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March 15 & 16, 2025

Attendance:

- Present: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, John, Laura, Megan, Renée, Rose, Aron, Carlos, Sam, Luisa, Kristin, Aron
- Absent: Rashad, Frances
- **Quorum Met**

Minutes

Motions

- Colleen moves 📄 TARC Resolution , Cara seconds
 - Kareem moves to divide the question to consider clause 1 then clauses 2&3 together, 2nded
 - Kristin moves to amend division of question to consider all three separately, 2nded by Megan
 - Carries by unanimous consent
 - Part 1 - joining fight back table
 - Cara amendment - Formally authorizes TARC to join Fight Back table on behalf of DSA. Through this table, reps will gather resources and information. Adding at least 2 liaisons from DSA to the table - both cochaIRS and another from TARC committee. Any actions or involvement decisions must go to NPC for decision. NPC will determine DSA involvement, if any and how DSA will be involved. Report backs at every NPC meeting at minimum and when developments are relevant
 - Megan motions to make it so both cochaIRS are reps, seconded
 - Carries by unanimous consent
 - Amendment as amended Passes 15-0
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, John, Laura, Megan, Renée, Rose, Aron, Carlos, Sam, Luisa, Kristin, Aron

Motion by Renée to postpone to a Loomio vote after full list of participating organizations is provided to NPC. 2nd by Megan. Passes by unanimous consent.

- Part 2 - VAN Access
 - Motion fails 5-10
 - For: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Renée
 - Against: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Sam, Aron, Carlos
- Part 3: Motion by Sam to refer to Loomio pending feedback from B&F and OrgTools - B&F to give guidance on affordability, OrgTools to comment on relationship between this tool and scale2win. 2nd by Megan.
 - Motion carries 13-1
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Kareem, Megan, Samn, Aron, Carlos
 - Against: Renée
 - Abstain: Colleen
-  Lapsed Member Phonebank Proposal Moved by Megan, Secodned by Sam
 - Motion to amend by Kristin, 2nd by Cara, change line item to:
 - The phonebank universe will be Lapsed Members whose dues have lapsed within the last year.
 - Approved by unanimous consent
 - Main Approved by unanimous consent
- Sam moves  RESOLUTION: Growth & Development Committee Bylaws Amendment , 2nded by Aron. Incidental motion to replace the chair with Alex for the duration of this item, passed by unanimous consent.
 - Main motion carries 10-5
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Samm Aron, Carlos
 - Against: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Kareem, Renée
- Kareem will join NEC, Orgsec, TARC, Fundraising
 - Motion by Cara, 2nd by Amy. Approved by unanimous consent.
- Motion to replace Laura with Kareem on Comms. Motion by Laura, 2nd by Kareem
 - Approved by unanimous consent

January 26, 2025

Attendance:

- Present: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Laura, Megan, Renée, Rose, Aron, Carlos, Sam, Luisa, Kristin, Rashad

- Absent: Aron
- **Quorum Met**

Minutes

Motions

- Approve [standing rules](#) & [agenda](#)
 - Megan moved, Kristin second
 - Motion to amend by Colleen to move NEC chair replacement to cosnet agenda, org sec to new business, npc convention, and move report backs to after the voting business - 2nd by Renee

Carries by unanimous consent
- Consent agenda
 - [Approve steering committee members for HJC and MAWG](#)
 - [Approve IC Delegation with Progressive International as Election Observers in Ecuador](#)
 - Alex as NEC Chair

Consent agenda carries by unanimous consent
- Laura moves [DSA Policy on Staff Political Activity](#), Kristin 2nds
 - Motion fails: 4.5-10
 - For: Alex, Kristin, Laura, Rashad, Carlos
 - Against: Ahmed, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Luisa, Renée
- [Resolution to Assess 1 Year of Paid Co-Chairs](#) (Colleen J), 2nded
 - Carries by unanimous consent
- Frances moves [Always Be Crootin' 2](#), 2nded
 - Colleen motion to amend:  PUBLIC: Amendments to Always Be Crootin' 2 , Megan seconds
 - Carries by unanimous consent
 - Main motion carries by unanimous consent
- [NPC Vacancy Process/Timeline](#) (Ashik S), 2nded
 - [Amendment to Timeline](#) moved by Megan, Seconded by John
 - Alex motioned to amend  BnR NPC Vacancy Replacement Plan Amendment , 2nd by laura
 - Committee of whole, moved by renne, second by megan
 - Adding  BnR NPC Vacancy Replacement Plan Amendment SF RCV

