

## PROPOSED CHARTER

### AMENDMENTS

THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS DEAL WITH THE  
STRUCTURE & FUNCTION OF THE STATE EXEC.  
BOARD

- 1 - Reduces board size from 34 to 20 or 25; eliminates district alternates & allows statewide voting for the 12 C.D. members.
- 2 - Reduces board size to 20, all elected at-large; with 3 permanent committees.
- 3 - Requires regular board attendance, with seats declared vacant if a member has not attended in 60 days.
- 4 - Changes the affirmative vote needed to adopt a platform or issue position from the present 2/3rds to 3/5ths of members voting.
- 5 - Provides that "abstain" votes on platform mail ballots not count toward total needed.
- 6 - Provides that mail ballots for candidate endorsements include questionnaires or candidate literature only when requested by any five members.

## agenda

DECEMBER 2, 1978

9:30 REGISTRATION & COFFEE

10:00 CALL TO ORDER: CONVENTION RULES  
AND CHARTER AMENDMENTS.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: REP. MEL KING

WORKSHOPS: - COMBATTING THE PROP. 13  
MENTALITY IN MASSACHUSETTS.

- REBUILDING THE GRASSROOTS BASE  
OF THE "NEW POLITICS".

- NATIONAL STRATEGIES FOR 1980.

TASK FORCE REPORTS, CHANGES, ETC.

1:00 LUNCH & TASK FORCE WORKSHOPS

2:00 PLATFORM PROPOSALS FROM TASK FORCES

FINANCIAL REPORTS

C.D. DISTRICT CAUCUSES

PLATFORM PROPOSALS FROM MEMBERS

5:00 (OR SO) ADJOURN

5:30 COCKTAIL RECEPTION: PAUL TSONGAS

### WINE, CHEESE AND TSONGAS

As you may have noticed, our agenda doesn't leave too much room for socializing. We thought we'd balance this off by inviting everyone to a post convention wine and cheese party--to unwind, to talk to each other and to meet some CPPAX endorsed candidates, including newly elected Senator Paul Tsongas.

For all this and MORE, we are requesting a donation of \$10 or more. Please plan to stay after the business is done and join us for what should be one of the high points of the day.

Please RSVP by sending your donation in advance to CPPAX, c/o Deb Kraus.



# CPPAX NEWSLETTER

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# CPPAX Convention Set for Dec. 2

On Saturday, December 2, CPPAX will be holding its annual convention at Kresge Auditorium on the MIT campus. With the "politics of hate" sitting in the State House for the next four years, this convention takes on crucial significance. As one of the key elements in the progressive constituency, we owe it to ourselves and our fellow citizens to take a strong leadership role in protecting our ideals.

This convention will not only decide on action for '79, but set the tone for our activities as we move into the 80's, where we will confront some of the toughest issues since the Vietnam War. The need for progressive tax reform, working towards a truly democratic state legislature, focusing on the bloated and anachronistic structure of the military and the Presidential Derby are all high on our agenda (remember, the Massachusetts primary is only 15 months away!).

We feel this convention will not only be one of the most important events of the year, but a lot of fun as well. We will be laying our groundwork for the 80's, based on the principles of peace, economic democracy, racial justice and citizen control of government.

The convention agenda is designed to share skills and ideas, and adopt new projects and leadership. The morning workshops will explore three key areas: first, the role of issue activists in the new configuration of the Congress, the 1980 presidential election and the national party conventions; second, the most realistic alternative to the regressive tax plans of the past few months; and third, more effective organizing of progressives within neighborhoods, towns and regions of the state. CPPAX's four issue Task Forces will be presenting platform proposals to facilitate action for the next 12 months (see enclosed Issue Update for summary of existing projects). Other platform planks may be introduced by any member who submits such changes in writing, with the signed support of any 15 members.

The convention will also elect an entire new CPPAX state Executive Board. Charter Amendments propose to streamline the Board operation, and regardless of the outcome of these proposals, there will be at least 20 to 34 seats to be filled. Any CPPAX member is eligible to serve on the Board. Finally, caucuses for the 12 congressional districts will give members a chance to meet others from their area and talk about developing more localized activity.

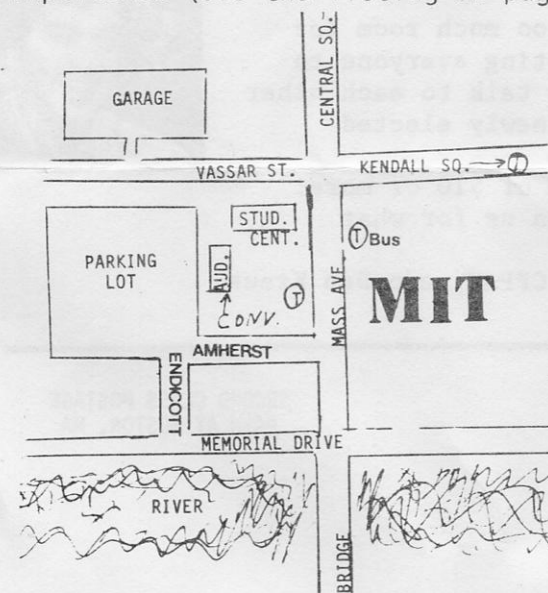
Lunch will be available directly at the convention site. Day care will be available, if requested no later than November 22. For those interested in developing and implementing programs, the task force meetings set for late November should be of special importance (see the listing on page 2).

EVERY CPPAX MEMBER IS URGED TO ATTEND THIS ONCE A YEAR EVENT!!! Don't forget, participation is CPPAX's middle name. Our existence depends upon citizen input, and progressive issue advancement can happen only with your help.

## TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

Either coming down on 93 or up from the South East Ex-way: Stay on til Storrow Dr. exits, in downtown Boston. Take Storrow Dr. approx 1 mi. take left exit off Storrow on to Harvard Bridge. (Mass Ave.) Cross bridge, take first left (Amherst St.) to parking

FROM MASS. TURNPIKE: Get off Pike at Cambridge Exit. Follow signs to Cambridge. There will be a set of signs & Coke plant on your right. Go straight over Western Ave. bridge; take first right onto Memorial Dr. Go right on Mem. Drive approx. 1 mile. Take left onto Endicott St. (1 block before Mass Ave.) Parking lot at the end of the block.



BY MBTA SUBWAY: Take the RED LINE to Kendall Station, walk down Main Street (toward Harv.) to Vassar Street, go right onto Vassar and walk the one long block to Mass. Ave.; Auditorium is half a block to the left. For a shorter walk, take the HARVARD-DUDLEY Bus from Harvard Square; get off at main MIT stop. CPPAX Convention site is 200 feet straight ahead.