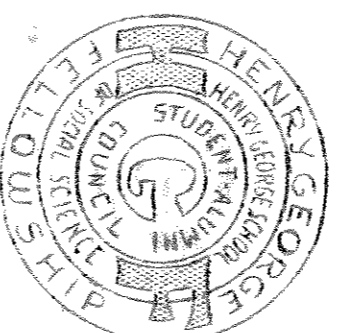


HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL
OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

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With the rapid growth of our Main School and its 38 Extension Classes in 14 States, it is important that the instructors, and alumni shall be able to share together clear and unified ideas regarding these two organizations - the local Student-Alumni Council, and the national (perhaps sometime international) Henry George Fellowship.

At the Henry George School of Social Science in New York, when we organized in April 1934 as you are now doing, we called our organization the "Student-Alumni Council of the H. G. S. of S. S."

We drew up a set of By-laws, a copy of which I am enclosing with a few notes intended to be helpful, should you decide to use them as a guide in preparing your own. Our idea of the S.-A. C. is this:-

That it is a group of students and graduates actively concerning themselves with finding out and supplying the needs of its local school; promoting comradeship amongst the various classes of their school; and seeking "to do any and all things conducive to the best interests of the Henry George School of Social Science." (See Article 11 of the By-laws.)

Here is a list of "Suggestions for Activities" which have kept some of the members of our S.-A. C. busy this year. Several of these things were done individually by members; for others committees were formed; in some cases, groups worked spontaneously together.

1. Preparing a "Henry George Fellowship Muster-Roll" of the graduates of each class. (This can be done by the "artist" of the class.)
2. Preparing Teaching-Charts, and Posters.
3. Teaching a class in "Progress and Poverty."
4. Procuring, and caring for, a bulletin board.
5. Securing speakers and audiences for forums, and procuring and distributing S. T. pamphlets at these meetings.
6. Planning meetings, (some social in nature) to weld the group together. We find a yearly "outing" excellent for promoting fellowship.

7. Securing pupils for existing and future classes.
8. Conducting research work.
9. Printing or mimeographing and distributing results #8.
10. Collecting books for reference library; later cataloging and cross-referencing same.
11. Forming Discussion Groups.
12. Subscribing for informative periodicals for reading table, such as Land and Freedom, No Taxes, Land and Liberty, "democracy."
13. Keeping a map up to date showing the location of all H. G. classes, now numbering ⁴²40 in ¹⁴18 states.

Mr. Chodorov is having a little brochure printed to be placed in the hands of each graduate entitled -- "What Am I Going To Do About It?" He believes that the graduate must first "look to his conscience and his abilities for an answer to this question;" and again -- "It is his duty to advance the Educational Program which, at this moment is the only thing we can do."

Having thus, in part at least, explained how local work can be carried on in the centers with the help of such a body as the S.-A. C. I feel it is vital that I now turn towards that great dynamic force in this movement--

THE HENRY GEORGE FELLOWSHIP

The Henry George Fellowship includes all the alumni of all the classes of the H. G. School wherever they are formed, unless they signify when the idea is presented, as suggested in the Manual near the end of the course, that they do not desire to belong.

To quote from one of Mr. Chodorov's recent letters, -- "Let it be a fellowship, a loose organization,.....freely entered into for the advancement of a common ideal.....Henry George tells us that a free society is the most effective one."

One of the most valuable things that can be done before you organize is to gain a thorough understanding of the significance of the Henry George Fellowship. Then will be seen, even clearer, the place and function of such a body as the S.-A. C. in the movement.

If we look into the history of the formation of-

1. The Student-Alumni Council of the H. G. S. of S. S. and
 2. The Henry George Fellowship
- it will help in making it evident that they are distinctly two bodies, though they can be represented by concentric circles;-- as indeed we did represent them at the time of their formation.

(See design at top right of the "Message", sent out in May 1934.

The S.-A. C. is there represented as the core of the Henry George School, which is again surrounded by a greater body, the Henry George Fellowship,-- Three concentric circles.)

The S.-A. C. and the H. G. F. differ in aim, scope and organization. They both came into being on the evening of April 19, 1934 at the H. G. S. in New York.

1. The STUDENT-ALUMNI COUNCIL was formed to aid the Director, Oscar H. Geiger, in the efforts he was making for the school.
(Each center, as it grows, will need some such body to aid its director in his work.)

11. The HENRY GEORGE FELLOWSHIP was launched by the students that same evening in response to a dream of Oscar H. Geiger's,-- with the lofty hope that it might become a nation-wide organization, with its Members, inspired by the teachings of Henry George, aiding the Cause by their Interest and Effort.

An appeal for a "Fund for Free Scholarships"--so that the Student Body might be enlarged--accompanied its announcement, May 28, 1934. Funds for Free Scholarships began to come in. In June, a month later, Oscar Geiger passed on, but this living memorial of his work, The Henry George Fellowship, survives, and is growing steadily.

Its very name serves to inspire its members and to link the groups, uniting them into one body.

In such a great and growing Unity there must be strength,--strength, at last, to make the ideal, real!

The Henry George Fellowship is distinctly an Educational Fraternity, and has now as its President, Mr. Charles O'Connor Hennessy, who has aided it incalculably in the following ways:--

1. By bringing it before the Henry George Congress in Chicago, ^{three} October 1934, when ~~the~~ Resolutions concerning it were adopted. (See Land and Freedom, Nov.-Dec. 1934.)

11. By securing the services of Mr. John Lawrence Monroe, as Field Director to establish classes in the leading cities of the United States.

The graduates of these classes are already swelling the ranks of the Fellowship.

