

CONSTITUTION
OF
NEW ORLEANS
C.O.R.E.
As of September 1960

Article I. Name

This Organization shall be know as the New Orleans Congress of Racial Equality, Inc., and shall be abbreviated as CORE.

Article II. Purposes and Nature

The purpose for which this organization has been formed and for which it exists is to abolish discrimination based upon Skin Color, Race, Religion or National Origin, stressing non-violent, direct action methods.

Article III. Membership

Any person who subscribes to the Purposes of CORE as set forth in the National Constitution and who is willing to abide by CORE Rules for Action and meets the requirements of the local group is entitled to membership.

Active membership shall not be available to any person who (a) associates himself with any other group or organization which expounds a philosophy which is inimical or in contradiction to the fundamental principles of CORE; (b) persisrently violates the CORE Rules for Action; (c) attempts to subvert the CORE group through allegiance to other groups or organizations.

The CORE group shall consist of active members, probate members and friends of CORE. A probate member is a person seeking full membership; a friend of CORE shall be a person who participates in demonstrations, tests and meeting. Or gives finical assistance, but dose not desire to become an active CORE member, an active member is a person that takes part in all CORE activities and meeting and desires to be an active member.

To become a member of CORE a person must (1) have been a probate member for (4) four weeks or a friend of CORE regularly attending meetings and demonstrations for (4) four weeks, (2) be interviewed and instructed by the membership committee, (3) All person must be voted into the group by 2/3 mojority of present and voting members of the group. (4) Attend (4) four regular CORE meeting and participate in at least four demonstrations, tests or negotiations. (5) Any person missing (3) three consecutive meeting without a voidl reason (subject to approval of the group) is automatically dropped from the rolls.

Only members of CORE may hold office. Only members may vote for officers and on questions involving (1) CORE Policy, (2) Amendments or changs in Constitution and Bt-Laws, or (3) Take part in discussing of CORE Policy.

In matters involving direct action projects, all person who have been accepted as participants by the CORE group or chosen by the Chairman as participants are entitled to vote on procedures, tactics, etc.; only active members may vote should the group consider that matter of policy are involved.

Membership may be revoked if three members so request, and after a hearing by two-thirds of the members of the membership committee voting, vote for expulsion. Any person so expelled may appeal within thirty days to the National Office for referral of his case to the next meeting of the National Council or Convention of CORE.

Should any person be admitted to active membership by the local group and his membership found to be in conflict with the RESTRICTION ON MEMBERSHIP in the National Constitution or CORE's philosophy, it shall be held that his admission was through error and therefore void.

Article IV DUES AND FINANCES

The fiscal year shall begin on June 1st. and end on the following May 31st. Dues may be pledged by each member or the finance committee may offer a plan to the group to collect dues, which would be subject to the approval of two-thirds of the voting members.

Additional funds may be raised through fund appeals, donations, social and other activities.

Article V. OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

The officers of New Orleans CORE shall consist of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Financial Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary. (Other officers may be added as the group grows and the need arises.)

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

The Chairman shall preside at meetings and shall have the authority to appoint all committees, to appoint spokesmen for the group action projects, and to cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.

The Vice Chairman shall take over the duties of the Chairman in the event of his absence. He shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to him by the Chairman.

The Secretary shall take minutes of meetings and keep a record of all CORE activities.

The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence and take over the duties of the Secretary in the event of his absence. He shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to him by the Chairman.

The Financial Secretary shall be responsible for keeping a financial record and making reports at regular intervals, for keeping dues records and collecting dues from each member, and for maintaining a bank account and issuing checks. It shall be required that the Chairman is to countersign all checks also.

ELECTIONS

Notice of elections must be sent to the membership at least two weeks before the said election, and two notifications are preferable.

A Nominating Committee appointed by the Chairman shall prepare a slate of officers. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Election shall be by secret ballot. A plurality (majority) of votes cast shall constitute an election.

There must be a quorum present before action can be taken on any matter which requires the vote of active members only. A quorum shall consist of those present at a regularly announced meeting if it is at least 50% plus one or two thirds of the members in good standing at a specially called meeting.

In the event an office becomes vacant it may be filled by appointment or Special Election. The Chairman with the agreement of the Vice Chairman or the membership committee shall have the power to make said appointment.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

CORE meetings are not open to the public and only members, probat members, friends of CORE and individuals invited by a member have the right to attend. During discussion on matters involving direct action projects or CORE Philosophy all persons not active members in good standing shall be asked to leave the room.

The distribution of political and /or religious literature and the literature of other groups is prohibited immediately before, during, or immediately after CORE meetings and demonstrations. However, any representative of another organization invited to speak before CORE may distribute the literature of the organization he represents.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

Notice of changes in this constitution must be sent to the membership for two consecutive weeks before such changes are to be voted upon. Amendments shall be incorporated into this constitution upon approval by a majority of two thirds of the members voting.

(AMENDMENTS) FUNCTIONS:

An Executive Committee shall be formed. It shall be composed of all Officers, Committee Chairmen and two (2) person elected at charge.

- (1) Set up Agenda
- (2) Disciplinary Problems
- (3) Handel internal Problems

BY-LAWS

All meeting will be closed, Accept the Fourth Thu. of the month.
(Exception) - upon Consent by the Group.