- Motion to exit megan, second
 - Amedment carries by unmious consent
- Main Amedment carries by unmious consent

Replacemnt process as amended carries 13.5-0

For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Carlos

Abstain: Renée, Colleen

- Laura moves [Convention rules draft](#) as convention timeline, Kristin 2nds
 - Motion carries: 9.5-5
 - For: Yes, Alex, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Carlos
 - Against: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renée
 - Abstain: Amy
- Laura moves [Plan for Guest Organization Representatives](#)
 - Motion to amend to strike 3E, Ashik 2nds
 - Motion to amend to strike and asks programming to bring us a new proposal, Alex 2nd
 - Carries by unanimous consent
 - Amendmened amendment carries 11-3.5
 - For: Ahmed, Amy, Ashik, Carwa, Colleen, Frances, John, Luisa, Megan, Renée, Sam
 - Against: Alex, Kristin, Laura, Carlos
 - Abstain: Rashad

Main motion carries 13.5-0

- For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Carlos
- Against:
- Abstain: Colleen, Renée

- Laura moves [Survey for Guest Orgs](#) , 2nded
 - Motion carries: 10-0
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam
 - Against:
 - Abstain: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renée, Carlos

Transcript:

[Ashik Siddique] 12:03:20

Oh, and Rashad, do you have the transcript going?

[Megan Romer] 12:03:21

It's going because I have the little note that says this meeting is being

[Ashik Siddique] 12:03:25

Okay, great.

[Rashad X] 12:03:25

Yeah, I just started it on my end too. So I think we're good. And I can see my transcription going right now.

[Ashik Siddique] 12:03:33

Great. All right. Well, welcome everybody to our first full NPC meeting of the year. It's January 26th. So first order of business is adopting the agenda and standing rules. Do we have a motion?

[Ashik Siddique] 12:03:49

All right. Can somebody second the agenda and then we can take the motion to amend?

[Ashik Siddique] 12:03:55

All right, so we have a motion to amend from Colleen.

[Ashik Siddique] 12:04:00

Seconded uh would you like to motivate that?

[Colleen Johnston] 12:04:03

Totally. I just want to keep this pretty quick. Basically, I think there are a few things that we can move on to the consent agenda.

[Colleen Johnston] 12:04:10

The NEC chair replacement since there's nobody else who seems to be running or contesting for that position and then just making sure that we move everything that has a vote required to the top.

[Colleen Johnston] 12:04:22

So there is the org security committee steps. I'm moving that into new business um ahead of the other stuff that is maybe less time sensitive.

[Colleen Johnston] 12:04:34

Then the NPC replacement process and then the DSA convention stuff and then moving chair updates, directors updates and discussion to the bottom. Discussion isn't moving, but anything that's not voting and more of a report back moving that to after all the voting business.

[Ashik Siddique] 12:04:51

Okay, thank you. Alex is on stack.

[Alex Pellitteri] 12:04:55

I'll withdraw. My stack was covered in Colleen's a minute.

[Ashik Siddique] 12:04:59

Okay, sure. Point of information for Megan.

[Megan Romer] 12:05:02

Yeah, Colleen, I thought I heard you say that you wanted to move Alex into consent agenda. And I'm wondering, I don't see it in my documents. I'm wondering if that is what you meant.

[Colleen Johnston] 12:05:17

Yeah, so if you look under, oh, sure, I can move that. I just didn't move it into the It's listed in the description, but not in the implementation. So yes.

[Megan Romer] 12:05:28

Oh, good. Thank you so much.

[Colleen Johnston] 12:05:28

There it is. Yep.

[Ashik Siddique] 12:05:30

All right. Thank you. So Stack is open on this agenda amendment. Would anyone like to speak for or against?

[Ashik Siddique] 12:05:45

Okay, hearing no objections, we can take it by unanimous consent. Does anyone object?

[Ashik Siddique] 12:05:54

All right. Hearing none, that amendment passes. So any more amendments to the agenda

[Ashik Siddique] 12:06:04

Okay, if not we can take this agenda by unanimous consent. Any objections?

[Ashik Siddique] 12:06:11

Okay, thanks, Megan, for updating the member copy. All right, so hearing no objections, this agenda passes as amended So for restorative businesses, the consent agenda, which now includes the motion for Alex to become NEC chair.

