

## **CONSTITUTION:**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Students and Youth For A New America is a socialist and revolutionary patriotic youth group. We are the youth wing of the Center for Political Innovation and seek to build a new America. An America of, by, and for the people. Not the capitalists and imperialists. With the collapse of American unipolarity and the devastating economic crisis we are in, it is clear that the youth of America need solutions. American youth find themselves caring for their parents, brothers and children. They find themselves working multiple jobs for little pay and in school. They find themselves in serious debt and with little future prospects. Facing these titanic struggles, the American youth, now more than ever, are ready for socialism. SYNA seeks to unite the youth of America under the red banner. We are the city builders who will build a new America.

### **SECTION I – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS**

SYNA will have three main executive officers within the two committees, one Executive, and one National. These officers must be voted in by a majority vote. SYNA membership for at least 5 months is needed to run to be an executive officer, the current president is always eligible to run for office unless a majority votes out the president. The officers will serve a one-year term. Elections will be held every year and the elects will take office directly following the conclusion of the vote count. The three executive office responsibilities are described in the next sections of this article.

### **SECTION II – PRESIDENT**

The President has six main responsibilities, they are as follows:

1. To chair all meetings of National Committee (NCSYNA) and Executive Committee (EC)
2. To oversee and approve all decisions of the executive officers. Presidential vetoes may be overridden with a two-thirds vote of all voting members of NCSYNA and EC.
3. The president is the main spokesperson, on behalf of this organization, to any concerned parties.
4. The president is responsible for setting the date and time for all the meetings, with the approval of the executive board. The president has to make sure that all of the executive officers meet on a regular basis.
5. To appoint voting members to all committees, as the committee's form.

### **SECTION III – VICE-PRESIDENT**

The VP has three main responsibilities, they are as follow:

1. To assist the president regarding decision-making and speaking engagements. The VP is required to attend all speaking engagements with the president.

2. Assume presidential responsibilities in the absence of the president.
3. To set the agenda of all the meetings, with the president's approval. A copy of the agenda should be provided to all of the members at the beginning of each meeting.

#### **SECTION IV – GENERAL SECRETARY**

General Secretary has seven main responsibilities, they are as follow:

1. To choose and organize all fund-raising activities.
2. Assume presidential duties in the absence of the President and Vice-President.
3. Be responsible for all letters and correspondence of the NCSYNA and EC to the public and other organizations.
4. Periodically inspect and confirm treasury reports along with the rest of the NCSYNA and EC.

#### **SECTION V - NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

National Representatives have the following responsibilities:

1. To represent the wills and interests of their local SYNA branch to the NCSYNA.
2. To report developments within their local branch (actions, struggles, mergers, attitudes, and other such developments) to the NCSYNA and EC.
3. To maintain their respective local branches ideologically, logistically, and actively participate within SYNA.
4. Request necessary aid and support from the EC in whatever form that may be depending on local conditions.
5. To be the link between the NCSYNA, EC and local branches in order to foster trust in the representation of the NCSYNA from all members.
6. National Representatives shall be made up of leaders of local SYNA branches (elected by local members of such branches) lead their respective local SYNA branch.

#### **SECTION VI - BALANCE OF POWERS/GENERAL GUIDELINES**

Balance of power and general guidelines for the conduct of the NCSYNA are critical to ensuring the success of NCSYNA:

1. Any member of the NCSYNA can be expelled from the National Committee with a two-thirds majority vote from members of the National Committee. The same applies to expelling a member from SYNA.
2. If a political position is empty or vacant, power succession will go from the Vice President, General Secretary, and at last an emergency vote by National Representatives to fulfill a position provisionally until new elections are held.
3. An Executive officer can also hold the position of a National Representative but shall hold only a single vote.
4. Major decisions must be decided by meetings of the National Committee.
5. The National Office of the CPI has the ability to determine leadership within SYNA in case of emergency.

## **SECTION VII - POINTS OF UNITY**

Points of Unity are meant to keep our organization together ideologically and structurally:

1. We are an economically progressive and anti-imperialist youth group.
2. We reject and oppose with tongue and pen: fascism, capitalism, and imperialism.
3. We are a nonpartisan organization, willing to work to advance American Socialism and/or oppose imperialism.
4. We accept all members for who they are regardless of ethnicity, religion, gender, ability or status. If you live, work and struggle in this land, you are an American.
5. We seek to build a New America based upon people's democracy, internationalism, and revolutionary patriotism.
6. We denounce the two-party system as an outdated farce.
7. We support national self determination and reparations for oppressed nations in the USA or its territories.
8. We are a non-sectarian organization, your specific ideology doesn't matter but rather your agreement to the Point of Unity and SYNA's work.

## **SECTION VIII - ADMISSION OF MEMBERS AND BRANCHES**

The admission of new members and branches should be carried out as follows:

1. A meeting between Executive Officer/s and the prospective branch leader in which a location, strategy, and screening should follow. This will determine the viability of a branch and the leadership of that member.
2. For admitting new members, it will be required to have all say the WFDY pledge out loud to another SYNA member
3. Each branch will push the general economic, political and social lines of the CPI.

