

2022 LRNA Bylaws

Article I. Name and Mission

- A. The name of this organization** shall be the League of Revolutionaries for a New America (LRNA), hereinafter referred to as the “League” or the “organization.”
- B. The mission of the organization** is to unite with other revolutionaries around the demands of the working class, especially the class of displaced workers, and show how the solution is a cooperative, communist society, in which social wealth is owned in common and distributed according to need.

Article II. Membership

A. Qualifications for Membership

- 1) Membership is open to those who accept and carry out the League Program
- 2) Members join and build League collectives through recruitment. They participate in political discussion and study, agree to and carry out assignments, and pay dues and support the organization financially.

B. Rights and Responsibilities of Members

- 1) To participate fully in the organization’s political education, study, discussion and getting out revolutionary ideas.
- 2) To full voice and vote on matters before the organization and to due process in matters of policy application and membership.

Article III – League Collectives

A. The League Collective is the basic form of League membership.

- 1) A League collective is a collaborative of revolutionaries who share an area of work, a specific front of struggle in the social movement, or a geographic area and support each other to achieve common objectives.
- 2) Each League member will join or be building a League collective. A League collective may include non-members who are involved in collective activities.
- 3) Committees on fronts of struggle are collectives of revolutionaries working in the growing social movement, and are essential to politicizing the social movement and building the League organization.

B. The purpose of the League Committees on Fronts of Struggle and other Collectives is to

- 1) connect the League closely with revolutionaries involved in the growing social and political movement; unite revolutionaries on the basis of the demands of the class whose

needs can't be met under the current system; and develop a political understanding, vision, and strategy to achieve the cooperative resolution of the problems our society and planet face

- 2) engage in study, discussion, and planning aimed at developing and disseminating a revolutionary understanding of the current political situation and of the political battles ahead;
- 3) contribute to the understanding of the organization as a whole by making assessments, analyzing the collective's work and the struggles of which it is a part and preparing appropriate reports;
- 4) discuss and contribute to all forms of League media based on a plan of how best to carry out the League's mission in the struggles in which they are engaged;
- 5) recruit new members, and raise financial support for League.
- 6) establish working relations with non-members and other organizations.

C. The structure of a League Collective may be flexible in order to accomplish its work and the growth of the League and its influence.

- 1) *Collectives may be local or national. They are established by the appropriate authoritative body, and report to the Area and regional, and/or national bodies as appropriate and coordinate their work with other collectives.*
- 2) Collectives will elect a chairperson to prepare for meetings and to assure that plans, evaluation, and reports are made.
- 3) Collectives may be formed on a permanent or temporary basis as needed.

Article IV - League Areas

A. A League Area is the organization of all the League members and local committees in a defined geographic area.

A League Area may be a city, metropolitan area, a section of a large metropolitan area, a state, or a larger geographic region of a size conducive to League growth and member development.

B. The purpose of the League Area is to

- 1) provide the support needed to promote the achievement of collective purposes at the Area level including, wherever possible, assisting collectives in recruiting, orienting, educating and consolidating members; developing leadership training; conducting assessments and developing work plans;
- 2) contribute to the understanding of the organization as a whole by making assessments, analyzing social and political struggles relevant to the Area, and preparing appropriate reports;
- 3) promote communication between Area members and committees and/or higher body as appropriate.

C. The structure of the League Area may be flexible in order to accomplish League unity, growth and influence.

- 1) A League Area may set up collectives necessary to carry out the work of the Area and to assure that political, administrative, financial, educational and communication functions are managed appropriately within their area.
- 2) An Area shall elect a chairperson to prepare for Area meetings and assure that plans, evaluation, and reports are made.

Article V National Committees On Fronts of Struggle

A. A National Committee is a League committee working at the national level.

- 1) A League committee is a collective of revolutionaries who share a specific front of struggle, and support each in achieving the League's mission at the national level. They are essential to politicizing the social movement and building the League organization today.
- 2) Individual League members who do not have a League committee at the local level may be assigned to National Committee as the basic collective of their League membership.

B. Purpose of League National Committees On Fronts of Struggle

- 1) A National Committees carries out the purposes of League Committees with a national focus.
- 2) National Committees assist members in establishing committees in Areas and regions.

C. Structure of National Committees On Fronts of Struggle may be flexible in order to accomplish their work and the growth of the League and its influence.