[Ashik Siddique] 12:06:27

Any objections to these three items? So this is approving steering committee members for the Housing Justice Commission and Mutual Aid Working Group.

[Ashik Siddique] 12:06:37

Approving IC delegation to Ecuador and Alex becoming an EC chair.

[Ashik Siddique] 12:06:48

All right. Hearing no objections, these all pass Okay, so the next item, so we're skipping chair updates to the end.

[Ashik Siddique] 12:07:00

Our director's updates still? Up here or at the end.

[Colleen Johnston] 12:07:03

I moved those to the end too.

[Ashik Siddique] 12:07:06

Okay, so the next, so we're going right to new business.

[Ashik Siddique] 12:07:10

Okay, so the first order of business is DSA policy on staff political activity Or are you motivating us?

[Laura Wadlin] 12:07:20

Yeah, I move the policy.

[Laura Wadlin] 12:07:26

I guess actually it was recommended by committee.

[Ashik Siddique] 12:07:27

Bye. Okay. And that has a second. Would you like to speak to motivate it?

[Laura Wadlin] 12:07:35

Yeah. So, uh.

[Laura Wadlin] 12:07:38

I'm really glad that the personnel committee back many months ago voted to recommend this policy clarification.

[Laura Wadlin] 12:07:48

Because there have been a lot of questions over the years about what staff are supposed to do because many of them are members of DSA But they also have these special privileges and potential power in the organization because they're staff. This is like an inherent contradiction when a democratic organization has staff. It comes up all the time in the

[Laura Wadlin] 12:08:07

Labor movement and in parties. And so, you know, it's not a surprise that we're confronting this.

[Laura Wadlin] 12:08:13

And so it would be good to actually have something written down to answer those questions.

[Laura Wadlin] 12:08:19

And I get the sense that most people here agree with most of what's in it except for the part that explicitly states that participating in a caucus is not against the rules for staff.

[Laura Wadlin] 12:08:33

So my motivation is going to focus primarily on that because I think that's where the point of disagreement is.

[Laura Wadlin] 12:08:39

I think that clarifying our position.

[Laura Wadlin] 12:08:45

Which has not been stated Clearly, historically as that act alone is not prohibited for staff. I think that is really important.

[Laura Wadlin] 12:08:55

To improve member democracy. And the reason for that is because I have noticed being on the NPC and just as a member before I was on the npc that uh staff do not represent the ideological diversity of members.

[Laura Wadlin] 12:09:12

And that's a problem because that's a problem because staff are supposed to represent the will of membership will but will membership might tend to do so from only one particular tendency perspective or a range of perspectives that's more limited than our members or even are more limited than our elected leaders.

[Laura Wadlin] 12:09:32

And I think that partially happens because over the history of DSA.

[Laura Wadlin] 12:09:40

Staff have been encouraged, for example, not to talk to members. I've heard from multiple staff that they are told explicitly like.

[Laura Wadlin] 12:09:47

Be careful about talking to members like it's discouraged in some cases And the relationship between staff and members has not been as good as we want it to be. And I think that's led to some isolation among staff.

[Laura Wadlin] 12:10:01

From the political debates that are live and active all the time.

[Laura Wadlin] 12:10:07

And so by having people who are more connected to those debates because they're in caucuses.

[Laura Wadlin] 12:10:13

That means that staff will be more connected to some of the problems that when trying to implement the democratic will of members.

[Laura Wadlin] 12:10:21

And otherwise, if we say that you're not allowed to participate in caucuses, that will mean that staff exists like kind of in a bubble and aren't able to have the insight or the perspective that the rest of members have

[Laura Wadlin] 12:10:36

While they are participating in caucuses. And really, this policy is more of a directive to management to not force people to leave caucuses when they get hired by DSA. It's not saying you have to be in caucuses.

[Laura Wadlin] 12:10:48

It's not saying any of that. It's just saying, management, don't fire people if they are in a caucus while working for DSA. That's really the main part of that.

[Laura Wadlin] 12:11:02

Yeah, I think that's it.

[Ashik Siddique] 12:11:06

Thank you. Stack is open.

[Amy Wilhelm] 12:11:19

I'll try and keep this brief because I think everyone's heard my things on this.

[Amy Wilhelm] 12:11:27

I don't say the reasons I like it. I like this change. I don't think it's appropriate to call it a clarification. It is a change to standing policy, even though it's not written.

