

What Are The Goals Of The NWRO ?

NWRO's GOALS ARE: jobs or income now--decent jobs with adequate pay for those who can work, and adequate income for those who cannot work.

1. ADEQUATE INCOME: A system which guarantees enough money for all Americans to live dignified lives above the level of poverty.
2. DIGNITY: A system which guarantees recipients the same full freedoms, rights and respect as all American citizens.
3. JUSTICE: A fair and open system which guarantees recipients the full protections of the Constitution.
4. DEMOCRACY: A system which guarantees recipients direct participation in the decisions under which they must live.

How Is The NWRO Organized ?

THE NWRO'S TOP POLICY-MAKING BODY is its annual National Convention made up of locally elected delegates from each affiliated group. Between conventions the NWRO is guided by its National Coordinating Committee which consists of the National Officers, elected at each convention, and one representative from each state with affiliated local WRO's, selected by the local groups.

THE POVERTY/RIGHTS ACTION CENTER SERVES as the NWRO National Headquarters. The Center is a private, independent non-profit organization, directed by Dr. George A. Wiley, who formerly served as Associate National Director of CORE.

THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS PUBLISHES the twice monthly NWRO National Welfare Leaders Newsletter, and other informational materials and pamphlets on welfare rights. The Headquarters assists local groups with research, legal backup, and organizing help.

Who Can Become A Member ?

INDIVIDUALS BECOME MEMBERS OF THE NWRO BY JOINING AN AFFILIATED LOCAL welfare rights organization. To affiliate with the NWRO, local groups must have at least 25 members, a majority of whom must be current welfare recipients, and the rest immediate past recipients, or low-income persons, with no more than 10% "other" persons. The group must be an independent group, or if part of a larger organization, able to function independently with regard to welfare rights issues.

OTHER PERSONS WISHING TO SUPPORT the welfare rights movement may become members of a "Friends of the Welfare Rights Movement" group, now being formed in local communities in cooperation with the NWRO Headquarters.