



SC Progressive Summit

Nov. 17, 2007

8:30 – Breakfast and Registration

9 – Amara Camara, Master Drummer

9:10 – Welcome and Introductions

9:30 – Network business: Network Director **Brett Bursey** and consultant Denise Jennings will review our new structure (C-3, C-4 and PAC), board member responsibilities and opportunities. Treasurer Steve Bates will offer a report.

10 – New Network HQ and GROW Cafe. The Network is buying property in Columbia at 209 S. Sumter to house offices, meeting space and a social hall. We'll talk about the acquisition and briefly outline our plans. It's an exciting step for the Network, and we look forward to creating a vibrant space for progressives in the Midlands to work and play.

10:15 – Review 2008 policy issues. We'll hear from our member organizations about legislative work ahead and strategy for maximizing our effectiveness.

- Immigration Rights – Xenophobia and Civil Rights: **Conchita Cruz** (Coalition for New South Carolinians)
- Workers Rights – the Right to Work for Less: **Donna Dewitt** (Network Co-chair and President SC AFL-CIO)
- Women's Rights – Reproductive Rights: **Brandi Parrish** (Coalition for Healthy Families)
- Health Care – **Mary Carol Jennings** (South Carolinians for Universal Health Care)
- Gay Rights – Hate Crimes and Hospital Visits: **Scott Young** (SC Equality Coalition)
- Environmental Protection – Time for a Dept. of the Environment
- Racial Justice – Racial Profiling Bill, the Rest of the Story: **Rep. Joe Neal** (D-Richland)
- Government Reform – Clean Elections, Help SC Vote, Missing Voter Model Project: **Brett Bursey**

11 – Break

11:15 – Executive Committee Elections (co-officers are elected in alternate years; all are two-year terms) Up for election: Co-Chair Donna Dewitt; Co-Vice Chair Bert Easter; Co-Secretary Erica Carter; Treasurer Steve Bates

11:30 – Rev. Dr. Neal Jones (Pastor, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Columbia) A Bible Lesson for Liberals

Noon – Lunch on site. Guest speaker Rep. Joe Neal, former Co-Chair of the SC Progressive Network

1pm – Amara Camara, Master Drummer

1:10 – Sergio Delgado (Federal Mediation Service) **Bridging the Generation Gap Workshop**

2:45: Growing the Grass Roots. Welcome to the new majority – sharing our vision of a progressive movement.

We'll discuss strategy for recruiting and retaining our individual members, outline responsibilities and set goals. Assign tasks for membership drive and youth outreach.

3:45 – Adjourn Network meeting

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4 – Strengthening our political power. SC Progressive Voter Coalition (ProVote) recruits and supports progressive candidates for political office. We'll discuss:

- History and vision of ProVote
- Inside/outside strategy
- Straw poll on SC presidential primary.
- 2008 state strategy. Local and state House races and endorsement procedures.
- Review Missing Voter Model Project
- Identify and assign tasks and follow-up

4:55 – We Have Come Too Far, and We Won't Turn Around!

5 – Thunder and Lightning Awards Reception. Silent auction. Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar.

We apologize that the Big Apple is not wheelchair accessible