[Amy Wilhelm] 12:11:37

I'll get my reasons for liking it first. My rationale is... It has been. I think that staff should be able to participate as full members of the organization.

[Amy Wilhelm] 12:11:50

Part of that means outside of the time of staff organizing as um

[Amy Wilhelm] 12:11:59

Organizing as members, as full members. The... reason I'm opposing this. First of all.

[Amy Wilhelm] 12:12:09

I'm not going to share everything that I heard I have with the NPC.

[Amy Wilhelm] 12:12:13

I think the EU has been pretty clear. We don't want people speaking for them.

[Amy Wilhelm] 12:12:19

But first is that like this is a substantive change to policy and And it is something that the Instant Clear, they are not interested in. So I don't really want to fight over it for one.

[Amy Wilhelm] 12:12:35

That's part of it. I think that one of the concerns expressed and I think is rational is the concern about you know Staff being seen as factional and potentially leading to conflict with with staff on caucus lines. I'm not saying that that isn't a

[Amy Wilhelm] 12:12:58

I think that happens sometimes anyway I think that's rational.

[Amy Wilhelm] 12:13:04

But at the end of the day, this is a substantive change to the standing policy. I think that the contract was signed with the understanding that the clause on political activity included the standing policy against um being members of caucuses

[Amy Wilhelm] 12:13:30

And...

[Amy Wilhelm] 12:13:35

My view, again, my view in a vacuum, I think this is the right way to go.

[Amy Wilhelm] 12:13:40

I think that, you know, staff will be able to control members, but it's also something that staff has made very clear they don't want and I'm not.

[Amy Wilhelm] 12:13:49

Yeah, I'm not interested in having him. Having conflict over that.

[Ashik Siddique] 12:13:57

Thank you. Any further stacks for or against or otherwise?

[Megan Romer] 12:14:12

Yeah, just because I think people should know why everybody's voting how they're voting. Again, I agree in a vacuum, if we were building the system from scratch.

[Megan Romer] 12:14:22

It would be different, but staff doesn't want it. And I see no reason to um To go against that, to say, you must be allowed to be in caucuses if that is not a thing that they want to do. I do think

[Megan Romer] 12:14:35

I do think we have to work on some of the wrinkles of the fact that you know, you can't truly be apolitical in a political organization. And that's something that we need to kind of work through, right? That's a contradiction that's hard to hard to

[Megan Romer] 12:14:51

Move on staff do and should have their own political viewpoints. They're not automatons. They're not AI. We want them to contribute to this political project.

[Megan Romer] 12:15:01

But if this specific intervention is not one they want. It's not one they want. And I don't see no reason to be like, hey, let's wave a stick in your face for no reason.

[Megan Romer] 12:15:18

So that's where we're at, I think.

[Ashik Siddique] 12:15:22

Thank you.

[Kristin Schall] 12:15:25

Yeah, I think we all understand that you can't be a political and a political organization, but what happens by forcing people to leave spaces in the organization are there connection or political home in the organization means that you isolate them from

[Kristin Schall] 12:15:50

They're... political connections from their social groups from their thing that makes them feel part of deeply like deeply part of the organization and move them out of that space into one that can feel siloed and separate. I also think that

[Kristin Schall] 12:16:12

People don't come on to staff, leave their caucus, and then like erase their political positions from their brain. And I think moving in a direction of transparency towards where everyone just knows where everybody stands is a much better one and is much healthier. I think the proliferation of caucuses has been extremely

[Kristin Schall] 12:16:37

Healthy but difficult development for the organization, but it has led to the organization as a whole feeling more transparent and being able to understand where people are coming from.

[Kristin Schall] 12:16:49

And understanding the breadth of politics that exist. I think collapsing that that Staff gives a false sense to members that staff all think with one mind and function actually as a caucus unto themselves.

[Kristin Schall] 12:17:05

Which I think is a negative a negative perception for people to have. I think we want members to have a positive perception of how staff engages in the organization. And if we can move towards a policy where they're allowed to openly

[Kristin Schall] 12:17:24

Continue to hold their own political views transparently and continue to participate in the political life of the organization outside of their work hours, I think that it actually will move towards a much better and healthier relationship between staff and

[Kristin Schall] 12:17:47

Members. Again, this doesn't force anyone to be in a caucus. If they want to leave their caucus when they join staff, people can do that. This is just saying that people won't be saying that people won't be punished for wanting to stay connected

[Kristin Schall] 12:18:03

To a particular political formation in the organization.

