

# ***DSA National Convention November 9-11, 2007***

## **Agenda**

### **Venues**

#### **Meeting Space**

IBEW Union Hall; 501 Pulliam St (near Turner Field); Atlanta, Georgia

#### **Hotels**

Holiday Inn Select Capital Grand, 450 Capitol Ave. Atlanta, GA. 30312 404-591-2092

Comfort Inn, 795 Pollard Blvd. SW Atlanta, GA. 30315; 404-658-1610

Country Inn & Suites, 759 Pollard Blvd. SW Atlanta, GA. 30315; (404) 658-1961

### **Thursday Nov. 8**

Early Registration 4PM – 7PM Holiday Inn Lobby

7:30PM – 9:00PM Dutch Treat Dinner (Site to be announced must sign up in advance)

9:30 PM – 11:00 PM Informal Reception Holiday Inn Lobby Bar

### **Friday Nov. 9**

#### **8:30 AM Registration Reopens IBEW Union Hall**

#### **Coffee**

(All convention sessions are in the IBEW Union Hall.)

#### **9:00 Opening Business**

##### **Orientation -Introduction to Procedures**

Questions and Answers

Approve Rules

Approve Roster of Delegates

Approve Session Chairs

Approve Committees and Committee Chairs

Approve Agenda

#### **10:00 Break**

#### **10:15 State of DSA** (written reports to be available in advance)

NPC Report (Herb Shore, National Political Committee, NPC Steering Cmmt., 10 min.)

Report on Finances (10 min)

Youth Organizer Report (David Duhalde, YDS National Oragnizer, 10 mins)

Young Democratic Socialists Coord. Comm. Report (Maria Svart & Nicole Iaquinto, co-chairs YDS) (10 min.)

Report on Locals (Theresa Alt / Virginia Franco, NPC local development cmmt., 5 min.)

National Director Report (Frank Llewellyn, 15-20 min.)

Discussion of all reports

### **12:15 Box Lunches**

**1:30 The Global and National Political Lay of the Land – Implications for our Political and Organizational Tasks** (Joseph Schwartz, NPC and chair of NPC Steering Cmmt., 25 mins)

followed by brief plenary discussion

**2:00 Deadline for nominations for vice chairs and honorary chairs.**

2:15 Small Group discussion of Political Lay of the Land and DSA's Upcoming Tasks (groups pre-assigned by packet number)

3:15 Report back by small group "recorder" (3 min each) and plenary discussion

**4:00 Break**

**4:15 Introduction of Resolutions - discussion of all, raising questions** (chaired by Resolutions Cmmt.)

**5:15 End Of Friday Session**

**6:00PM Reception for Delegates and Dinner Guests**

**7:00PM Convention Dinner**

**First Atlanta Douglass-Debs Dinner**

**Special Guest:** Sen. Bernie Sanders (I- Vt.), Hon. John Lewis (D-GA)

**Honorees:** Charlie Flemming, North Georgia Labor Council; Alice Lovelace, Organizer, US Social Forum

**Saturday Nov. 10**

**8:30 AM Coffee**

**9:00 The Economic Justice Agenda: How to do Public Political Education Using its Analysis**

Power Point presentation of the Economic Justice Agenda

David Knuttunen, DSA NPC, Boston DSA (30 mins)

Discussion

**10:00 Using the Economic Justice Agenda in DSA Electoral Work and Social Movement Coalition Work**

Discussion Leaders Michele Rossi, DSA NPC (Philadelphia DSA); Mike Hirsch (DSA NPC, SC, NY City DSA)

**11:00 Break**

**11:15 Discussion of Economic Justice Agenda and suggested amendments/additions** (facilitated by Resolutions Cmmt.)

**12:15 Vote on document and amendments/additions**

Appoint a drafting committee to incorporate changes into the document.

**12:45 Lunch (box lunches)**

**Turn in nominations for NPC - 2:00 deadline**

**1:45 Workshops: How DSA Locals can do Work Around Economic Justice Issues**

**Immigration** (Discussion Leaders: Duane Campbell, Sacramento DSA; David Knuttunen, NPC and Boston DSA; and Maria Svart, YDS Co-Chair)

**Healthcare** (Discussion Leaders: Theresa Alt, NPC and Ithaca DSA; and Dr. Henry Kahn, Atlanta DSA.)

**Fair Trade** (Discussion Leaders: Herb Shore, DSA NPC, San Diego DSA; Paul Garver, Boston DSA; Simone Morgen, DSA NPC, Columbus DSA))

**Labor Law Reform** (Discussion Leaders: David Green, DSA NPC and Detroit DSA and David Ivers, Detroit DSA)

**3:15 Break**

**3:30 Priorities Resolution** (further discussion and adoption)  
(if time permits, move on to discussion and adoption of other resolutions)

**4:30 NPC Candidate Statements**  
(two minutes each for contested slots; questions and answers for all)

**5:30pm – NPC ballots due.**

**5:35pm dinner on your own; return for outreach event**

**7:30 Rally & Speak-Out for Economic Justice**

**Keynote Speaker: Bill Fletcher, Jr. and others** (Co-founder of the Center for Labor Renewal; former president of TransAfrica Forum); **Live Music**

**Party follows rally**

**Sunday Nov. 11th**

**8:30 Coffee**

**8:30 or 9:00 (TBA) – Left-over decision-making from Resolutions sessions**

**9:30 Workshops: Organizing to Build a Stronger DSA at the Local Level**

**Starting Locals** (Discussion Leader: Milt Tambor, chair, Atlanta DSA)

**Building Strong Locals** (Discussion Leaders: David Green, NPC, Detroit DSA; David Knuttunen, NPC, Boston DSA; Virginia Franco, NPC, San Diego DSA)

**Public Socialist Education** (Discussion Leaders: Joseph Schwartz, NPC and Ithaca/Philadelphia DSA; Michele Rossi, NPC, Philadelphia, DSA)

**Strengthening YDS/DSA Relations** (Maria Svart, co-chair YDS, David Duhalde, YDS National Organizer)

**11:00 - Announce results of NPC Elections**

**Elect Vice Chairs and Honorary Chairs**

**11:30 -- Break**

**11:45 Plenary – How to Do Concrete National and Local DSA Work Around our Priorities**

(including how to bring the Economic Justice Agenda into the 2008 Congressional Elections) discussion; brain-storming; signing-up for activities

**Noon - pizza ordered in - session continues**

**1:15 Break**

**1:30 Closing plenary**

**1:45pm Convention Closes, Internationale**

**2:00 brief meeting of new NPC and Fund Board**

**2:30 – Walking Tour of Historic/Activist/Progressive Atlanta**