- 1) National Committees are committees of the National Council, report to the National Council and to local committees in their arena of struggle.
- 2) National Committees will elect a chairperson to prepare for meetings and assure that plans, evaluation, and report reports are made.

Article VI. National Convention

A. The National Convention shall be a formal meeting of delegates to set national policy and direction, and elect members to the National Council.

- 1) A National Convention shall be held at least once every four (4) years and shall be convened by a majority vote of the National Council or by a petition signed by a majority of the membership. Upon the request of at least 25 members, the National Council will submit such petition to the membership to ascertain the will of the majority on this matter.
- 2) The National Council shall designate the date and venue of a National Convention and provide written notice of the date, venue and guidelines for the National Convention at least 60 (sixty) days before the date of that meeting.

B. Convention Guidelines

- 1) Documents proposed by the National Council to be debated at the Convention and guidelines for selection of delegates and the submission of resolutions and amendments will be published 60 days before the date of the national Convention.
- 2) Delegates to a National Convention from each Area shall be elected at an Area Convention called at least one month prior to the National Convention in the area. Once the

convention begins, delegates are responsible to the organization as a whole and are not bound exclusively by the decisions/recommendations of the Areas.

- 3) Selection of members of the out-going National Council to serve as delegates to the Convention shall be established in Convention guidelines.
- 4) Area Conventions shall consider and propose amendments to documents to be debated at the National Convention. Amendments may also be submitted by individual members.
- 5) Areas, committees and individuals may propose resolutions to be considered by the National Convention.

C. National Council at Convention

- 1) Outgoing National Council members shall resign their positions in the first act of the Convention.
- 2) The Convention shall elect an Executive Committee to preside over the Convention

Article VII. National Council

A. The National Council is the leading political body of the League which organizes the League politically based on the decisions of the National Convention and facilitates the flow of information and analysis to and from elected leadership at all levels.

B. The National Council's authority and responsibility are as follows:

- 1) to make assessments of the revolutionary process of developing consciousness and social response around the country based on the assessment and information from League areas and committees and to make regular reports to the organization;
- 2) to set direction, policy, and procedures for the organization to carry out the League's mission and decisions of the National Convention and to make regular evaluations of and tactical adjustments to the work of the organization;
- 3) to establish a structure consistent with these bylaws to carry out the work of the organization, to receive regular reports from, and to report to, League bodies and membership, and to adopt the League's annual operating budget and a dues structure to support it;
- 4) to convene and set guidelines for National Conventions, to evaluate the work of the organization and make recommendations to the National Convention, including criteria, considerations and candidates for the National Council.

C. The National Council is structured with a broad membership to guarantee communication and unity within the organization.

- 1) The National Council will be composed of up to 20 members, elected at the National Convention. Nominations are made to ensure that the National Council includes members from and responsible to report to as many National Committees and League Areas as possible, and reflect where the fight for basic needs is breaking out. If not elected at the National Convention, the Rally Comrades will have a member on the leading body.
- 2) The National Council shall meet as necessary, but at least quarterly. Notice of meetings must be provided to all members two weeks prior the meeting date. In an emergency, special meetings for limited business held with 5 (five) days notice.
- 3) The National Council may temporarily fill by appointment the seat of a National Council member who is on leave of absence. If a member misses two (2) consecutive National

Council meetings without notice or explanation, the National Council may declare that seat vacant or fill that seat by appointment until the appropriate election is held..

Article VIII Officers

A. The officers of the National Council of the organization shall be as follows:

- 1) The Chairperson, who shall
 - a. preside at all meetings of the National Council;
 - b. perform those duties incident to the office of Chairperson and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the National Council.
- 2) The Vice-Chairperson, who shall
 - a. perform the duties of the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson;
 - b. perform such duties as are delegated by the Chairperson.
- 3) The Secretary, who shall
 - a. keep the minutes reported from the meetings of the National Convention and take and keep minutes of the National Council, prepare minutes for appropriate distribution, see that all notices are given as required by these bylaws, and that all official corporate records and organization files are maintained;
 - b. perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as may be assigned by the Chairperson or the National Council.
- 4) The Treasurer shall be a member of the Finance Committee and shall
 - a. ensure that all League monies are deposited into League accounts, that an accurate accounting is kept of all League funds, that tax and other required governmental forms are submitted in a timely manner, and that quarterly financial reports are made to the National Council;
 - b. perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer and other duties as may be assigned by the Chairperson or the National Council.

