
Rules [Constitution] for the Trade Union Educational League [February 1922]

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1. This body shall be known as the Trade Union Educational League.

2. Its aim shall be to carry on an intensified campaign of educational work within the trade unions to the end that the natural development of these bodies be facilitated, and thus the labor movement hastened on to the accomplishment of its great task of working class emancipation.

3. Only good-standing members of recognized trade unions can hold office in the league and participate actively in its business meetings.

4. Nationally the league shall consist of the following industrial sections: amusement trades, building trades, clothing trades, food trades, general transport trades, lumber trades, metal trades, mining trades, miscellaneous trades, printing trades, public service trades, railroad trades, textile trades, and local general groups. Each of these national industrial educational sections shall consist of militant workers from all the recognized trade unions in their respective spheres. Each of them shall have a national secretary. Locally the league shall follow the same general scheme of

organization, the various local groups choosing secretaries and specializing themselves according to the above-named industrial sections.

5. The league is purely an educational body, not a trade union. It is strictly prohibited for any of its national or local branches to affiliate to or accept the affiliations of trade unions. No dues shall be collected from individual workers nor per capita tax from organizations of any kind. The revenues of the league, national and local, shall be provided through voluntary donations, meetings, entertainments, sale of literature, etc. No membership cards shall be issued to individuals cooperating with the league.

6. The league shall hold national conferences yearly at such times and places as may be determined on by the preceding conferences. The system of representation shall be based upon the local general groups, and shall be calculated according to the local circulation of *The Labor Herald*. Localities with an average of 200 yearly subscribers or less shall be entitled to 2 delegates; localities with 200 to 500 yearly subscribers, 4 delegates;

localities with over 500 yearly subscribers, 6 delegates. In computing circulation bundle orders shall be discounted 50 percent; short term subscribers shall be compounded. Delegates shall be elected by the recognized local general groups, and shall have 1 vote each. During the national conference meetings shall be held of the various national industrial sections.

7. The National Office of the league shall consist of a Secretary-Treasurer and a National Committee composed of the 14 Secretaries of the national industrial sections specified in section 4. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be the secretary of the National Committee. He shall be elected by the national conference. The industrial secretaries shall be elected by their respective sections during the national conference. All good-standing members of recognized trade unions shall be eligible for office of Secretary-Treasurer; the members of the National Committee shall be good-

standing members of recognized unions in their respective industries.

8. Between national conferences the National Committee shall execute the general policies of the league. It shall control the work of the Secretary-Treasurer; elect the editor of the national official organ, *The Labor Herald*, and supervise the latter's policies. It shall meet quarterly or oftener when necessary. When such meetings cannot be held, the National Committee shall conduct its business by referendum.

9. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be duly bonded with a reliable surety company. He shall issue annual and quarterly financial statements. His book shall be audited quarterly by a finance committee of 3 chosen by the National Committee. Other national or local officials of the league handling the funds shall also be bonded.

10. These rules may be changed only by the national conferences.

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