

The NAACP held its 47th annual convention in San Francisco, California, from June 26 to July 1, 1956. It reaffirmed its anti-communist position and at the same time extended its policy of non-cooperation with communist-controlled groups to declare communists ineligible for membership in the NAACP. The NAACP also added the National Association of Negro Trade Unionists to its list of labor groups forbidden cooperation with the NAACP.

B. Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World

The Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World (IBPOE of W) was organized in 1898 as a fraternal organization for Negroes with the following objectives:

1. Promote better citizenship among Negroes
2. Promote better relations between Negroes and the Caucasian race
3. Provide an educational program for the enlightenment of the Negro and establish scholarships as awards to deserving individuals for furtherance of their education in specialized fields
4. Promote the general health, welfare, and status of the Negro through Christian principles, doctrines, and teachings based upon the American way of life

