and Structure

*Section 1.* This organization shall be known as Workers Solidarity Alliance. The Workers Solidarity Alliance shall be affiliated with, and shall form the U.S. Section of, the International Workers Association.

*Section 2.* The Workers Solidarity Alliance shall be comprised of wage workers, the unemployed, and those objectively a part of the working class.

*Section 3.* Members may organize themselves into local groups, district organizations, commissions and committees.

*Section 4.* Local groups and district organizations shall be organized on a regional basis. All members of local groups and district organizations must be members of the national organization.

*Section 5.* Local groups and district organizations shall make their geographic jurisdiction known to the National Committee and shall include only those people living and working within that jurisdiction. Local groups and district organizations shall be known as the Workers Solidarity Alliance [geographical jurisdiction] Group or Workers Solidarity Alliance [district organization].

*Section 6.* Local groups shall be able to determine their own dues and structure so long as this does not conflict with the payment of dues and the structure of the organization nationally.

*Section 7.* Local groups may divide at any time they so choose and shall decide between themselves new jurisdictions. The National Committee shall be promptly notified of such changes.

*Section 8.* Commissions and committees may be created to organize and carry on work in given industries and areas of interest, for mutual aid and defense, to publish and distribute literature, and to deal with such problems as may arise within the organization.

*Section 9.* Commissions shall be self-regulating but shall work openly and in cooperation with local groups, district organizations, and the National Committee. Committees shall be subordinate to the bodies which create them.

*Section 10.* Commissions shall be able to set their own dues and structure and determine their areas of work so long as these decisions do not conflict with on-going work under

the jurisdiction of other bodies within the organization and the payment of dues to the organization.

*Section 11.* Local groups, district organizations, commissions, committees and tendencies shall be responsible for their own debts.

## Article 2 Membership

*Section 1.* No body may have less than three (3) members. Whenever a body falls below that number, the remaining members shall relinquish all funds and supplies to the National Committee.

*Section 2.* All applicants agree to abide with the Constitution and Principles of this organization, the statutes of the International Workers Association, and such declarations and provisions as the organization will issue in conference.

*Section 3.* All members shall have only one vote on any question. All members shall have equal voice and standing within the organization. All members shall receive the help and support of the organization in times of hardship and trouble.

*Section 4.* Tendencies shall publish and propagandize only under their own names. They shall not claim to represent the organization as a whole. Tendencies shall organize openly and be self-regulating. Members shall have the right to form tendencies in order to formulate political programs, organize debate and discussion, influence work and the direction of the organization and disseminate information on such programs, discussion and work.

*Section 5.* Any member may join any tendency so long as sufficient agreement exists between the individual and the tendency and so long as this membership is made known to all concerned.

*Section 6.* In the event that a constituent body secedes, is suspended from, or expelled from, the national organization, all members of this body shall come under review by the National Committee.

*Section 7.* Members who violate the Constitution or Principles of the Workers Solidarity Alliance, the Statutes of the International Workers Association or act contrary to the interests of the organization may be expelled. No member may be expelled without ample discussion and an opportunity to offer a defense. Only a National Conference, after a hearing, may expel a member, by a majority vote,