



THE PARTY CONSTITUTION OF THE BLAIR MOUNTAIN LEAGUE

as enacted by the First Revolutionary Congress on the 29th of July 2022 (2RY)

On the 29th of July 2021 (1RY), the New Richmonder people joined alongside fellow New Virginians, took decisive action, and grabbed hold of the reins of history.

The working people of the New Richmonder lands, in the spirit of their forebears who fought and bled at Matewan and Blair Mountain, came together in solidarity with New Virginians across the Commonwealth to engage in a glorious revolutionary struggle. They dreamed of building a new Commonwealth through an end to the policy of tolerance for intolerance, the forcible removal of all reactionaries, the foundation of an economy grounded in socialist principles to benefit the working people, and the formation of a vanguard party to guide their society into a new age.

New Richmonders rejoiced in the Revolution and took direct action. When Comrade K. Riley Hewitt issued a public declaration of support for the Revolution on behalf of the City of New Richmond, our people mobilized and did what they could to advance the struggle for the workers' rule over the Commonwealth. New Richmonders were on the frontline of the Siege of the Senate Chamber and honorably served in the new revolutionary government.

In the end, the revolutionary government in the Commonwealth of New Virginia failed and collapsed. While the 29th of July Movement did not fully accomplish what it set out to do in New Virginia, it had sown the seeds of revolution in the New Richmonder people; and so, we proclaimed the New Richmond Republic to carry on these ideals, and thus the New Virginian July Socialist Revolution lives on as the enduring New Richmonder Revolution.

Under the leadership of the respected Mother of the Revolution, Chairwoman Brooklyn J. Hewitt, the members of the 29th of July Movement in the New Richmond region reconstituted themselves as the Blair Mountain League, swearing to learn from the errors of the past and to guide the New Richmonder people into the future they had desired for all New Virginian peoples. To ensure that this party does not falter, and to provide for its administration, we - the party membership - enact this Party Constitution.

ARTICLE I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The name of the party is the Blair Mountain League; within this Constitution and in other contexts, it may be referred to in shorthand as the Party, the League, or the BML.
2. The Blair Mountain League is the revolutionary vanguard of the New Richmonder people, defined by the Basic Law of the Republic as one of the two great elements of the microsocioist republican system in accordance with the Hewittist line. The party exercises with the utmost diligence and care its role as the ideological and philosophical guide of the New Richmonder people, society, and state. Above all else, the party is dedicated to serving, protecting, and uplifting the New Richmonder working people in all regards.
3. The Blair Mountain League is a revolutionary socialist party dedicated to the construction of microsocioism - that is, a socialist-oriented societal structure that is developed in recognition of the material reality of a micronation.
4. Hewittism - the revolutionary micronational thought rooted in the respected Chairwoman Hewitt's theories regarding revolutionary governance, micropatriological realism, and the establishment of microsocioism - is recognized as the guiding ideology of the Blair Mountain League.
5. The ideological core of the Blair Mountain League, known as the General Program, is found in its Manifesto as adopted by the Revolutionary Congress and in the writings and works of Chairwoman Hewitt and other comrades recognized by the Revolutionary Congress as having positively impacted the evolution of Hewittism and the development of microsocioism.
6. The Blair Mountain League is represented by various symbols. All party members must protect the sanctity of the party symbols. Party symbols should be made and used according to regulations.
 - a. The emblem of the party is the crossed Winchester repeating rifle and pickaxe.
 - b. The flag of the party is a red banner emblazoned with the Party emblem in gold. The flag shall have an aspect ratio of 3:5.
 - c. The anthem of the party is *Which side are you on?* as rewritten by Chairwoman Hewitt.
 - d. The motto of the party shall be determined by the Revolutionary Congress.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

1. Any citizen of the Republic who upholds Hewittism, has obtained the age of sixteen, and is not otherwise prohibited by the laws of the Republic, the rules of the party, or this Party Constitution is permitted to apply for membership of the party.
2. Individuals are automatically ineligible for party membership if:
 - a. they belong to any rival organization, association, institution, or other body whose aims, beliefs, or work are in opposition to the Blair Mountain League;