[Ashik Siddique] 12:18:10

Thank you. We

[Sam Heft-Luthy] 12:18:14

Yeah, I wanted to just spend, sorry, my dog is a little impatient. I wanted to talk a little bit more about the approach that we're taking here. I agree.

[Sam Heft-Luthy] 12:18:27

With a lot of Kristen's rationale around clarifying the role of staff and expanding the types of touch points that members have with the national organization I think generally my preferred approach here though would be I think we should be much more laser focused in terms of what the role of staff are and

[Sam Heft-Luthy] 12:18:48

How staff interact with members and see their role in the national organization. And I think that the way that we should be expanding the engagement that people have with different political tendencies and with the varied political development of the organization is through a much more multi-tenancy approach to plugging in members from rank and file and member-led work.

[Sam Heft-Luthy] 12:19:13

I think the approach that, for example, UE takes where they're very clear that staff are not a part of the rank and file process of the organization but are an aspect of the national organization exerting its will And the decisions of the membership, I think, is a much better approach. I think that's something

[Sam Heft-Luthy] 12:19:34

That is a longer conversation that makes sense to be teeing up maybe for a convention. And I think we should be moving towards that direction for which I think we'll find a lot of agreement with Brett and Roses on this issue.

[Sam Heft-Luthy] 12:19:44

But I think on this particular policy, we're not in favor. Thanks.

[Ashik Siddique] 12:19:50

Thank you. I don't see any further stacks. So unless anybody would like to speak further, we can have a vote.

[Ashik Siddique] 12:20:02
Okay.

[Michael] 12:20:04
Yeah, I guess I'll just make a couple points. This isn't like a for or against.

[Michael] 12:20:08
I do think it'd be good to discuss this. We haven't really had a conversation about it, like staff and npc
And like just some thoughts of my own. I was briefly in a caucus before I got on staff i

[Michael] 12:20:23
Chose to go in the caucus direction because I was tired of the friend group politics of DSA. And I was like, I'm going to be in a political uh you know like a group that's formed around politics You know.

[Michael] 12:20:37
If I think about now, do I feel like I'm held back by not being in a caucus anymore? Like, I just wouldn't have time for it, you know, and it's really important to me that I'm like understanding all sides. So like my personal view is I just would not participate but I came from an orientation of like.

[Michael] 12:20:53
Caucuses are like good for democracy of the organization And I think But at the same time, I come from that place as a member and so I read all of your caucus newsletters when I see an article posted, I read the resolution. Not every staff member is going to do that. And you also can't

[Michael] 12:21:11
Expect everyone's going to want to do that. So I'll just say that like Whatever direction you go, I think it's really important to talk about it with staff. I think it'd be good to hear people's perspectives. I have a different perspective than some other people on this question.

[Michael] 12:21:27
And... it's just not like a discussion. We're actually talking to each other about it. And I think it would be good to do that at some point.

[Ashik Siddique] 12:21:38
All right. Thank you. Any further stacks or we can have a vote?

[Ashik Siddique] 12:21:49

All right. Seeing none, let's vote. Rashad, can you? Yep.

[Rashad X] 12:21:54

Yeah, I don't think I'm co-host right now, so I can't lower hands I'll just give one of y'all to lower hands for me. But everyone in favor, please raise your hand.

[Rashad X] 12:22:15

All right. I got Kristen.

[Rashad X] 12:22:19

Laura. Alex.

[Rashad X] 12:22:23

Carlos and myself on four. All right, lower hands, please.

[Rashad X] 12:22:31

Everybody opposed, please raise your hands.

[Rashad X] 12:22:42

All right. Yeah, Ahmed. Amy, she.

[Rashad X] 12:22:49

Erraholine. Francis John.

[Rashad X] 12:22:56

Luisa, Megan. Renee.

[Rashad X] 12:23:00

I think that Aaron is not here. Cool. All right. You can lower hands.

[Rashad X] 12:23:08

That fails four and a half, four, and 10 against.

[Ashik Siddique] 12:23:14

Thank you. All right. So the next order of business is the organizational security memo who would like to present this?

[Ashik Siddique] 12:23:26

All right, go ahead, Renee.

[Renée Paradis] 12:23:30

Yeah, sorry. Excuse me.

