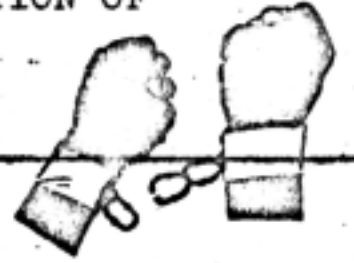


BLACK PEOPLES' CONVENTION

THE APRIL SEMINAR ON BPC ADMINISTRATION AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
BPC POLICIES AND NATIONAL CONGRESS RESOLUTIONS.



RATIONALE.

A. Head Office Administration:

It is imperative that executive members of ALL Branches of the BLACK PEOPLE'S CONVENTION should be well-versed as to how the National Office functions. This would serve to equip Branch executive members and assist in the following respects :

- (i) For easy and smooth succession of officials to the National Office;
- (ii) In case of temporary incapacitation of a National Executive Committee member, generally informed branch executive members could in the interim assist in the administration of the Convention;
- (iii) This would also assist in assessing the general feeling of Branch Executive members as to their wishes and expectations as regards to how the National Office could best meet their needs. Smooth co-ordination between the National Office and the Branches could be ensured.
- (iv) The uniformity of methods of Administration employed would assist ensure in minimising the gap that might be existing. This, therefore, will ensure uniformity as to the standards of the National Office and the Branches.

B. Branch Office Administration:

- (i) As is implied above this seminar would equip the Branch executives with the necessary skills and efficient methods of running the Branches.

C. Implementation of BPC Policies at Executive level:

It is essential and almost imperative for BPC Branch Executive Committee members to be in a position to have a clear understanding of the aims, objects and the policies of the Convention. Whilst it is one of the most important duties of the National Executive Committee members to interpret and implement the policies of the Convention nationally and internationally, it is equally important for Branch Executive members to be well-versed in this subject. This object can only be realised, it is important that a seminar be held, at the earliest possible opportunity, whereupon all involved persons can have a clear picture as to the role they are to play.

A seminar of this kind would serve to accelerate initiative on the part of Branch leaders and to the general membership of BPC as to what projects Branches can undertake.

D. Implementation of the National Congress Resolutions:

Resolutions passed at the National Congress, viz. Liaison and Planning Commissions' resolutions need to be implemented practically. Although in most instances the National Executive Committee is mandated for their implementation, it is, however, desirable for purposes of efficient administration of the Convention that the Branch Executive members should have a clear insight into these. This would serve for the following purposes:

(i) the Branch Executive members would be in a favourable position to interpret these resolutions to their general membership of their particular branches;

(ii) this in turn would equip all BPC members to actively participate in the implementation of the National Congress resolutions without fear of embarrassment or misinterpretation of any resolution/s.

(iii) to step up the speed of progress in the growth of the organisation it is necessary that the strategy undertaken in the drive for membership be uniform. This can only be achieved if Branch executive members are well-informed as to the strategy to be employed in various aspects of the Convention's activities.

E. Date and Venue:

The proposed seminar will be held at Edendale Lay Ecumenical Centre on the 20th and 21st April. This seminar will commence at 8,00 a.m. on Friday morning.

F. Finance for the Seminar:

The participants will be required to pay a fee of R3,50 for the whole duration of the seminar. Branches are requested to assist Head Office in raising money for this seminar since Head Office's financial standing is rather shaky. An appeal is therefore made to Branches to provide the Branch delegates with so the above-stated fees. An attempt will be made by the Secretary-General to try and fund-raise for this seminar from Black Organisations. In case of some difficulties as regards the financing of delegates please contact Head Office.

G. Delegates:

Each Branch will be expected to send at least three (3) delegates to the Edendale BPC seminar. The delegates should comprise of the following officials: Branch Chairman, the Secretary and the Organiser.

Kindly submit to Head Office the names of the above-stated officials at least 7 (seven) days before the Seminar date.

You are further requested to contact Head Office to acknowledge receipt of this circular.

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