- b. they belong to the bourgeois class who are not committed to adopting a proletarian mindset and working for the benefit of the working class;
 - c. they possess an outstanding criminal record, in particular counter-revolutionary crimes; or
 - d. they own or manage a private enterprise which runs counter to microsocialist principles or exploits the workers thereof.
3. Applicants for party membership may be admitted as full party members with the approval of their local party secretary (or, where one has not been elected, their people's council). Applicants are required to undergo a period of at least one month of political education and mentorship at the direction of the Revolutionary Committee before they may be admitted as full party members.
4. Following the approval of an application for party membership and the satisfactory completion of the mandated period of education and mentorship, the applicant in question must take the Revolutionary Oath in the presence of at least one member of the Revolutionary Committee, their respective local party secretary, or a party officer designated by either of them. Refusal to take the oath for any reason bars an individual from achieving full party membership and their application shall be dismissed.
 - a. The Revolutionary Oath is as follows:

“I, [name], a resolute student and defender of Hewittism, swear to carry out all duties incumbent upon a member of the Blair Mountain League, to observe and uphold the Party Constitution and the General Program, to carry out party decisions, to observe party discipline, to serve the New Richmonder working people, and work tirelessly to build microsocialism and advance the people's revolution in the New Richmond Republic.”
5. Party members are required at all times to adhere to this Constitution, accept the General Program, uphold Hewittism, carry out the party's resolutions, and engage in work to build microsocialism in the Republic under the banner of the party.
6. Full party members in good standing enjoy a number of rights which are inalienable and may not be revoked by any organ, official, or institution, except as a result of disciplinary action. Those are:
 - a. the right to attend relevant party meetings and to read relevant documents;
 - b. the right to participate in discussion on questions concerning party policy at party meetings and in party newspapers and other publications;
 - c. the right to make suggestions and proposals regarding the work of the party;
 - d. the right to offer well-founded criticism of any party organization, body, institution, or member at party meetings;
 - e. the right to responsibly report or expose any disciplinary or legal violation by any party organization, body, institution, or member at party meetings;
 - f. the right to demand disciplinary action is taken against any member who has demonstrably violated party discipline or law;
 - g. the right to participate in voting and stand for election to party office;
 - h. the right to be present and plead their case at any disciplinary hearings regarding their own work or behavior; and

- i. the right to have other party members bear witness or argue on their behalf at any disciplinary hearings regarding their own work or behavior.
7. Party members who repeatedly fail to fulfill their duties and responsibilities within the party, who engage in acts which would make them potentially ineligible for party membership under Section 2 of this Article, or who are found to lack revolutionary will and/or belief in the General Program will be granted a period of at least one month to rectify any issues at the discretion of the Revolutionary Committee. Failure to rectify issues to the satisfaction of the Revolutionary Committee shall result in the termination of party membership.
8. Party members who are convicted of a crime and have their political rights stripped by the People's Tribunal of the Republic are regarded as having terminated their party membership by engaging in the acts for which they were convicted. Such individuals are not granted the one-month period of rectification as granted under Section 7 of this Article.

ARTICLE III

LOCAL PARTY APPARATI

1. On the local level, party authority rests in the hands of the people's councils. The councils possess this authority in accordance with the theory of the councils serving as the basis of people's power and the foundation of both state and party authority and legitimacy.
2. The people's councils elect a local party secretary to serve as the executive leader and representative of the local party apparatus. Local party secretaries are the local representatives of the party leadership and have the responsibility of communicating the position of the party on political affairs to their respective people's council, organizing local party work, and reporting on the work of their local party apparatus to the Revolutionary Congress.

ARTICLE IV

REVOLUTIONARY CONGRESS

1. The Revolutionary Congress of the Blair Mountain League, hereinafter referred to as the Revolutionary Congress, is the supreme organ of party power.
2. The Revolutionary Congress is comprised of all party members who wish to attend and partake in the proceedings; however, only full members in good standing are permitted to vote on resolutions and participate in elections.
3. The Revolutionary Congress is presided over by the Chairperson of the Revolutionary Committee.
4. Convocations of the Revolutionary Congress begin annually in the summer on a date determined by the Revolutionary Committee; however, extraordinary sessions of a convocation may be called by order of the Revolutionary Committee or any people's council.
5. The Revolutionary Congress possesses and executes the following powers and functions:
 - a. hearing and examining the reports of the Revolutionary Committee and its Chairperson, local party apparati, and other party organs;
 - b. deliberating on major issues affecting the party and deciding appropriate resolutions;

- c. amending this Party Constitution;
- d. electing the Revolutionary Committee, including its Chairperson; and
- e. other powers as stated elsewhere in this Party Constitution or in other party statutes.

