
Organizational Rules of the Federated Farmer-Labor Party.

A document of the National Convention establishing the FFLP
held at Chicago, July 3-5, 1923.

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[I. Name and Purpose.]

1. The name of this organization shall be the Federated Farmer-Labor Party.
2. The purpose of this organization is to unite the industrial workers and farmers and to carry on the political struggle for their interests.

II. National Organization.

1. Any organization of industrial workers or farmers such as local trade unions, city central bodies, state federations of labor, national or international organizations, farmers organizations, labor political parties, cooperative societies, labor fraternal or insurance organizations, which endorses the principles of the organization may affiliate with it.
2. Wherever local or state organizations of the party exist, local organizations shall affiliate through these organizations, provided that whenever five or more local units of any national organization affiliate, they shall be recognized as constituent parts of the national organization and shall be represented in the National Executive Committee as hereinafter provided.
3. The governing body of the national organization shall be a National Executive Committee, which shall be elected by the convention of the party. The National Executive Committee shall consist of representatives of the constituent organizations in such proportion as may be decided

upon by the National Convention. Whenever any national organization affiliates between conventions it shall be entitled to one representative in the National Executive Committee. This rule shall also apply whenever five or more local groups of a national organization affiliate.

4. The National Executive Committee shall elect a sub-committee of seven to be known as the Executive Council which shall consist of members of the committee. The Executive Council shall supervise and direct the work of the national organization between the sessions of the National Executive Committee.

5. The National Executive Committee shall elect the National Secretary and National Chairman.

6. The Second National Convention of the party shall be called by the National Executive Committee for the month of December 1923 or January 1924 for the purpose of nominating a candidate for President and Vice President and of adopting a national platform. The National Executive Committee shall decide the basis of representation. The method of calling conventions to be held after the second convention shall be laid down at the second convention.

III. State Organizations.

1. State organizations of the party shall consist of the local organizations. State organizations shall hold annual conventions and elect a State

Executive Committee.

IV. Local Organizations.

1. Local organizations shall consist of the local units of the organizations mentioned in section 1 of Article II.

2. There may also be formed branches of the Federated Farmer-Labor Party which any person over sixteen years of age who endorses the principles of the Federated Farmer-Labor Party and who agrees to abide by the decisions of the party shall be eligible to membership.

3. The organizations mentioned in section 1 and 2 [above] shall send delegates to a City Central Committee which shall be the governing body of the local organizations and which shall elect a City Executive Committee.

V. Members-at-Large.

1. Persons living in localities in which there is no organization ...

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VI. Dues and Per Capita.

1. Members-at-large and members of local branches of the party shall pay yearly dues of \$1.00 to be receipted for by a stamp to be issued by the National Organization.

2. Local units of the party other than party branches shall pay into the treasury of the local organization 1¢ per member per month.

3. Organizations affiliated directly with the National Organization shall pay to the National

Organization 2¢ per member every three months.

4. Local organizations shall pay to the state organizations 50% of the dues and per capita received monthly and state organizations shall transmit to the National Organization 50% of the dues and per capita received from the local organizations.

National Executive Committee to be Elected by This Convention.

This convention shall elect a National Executive Committee consisting of representatives of the organizations represented on the organization committee and in the same proportion. Nominations shall be made in the same manner as for the organization committee, provided that the Farmer-Labor Party shall be entitled to five (5) representatives in the National Executive Committee.

Campaign for Affiliations.

The National Executive Committee stands instructed to immediately begin an aggressive campaign for new affiliations with the party. It shall endeavor to familiarize the workers and farmers through the country with the aims and purposes of the Federated Farmer-Labor Party and seek to bring them into the party.

The delegates from each state sitting in the convention shall form a provisional state committee to carry on a campaign for affiliations and to organize their state for the Federated Farmer-Labor Party.

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