ALTERNED CONSTITUTION

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as adopted in 1905 and amended in 1906 and 1908

ARTICLE I

Name:

The name of this organization shall be the Niagara Movement.

ARTICLE II

Object:

The Niagara Movement shall stand for:

(a) Freedom of speech and criticism.
(b) An unfettered and unsubsidized press.
(c) Manhood suffrage.
(d) The abolition of all caste distinctions based on race and color.
(e) The recognition of the principle of human brotherhood as a practical present and creed.
(f) The recognition of the highest and best human training as the monopoly of no class or race.

(g) A belief in the dignity of labor.

(h) United effort to realize the ideals under wise and courageous leadership.

ARTICLE III

Meetings:

The annual meeting of this organization shall be held in the month of August of each year, the date and place to be fixed by the Executive Committee, notice of which shall be given not later than sixty days prior thereto.

ARTICLE IV

Quorum:

Ten members duly qualified as hereinafter provided, shall constitute a quorum at any annual meeting.

ARTICLE V

Officers:

The officers of this organization shall be a Secretary, a Treasurer and an Executive Committee, consisting of one person from each State and Territory represented in the annual meeting, who shall hold office for one year or until their successors are duly elected.
and qualified.

ARTICLE VI.

Election:

The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting. The Executive Committee shall be appointed as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE VII.

Duties of Officers:

Section 1:

The Secretary shall perform all the duties usual to the office. He shall appoint the members of the Executive Committee, except as hereinafter provided, and shall announce the names thereof before the close of the annual meeting. He shall bear the title of "General Secretary" and the members so appointed shall each bear the title of "State Secretary."

He shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee and shall make full report at the annual meeting.

He shall preside at the opening of the Annual Meeting, shall arrange and announce the routine business of the meeting and appoint all the committees thereof.

He shall perform all such other duties as usually devolve upon the Secretary of such meeting.

Before proceeding with the routine business of the annual
meeting he shall appoint a Special Committee of five (5) members. These duties it shall be to select and nominate to the meeting for election as Chairman thereof, the names of at least three (3) members then actually present. The Chairman so selected to preside thereafter at all sessions until final adjournment.

Section 2

The Treasurer shall perform all the duties of the office and shall make full report at the annual meeting. He may or may not be required to give bond as the meeting may determine.

He shall receive all monies due the organization and shall make no payments except upon approval of the General Secretary.

Section 3, Executive Committee:

The General Secretary and the State Secretaries shall constitute the Executive Committee.

This Committee, together with the Treasurer, shall have direct control of and supervision over all matters affecting the progress and welfare of the organization, and by majority vote shall pass upon all applications for membership, plans for action, methods of procedure and shall make full report to the annual meeting.

The members of this Committee shall be full voting members.
of the annual meeting and shall pay the annual dues of five ($5.00) dollars for such membership.

ARTICLE III

State Committees

Section 1:

Members of the organization entitled to participation in the annual meeting as hereinafter provided shall constitute the State Committee of their respective states and the aforesaid State Secretaries shall be the Chairman of said Committees.

Section 2:

These Committees under the general direction of the General Secretary shall have entire charge of the affairs of the organization in their respective states subject however, to such rules and regulations as may from time to time be issued by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX

Departments

Section 1:

The entire membership of the organization shall be comprised in the following departments, viz:

1 -- The Legal Department of the W. M.,
2 -- The Suffrage Department of the W. M.,
3 -- The Civil Rights Department of the W. M.,
4 -- The Army and Navy Department of the W. M.,
5 -- The W. M. Department for the Suppression of Crime,
6 -- The W. M. Department of Health.
Section 2:

The General Secretary shall appoint the Secretaries of these departments; he shall not be members of the Executive Committee but shall constitute a sub-executive committee, with power to confer and report at the annual meeting.

Section 3:

These Secretaries, together with the General Secretary, shall select the membership of their respective departments.

ARTICLE X

Section 1:

All applications and proposals for membership in this organization shall first receive the approval of the State Committee of the State in which the applicants reside and be by them submitted to the Executive Committee for confirmation.

Section 2:

Any person of good moral character, properly qualified, may be admitted to this organi-
sation without distinction of sex, upon receiving the approval of the
state committee and the executive committee, and paying an annual
member's fee of two dollars.

Regular and Representative.

Regular members shall be such as are provided for in the
first section of this article.

Section 2:

Representative members shall be such as are provided for in
Section 1 and 2 of the following article and who alone shall be en-
titled to vote at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE II

Branches:

Section 1:

The entire membership of the organization in any state shall
constitute a state board of the national organization and shall be
entitled to representation in the annual meeting in the proportion
of one (1) to five (5), or major fraction thereof, said representa-
tion to be determined by majority vote on or before the first day of
May in each year.

Section 2:

The member-elect shall file with the general secretary a
certificate of election, duly attested by the state secretary within
thirty (30) days after the date of election and shall accompany the
same with the annual dues of five ($5.00) dollars for such represen-
tative membership.

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ARTICLE XIII

Women's Branches.

Section 1:
Whenever the female membership of any state branch shall number one-fourth (1/4) of same it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to organize said membership into a Women's Branch of the State Organization.

Section 2:
These branches shall be under the immediate direction and control of the General Secretary and the Secretary of the Women's Department and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges guaranteed by this Constitution, except eligibility for the office of General Secretary.

Section 3:
No Women's Branch shall consist of less than five (5) members.

ARTICLE XIV

Dues:
The annual dues of members of this organization shall be two ($2.00) Dollars, except as hereinbefore provided, and shall be paid to the General Secretary on or before the first day of May in each year. The credit shall be given for this payment in case of election as representative.
ARTICLE XXI

Interim Elections:

Section 1:

In case of the death or resignations of General Secretary or Treasurer or vacancy in either of these offices from any cause whatsoever, such vacancy shall be filled within thirty (30) days by election by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

For this purpose each member of the said Committee shall submit the name of a member of the last Annual Meeting to the Secretary of the Press Department, who shall prepare ballots containing the names so submitted and forward three (3) copies to each member of the Committee who shall mark his choice thereon and mail one (1) ballot each to the Secretary of the Press Department, the Secretary of the Legal Department and the Secretary of the Education Department, who, as a Committee on Election, shall declare the member receiving the highest number of votes duly elected to fill the office for the remainder of the term.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Education Department to publish the result of the vote and to notify and install the newly elected officer.

Section 2:

Pending the filling of such vacancy or vacancies by election, the office of General Secretary shall be held by the Secretary of the Legal Department and that of the Treasurer by the Secretary of the Department of Economics.
ARTICLE X

Optional Elections:

Section 1:
In all states whose entire membership shall be ten (10) or less, the State Secretary shall be appointed by the General Secretary but whenever or wherever that number is exceeded it shall be optional with that State to permit such appointment or to elect a State Secretary by any method in accord with this Constitution.

ARTICLE XVI

Attendance: Annual Meeting

Section 1:
Any regular member may attend the annual meeting and shall be entitled to all the courtesies and privileges of the meeting except that of voting therein.

ARTICLE XV

Amendments:

Section 1:
This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a three fourths (3/4) vote of the members present, the proposed amendment to be filed with the Executive Committee on or before the first day of May in each year, and if approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Committee to be recommended to the Annual Meeting for adoption.

BY-LAWS

Section 1:
The State Committees shall arrange a memorial meeting in
honor of the friends of Freedom in their respective States on a day appointed by the Executive Committee.

Section 2:

The State Committee shall arrange a public meeting in each year to be addressed by the General Secretary.