ARTICLE V

REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE

1. The Revolutionary Committee of the Blair Mountain League, hereinafter referred to as the Revolutionary Committee, is the highest source of party leadership, carrying out the Revolutionary Congress's resolutions and directing all party work.
2. The Revolutionary Committee is composed of no fewer than three members elected annually following the convocation of the Revolutionary Congress; however, in the case of a vacancy, an extraordinary session of a convocation shall be held to elect a replacement to serve for the duration of the standard term.
3. The Revolutionary Committee meets no fewer than once every month, with additional meetings held at the discretion of the Chairperson of the Revolutionary Committee.
4. The Chairperson of the Revolutionary Committee is the presiding officer of the committee and the core leader of the party as a whole, possessing the authority to represent the party and speak on its behalf, ensuring that party administration is carried out in accordance with this Party Constitution, and providing guidance to the party organs and membership on ideology and other relevant affairs.

ARTICLE VI

PARTY DISCIPLINE

1. Party discipline is the code of conduct which must be upheld and adhered to by the various organs, groups, institutions and members of the party, as well as the corrective measures imposed on those who violate that code of conduct. The rules and processes of party discipline apply equally to all party members regardless of rank or office, and the whole party must strive to uphold them.
2. Disciplinary measures must not contravene this Party Constitution or the laws of the Republic.
3. A party officer who is demonstrated to have taken disciplinary action against a member for the purpose of retaliation or revenge will be subject to removal from office or the process of suspension and potential removal from the party at the discretion of the Revolutionary Committee.
4. Party members who have been disciplined by a local party secretary or other officer may appeal the decision to their people's council and thereafter to higher party organs, up to and including the Revolutionary Committee.
5. Reports must be compiled by the relevant party officer for every disciplinary action which is taken, and thereafter published for all party members to see. Disciplinary reports are considered confidential party documents unless they are declassified by the Revolutionary Committee or the disciplinary action becomes relevant to a state judicial case.

6. In cases wherein a member of the Revolutionary Committee (including its Chairperson) is the subject of the disciplinary process, the Revolutionary Congress shall convene in extraordinary session to elect a Special Disciplinary Commission composed of no less than three members who are not also members of the Committee to oversee the disciplinary process and decide whether disciplinary measures are necessary.
7. Disciplinary measures are divided into class A measures and class B measures, with the former being more severe.
8. Class A measures may only be imposed by decision of the Revolutionary Congress, the Revolutionary Committee, or a Special Disciplinary Commission. The class A measures established by this Party Constitution are:
 - a. Removal from some or all party offices and/or a period of no more than one year wherein the member cannot stand for election to party office.
 - b. Probation for a period of no more than one year, wherein the member is given very limited duties and must carry out any party work under the direct supervision of their local party secretary or a supervisor designated by the Revolutionary Committee or a Special Disciplinary Commission.
 - c. Expulsion in accordance with the process established by Article I of this Party Constitution.
9. Class B measures may be imposed by any party officer or organ, including the people's councils, subject to review by superior officers or organs. The class B measures established by this Party Constitution are:
 - a. Formal written warning, including constructive criticism by the relevant party officer or organ.
 - b. Mandatory self-criticism to the satisfaction of the relevant party officer or organ, published for all party members to see.
10. Groups, institutions, and local party apparati which demonstrably violate party discipline are subject to disciplinary review by the Revolutionary Committee. Disciplinary action against groups, institutions, and local party apparati takes the form of restructuring, demotion, and/or reorganization of leadership; and possible dissolution (excluding local party apparati).

BE IT RESOLVED that this Party Constitution is enacted by the members of the Blair Mountain League convened in the First Revolutionary Congress thereof on the Day of the July Revolution in the Second Revolutionary Year, at the Palace of Red July in Friedecksburg Borough, the City of New Richmond.