As these classes, which now number ³³39, increase, it will be necessary to provide a paid Secretary-Treasurer; and it may be thought wise, also, to add another Field Director to keep the groups in touch with each other, or to work in new territory.

This will need funds.

Surely we shall not have to lack these!

I believe that every new class of graduates--members of the H. G. F.--as soon as they realize the glorious and noble task before them--will respond to an appeal for a gift of money to be used in this Extension work,--"that others may see the star they see." They will realize that they see it, because others who saw it made it possible for them to see it through their efforts. Though this must remain entirely optional with the various directors for the present, I feel that some H. G. F. groups will soon respond in this way.

In thus heeding the words of the rallying call of the Henry George Fellowship--"Let Us Move Forward Together!" - they will prove their kinship with those who "trust Liberty and follow her," so that "the dangers that now threaten" may disappear.

I hope you will find this letter helpful enough to be read to the groups of students as they complete the course in 'Progress and Poverty', and that you will discuss it together, and I earnestly wish you all success in the organization of your Student-Alumni Council.

If there is anything further that I can do to help, let me know.

Yours faithfully

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and
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BY-LAWS OF THE STUDENT-ALUMNI COUNCIL

-of the-

HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

M.F.C.

ARTICLE I

This organization shall be known as the STUDENT-ALUMNI COUNCIL of the HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE.

ARTICLE II

The aims and purposes of this organization shall be to foster fellowship between the various groups and classes meeting weekly, day and night, relying upon this fellowship under the teaching of the Director, to provide a strong and vigorous supporting and advisory body for the School; promoting opportunities for social contacts among the various classes and groups, in order that the unity of the School in its purpose of enlightenment upon economic conditions for the ultimate goal of a more abundant life for all may be fostered and preserved, and to do any and all things conducive to the best interests of the HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE.

ARTICLE III

Section 1 - Any enrolled member or alumnus of the HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE shall be eligible to become a member of the Student-Alumni Council, as hereinafter provided.

Section 2 - A request for admission to membership shall be signed personally by each applicant and filed with the Secretary, who shall refer the same to the Director of the School and the President of the Council. If such application is approved by the Director and the President of the Council, the application for membership shall be voted upon at the next meeting of the Student-Alumni Council and a majority vote of those present at such meeting shall be required for the election of the applicant to membership in the Student-Alumni Council.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings

Section 1 - Regular meetings of the Student-Alumni Council shall be held on the second Wednesday in January and the second Wednesday in May in each year.

Section 2 - Special meetings of the Student-Alumni Council may be called at any time by the President or at the request of the Executive Committee on three days notice to each member.

Section 3 - All regular or special meetings shall be held at the School or at such other place or places as the Executive Committee shall designate in the notice of meeting.

Section 4 - A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Student-Alumni Council until such time as there shall be one hundred (100) or more members in which case a quorum shall consist of one-third (1/3) of the members in good standing. In any case, should there be no quorum present at such meeting, the meeting will be postponed to a future date not less than five (5) days after said meeting, and at such adjourned meeting the members then present shall be sufficient to constitute a quorum. A notice of the second meeting shall be sent out three (3) days before it is to be held.

Amended by Res. 1/18

ARTICLE V

Dues

Section 1 - The dues shall be One Dollar (\$1.00) per year payable upon election to membership and annually thereafter in advance.

Section 2 - All dues collected from the members shall be turned over to the general fund of the School.

Section 3 - Any member who shall fail to pay his dues within ninety days after notice shall cease to be a member in good standing.

ARTICLE VI

Officers & Duties

Section 1 - The officers of the Student-Alumnal Council shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Officers shall be elected for one (1) year and shall hold office until their successors shall be elected and assume their respective duties.

Section 2 - The officers shall be elected by the Executive Committee immediately after the election of such Executive Committee as herein provided, and shall be installed at Commencement.

Section 3 - The President shall preside at all general or special meetings of members and of the Executive Committee and shall act as ex-officio member of all committees. The President shall also appoint such committees, except the Executive Committee, as are necessary to carry out the various activities of the organization and shall with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, remove or discharge any committee or member thereof.

Section 4 - The Vice-President shall preside at all meetings of the members or of the Executive Committee in the absence or inability of the President.

Section 5 - The Secretary shall record all minutes, send out notices and read all communications intended for this organization.

Section 6 - The Treasurer shall have the duty of collecting all dues and reporting the financial status of this organization at each regular meeting.

ARTICLE VII

Executive Committee

Section 1 - The Executive Committee shall be the governing body of this organization. It shall consist of nine members. At the first general meeting of the members, three members shall be elected as members of the Executive Committee to serve for one (1) year; three more to serve for two (2) years and three more to serve for three (3) years. Thereafter at the general meeting of the members to be held in May three members shall be elected to the Executive Committee to serve three (3) years. The newly elected members of the Executive Committee are to be installed at Commencement.

Section 2 - Immediately after the election of members of the Executive Committee in May of each year, such committee shall meet and elect from its number, a President, Vice-President and Treasurer. It shall also designate a Secretary who need not be a member.

Section 3 - The Executive Committee shall have authority to take up, discuss and pass upon all matters in connection with the conduct of this organization and shall make a report to the members at every general or special meeting. The decisions of the Executive Committee shall be final and binding upon the members unless overruled at a meeting of the general membership.

Section 4 - Vacancies in office shall be filled by the Executive Committee for the unexpired term.

Section 5 - Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held on the second (2nd) Wednesday of October, December, February and April of each year. Special meetings shall be held upon notice from the President or upon notice from two members of the Executive Committee.

Section 6 - A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.