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FIFTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION

JULY 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 1947

HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA, NEW YORK CITY

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES

TO:

Z.O.A. DISTRICTS, REGIONS, SOCIETIES,  
CAMPS OF ORDER B'NAI ZION, AND  
MASADA CHAPTERS.

FROM: DR. SIDNEY MARKS, SECRETARY

Representation to the National Convention shall be elected on the following basis:

1) DISTRICTS

Each District shall be entitled to one Delegate for the first 150 members or less and one additional delegate for each additional 150 members and major fraction thereof. Example: A District with 226 members is entitled to two delegates; a District with 376 members is entitled to three delegates and so forth.

2) REGIONS

Each Region shall be entitled to one Delegate for each 1,000 members, and major fraction thereof, in good standing, but in no event less than one Delegate.

3) Delegates to the Convention shall be elected only by paid-up members of the Zionist Organization of America.

4) No member shall be elected as a Delegate to the Convention unless he has been a member of record of a District or Society for at least six months prior to the election, and at the time of election is a paid-up member in good standing of the Zionist Organization of America.



The following rules for the election of Delegates and Alternates, adopted in 1940, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 8, by the Executive, with the approval of the Administrative Council, continue in effect:

1. No person shall be granted a credential as Delegate or Alternate to Conventions of the Z.O.A. unless (a) he shall have been duly elected by a District, Society or other duly constituted elective body, and (b) his election shall have been certified to the National Board of Elections by written certifications as set forth below, no later than Monday, June 23rd, 1947.
2. (a) Delegates and Alternates of Districts, Regions, Societies, Camps of the Order B'nai Zion, and Masada Chapters, shall be elected by the members thereof at an election which shall be held pursuant to regulations promulgated by the National Board of Elections.  
  
(b) Delegates and Alternates of Regions shall be elected at a Conference of representatives of all constituent bodies in the Region.  
  
(c) Delegates and Alternates of affiliated organizations shall be elected as provided in their respective agreements with the Z.O.A.  
  
(d) In no case shall proxies or substitutes be permitted for any duly elected Delegate or Alternate who fails to appear in person at the Convention. Hereafter committees on vacancies, whether local or national, shall be unauthorized.
3. Certification of the election of Delegates and Alternates shall be in writing subscribed by the President or Vice-President and the Secretary, or by the local Board of Elections of the District, or other elective body, and if so certified by the local Board of Elections, shall be accepted only if the members of the local Board of Elections and of the officers of the District, or other elective body, shall have filed such returns with the National Board of Elections no later than Monday, June 23rd, 1947.
4. What constitutes a member of good standing? Any member, old or new, who has paid his dues in full for the fiscal year 5707 (1946-1947) or is a life member, is a member in good standing of the Z.O.A., and is eligible to vote for Delegates to the Convention.

Will you therefore, kindly call a meeting of your Executive Committee at which a Nominations Committee and a Board of Elections, each to consist of a minimum of five members, shall be elected.

Every registered member who has paid his dues for the fiscal year 1946-1947 or is a life member should be notified of the date and place of the elections and also of his right to nominate candidates by petition. Nominations may be made by petition over the signatures of not less than 15 members in good standing.



All nominations, whether by the Nominations Committee or by Petition, are to be filed with the District Board of Elections, one week prior to the date of election, which shall accept these nominations and place all names in alphabetical order on the official ballot.

The number of Delegates to which a District, Region, Society or Camp of the Order B'nai Zion is entitled, is to be determined by the number of members in good standing as of June 22nd, 1947. The membership record of the District, Region, Society, O.B.Z. Camp, must agree with the records of the Comptroller's Office of the Zionist Organization of America.

No District, Camp, Society, or Masada Chapter having less than fifty members in good standing is qualified to elect a Delegate. Pooling the membership of one or more Districts, Camps, Societies, or Masada Chapters in order to acquire a total of fifty is not permissible.

The number of Alternates that may be elected shall not exceed the number of Delegates.

A member who is in good standing in one of the affiliated organizations (Order B'nai Zion, etc.) and who is also a member in good standing in the Zionist Organization of America, can vote only once for the election of Delegates to the Convention.

The Election of Delegates to the Convention may be held at any time hereafter but no later than Sunday, June 22nd, 1947.

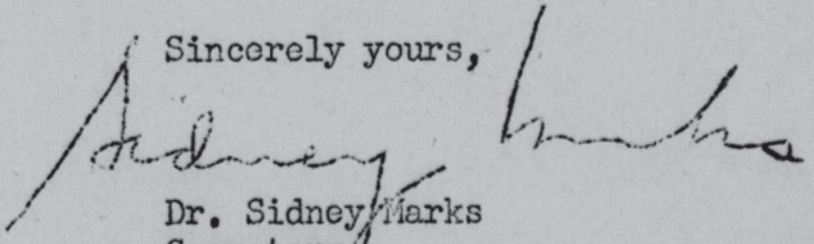
The candidate or candidates, receiving the highest number of votes, shall be declared elected. The candidate or candidates receiving the next highest number of votes, shall act as Alternates. In case of the resignation of an elected Delegate, the Alternate receiving the next highest number of votes shall take his place as Delegate.

No Delegate or Alternate will be seated unless his election is certified by the National Board of Elections.

The official Election Report properly filled out and certified by the local Board of Elections must be filed with the National Board of Elections of the Zionist Organization of America, not later than Monday, June 23rd, 1947, in order that credentials may be issued in time to the elected Delegates.

The Election Report of the affiliated groups must be filed directly with the National Board of Elections of the Zionist Organization of America at 41 E. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. in order that such Delegates may receive their credentials from the National Headquarters of the Zionist Organization of America.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dr. Sidney Marks  
Secretary



41 East 42nd St., New York 17, N. Y.

Name of District or Organization .....

City.....State.....

We the undersigned, being duly elected officers of the Board of Elections, submit the following report of the election of Delegates to the Fiftieth Annual Convention, July 3-6, 1947, there being cast.....votes by.....members in good standing and all of the candidates hereunder being members in good standing.

(Report the names of all candidates for whom votes were cast, in alphabetical order, setting forth the number of votes in the column to the right. Indicate the names of those elected by marking an X before the names.)

Number of members in good standing.....Total number of Delegates elected.....

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The above is a true record of the votes cast for the candidates named and counted under our supervision. In witness whereof, we hereby affix our signatures.

Chairman of Board

Date.....

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**Secretary of Board**