

Veterans for Socialism Section Application: Mission Statement and Bylaws

Mission Statement:

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Bylaws

Section 1. Name

The Name of this Section shall be Veterans for Socialism (VetSoc)

Section 2. Purpose

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Section 3. Membership

Membership is open to all Metro DC DSA members in good standing who are currently serving in or are veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

Section 4. Decision Making (i.e. how do we speak with one voice)

Wherever possible and practical, decisions will be made in consultation with the Veterans for Socialism membership in a good-faith effort to reach consensus. Members may request to bring an issue or decision affecting the Section to a vote by submitting a written request and/or resolution to the section leadership. In cases where consensus cannot be reached, actions of the Veterans for Socialism section membership would require a 2/3rds affirmative vote of members present and voting.

Section 5. Leadership

The section shall be led by two co-chairs. The term of office for these positions shall be one year, and shall be held in the month of October or until their successors are elected. In the event of a vacancy in either position, the section will elect a replacement for the remainder of the term. As necessary, and with prior consultation and consent of the entire Section, the co-chairs may call for elections for new

leadership positions to facilitate future projects, campaigns, or relevant actions. The co-chairs may designate themselves as Veterans for Socialism Steward to the MDC DSA Campaign Council or appoint another member of Veterans for Socialism to this role.

Section 6.

Veterans for Socialism Members shall have the power to approve changes to the bylaws. Changes may be adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the section members present at an official meeting of the Section and with approval from MDC DSA's Steering Committee.