B. The elected officers and up to four additional members which the National Council may elect from its membership shall serve as its Executive Committee.

- 1) This Executive Committee shall have the authority to implement and execute the decisions of the National Council and to carry out other duties as defined by the National Council.
- 2) If the position of an officer becomes vacant, the National Council may appoint a member of the National Council to temporarily perform the duties of that office or, if the vacancy is permanent, shall elect a member of the National Council to fill that office.
- 3) The elected officers shall serve *ex officio* as "corporate directors" for legal purposes.

Article IX Standing Committees

A. Standing Committees are permanent collectives of the National Council constituted to carry out the necessary operations and administration of the organization.

- 1) Standing Committees, are collectives set up by the National Council to facilitate the implementation of decisions of the Convention and the National Council, to provide for

the necessary operations of the League at the national level, and to provide support for the activity of members, committees and Areas.

- 2) The National Council constitutes and defines the authority and responsibility of Standing Committees. Standing Committees report to the National Council and work through the Operational Department.

B. Purpose of Standing Committees

- 1) Standing Committees will operate in particular areas of activity, which will include but not be limited to the following:
 - a. Publications and Media
 - b. Educational Resources
 - c. Finances and Membership
 - d. Relations with other organizations
- 2) *Rally!* Is the political paper of the League of Revolutionaries for a New America. LRNA relies on its collectives and members to write articles for, use, and distribute *Rally!*

C. Structure of Standing Committees

- 1) Standing Committees shall have at least three League members.
- 2) Each Standing Committee shall elect a chairperson to prepare for committee meetings and to assure that plans, evaluation, and reports are made.
- 3) Nothing in this article shall be construed to limit the formation and/or dissolution of appropriate committees, sub-committees, task forces, fractions, etc., that may be necessary to develop, support, and carry out League work.

Article X Operational Department

A. The Operational Department functions under the authority of the National Council, and as a subcommittee of its executive committee. It provides coordination and communication between and among League Standing Committees, the National Council, and the organization as a whole. The Operational Department shall consist of up to four people appointed by the National Council.

B. Purpose of the Operational Department

1) The Operational Department will organize operational and administrative support as necessary to implement decisions of the National Council, including organizing support to carry out League work as requested through the National Council by members or collectives.

2) The Operational Department will coordinate the work of Standing Committees, will ensure effective systems and means of communication are available to the organization, and will facilitate establishing connections with individuals and organizations in localities where the League does not yet have members. The Operational Department will take responsibility for the "transmission belt" to and from the National Council, to and from the collectives and members, including communication with areas, National Committees, Standing Committees and other League collectives.

C. Structure of the Operational Department

1) The Operational Department shall meet as necessary, but at least quarterly.

2) Standing Committees and other collectives formed for the purposes of this article will make written reports on plans and progress to the Operational Department at least twice a year.

3) The Operational Department will elect a chairperson to prepare for meetings and to assure that plans, evaluation, and reports are made.

Article XI Procedures

- A.** League meetings will be prepared to allow for the fullest participation and political equality of all participants and facilitated to arrive at mutual agreement whenever possible.
- B.** A majority of the members of any body shall constitute a quorum. When mutual agreement cannot be reached, decisions shall be made by majority vote. Roberts Rules of Order shall define procedures discussion and voting if those are not defined in the organization's policy and procedures.
- C.** Telephonic or electronic participation in a meeting will constitute presence at the meeting. Members may participate and act at a meeting through the use of a conference telephone or other communication equipment so long as all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other concurrently. Neither email nor chat nor any other similar means is a proper form of concurrent comm Notice may be given electronically by email or other electronic delivery methods permitted by law.
- D.** Voting shall be allowed in person, electronically or by proxy in advance.
- E.** Two signatures or documentation of written approval by two officers will be required for the issuance of any check or financial transaction larger than \$100.
- F.** Headings in these Bylaws are for convenience only and shall not be used to interpret or construe its provisions.

G. Article XII

- A.** These bylaws may be amended by majority vote of a National Convention according to the process and guidelines established for bylaw amendment at that meeting.
- B.** These bylaws may be amended between National Conventions by a $\frac{3}{4}$ (three-quarters) vote of the National Council at a special meeting of the National Council held for that purpose, providing two weeks notice of such meeting and its purpose has been communicated to the membership of the organization.