[Renée Paradis] 12:23:35

Apologies, everyone. I'm getting over a pretty brutal cold. So we, oh, right.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:19:58

So we are out of executive session. All right. So... We'll see what's next.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:20:08

Okay, so next item of business is resolution to assess one year of paid co-chairs Colleen, would you like to motivate that?

[Colleen Johnston] 13:20:16

Yeah, totally. I'll try to keep it quick. Basically, this is just like, I think, a pretty straightforward kind of good governance resolution, we, as you all are aware, implemented a pretty major structural change to our organization in terms of having paid elected co-chairs.

[Colleen Johnston] 13:20:35

It's a good opportunity now that we've had that structure in place for about a year to do an assessment and understand like what has having those positions in place made possible for us, what are the pain points, what are the things from like the originally intended

[Colleen Johnston] 13:20:52

And stated like goals, you know, how have we, how, how's the work measured up to that in reality and what are things that we can continue to do and think about to make it different?

[Colleen Johnston] 13:21:01

For going forward and continuing to approve it. This is pretty broad. So this is basically just like outlining a process that would get this moving through the personnel committee because I think it makes the most sense for them to kind of hold that given that these are paid positions and develop a more finely tuned process by which we can collect information and do an assessment and have a discussion.

[Colleen Johnston] 13:21:24

So, you know, trying to keep in mind, one, I think there's interesting information that we could have here that could be shared with bodies like the Democracy Commission who are also investigating organizational structure.

[Colleen Johnston] 13:21:36

I wanted to make sure that we tried to meet a timeline where we would be able to gather that information and then be able to kind of have an assessment and discussion and, you know, conclusions in place that could then be shared with those bodies and have them participate if they were so interested, but it's not mandated in stone because I know the Democracy Commission has a lot of other work that they're doing.

[Colleen Johnston] 13:21:56

That's kind of the idea. It seems like the March NPC meeting where we're going to be together for, you know.

[Colleen Johnston] 13:22:03

16 hours or so would be a good place to make sure we carved out time to discuss that.

[Colleen Johnston] 13:22:09

Having the data collection process sort of ready to go to to go digest and discuss at that meeting is what I'm aiming for. So that's about it.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:22:24

Thank you. Does this have a second?

[Colleen Johnston] 13:22:30

I believe Amy seconded already.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:22:31

Okay, great. Thanks. All right, stack is open.

[Megan Romer] 13:22:38

Yeah, I am really actually excited about this. I think that I don't want to speak for Ashik, but I personally have definitely wanted felt like I wanted more guidance. Like we're kind of making up this job as we go. And having some sort of structure where

[Megan Romer] 13:22:56

We can get some direct feedback. I feel like the membership is our boss and I want to make sure that there are like some different avenues for membership to to have their say in how our time is directed and how

[Megan Romer] 13:23:11

And to do some of an assessment on like what the job description looks like. Obviously, lots has changed over the last year. But yeah, I think it's great. I actually look forward to doing it and Yay, reports. No, but I like doing them. So yeah, just enthusiastically in favor um

[Megan Romer] 13:23:32

Definitely bringing in different bodies like Like the Democracy Commission, like National Working Group chairs, chapter chairs, I think is great because it just there's lots of different avenues for for members to say what they think. And I think there are pain points and I think there are things that I'm like, dang, I wish we did more of this that maybe sort of clarifying it and looking at kind of how much time a week we're spending

[Megan Romer] 13:23:57

Can help not just us, but the committees that we work with, like comms committee or fundraising committee or whatever, better direct our time and use us.

[Megan Romer] 13:24:06

Thanks for

[Ashik Siddique] 13:24:10

Yeah, just putting myself on stack. I agree. I mean, definitely could use more review or scrutiny or whatever. There's just a lot on our plates and um We're making up a lot as we go along. So I think we could definitely use, I mean, just going forward, whoever's in these roles could use more

[Ashik Siddique] 13:24:29

Clarity and structure than we've had because there's a lot i think a lot of the kinds of reforms that might be made are related to how co-chairs would operate going forward.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:24:39

So yeah, I know just speaking for myself, a lot of what we set out to do at the beginning, like we just haven't been able to because there's just so much all the time.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:24:47

So more clearly structuring our work would be helpful. For how people in these roles move forward.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:24:58

Go ahead, Amy?

[Amy Wilhelm] 13:25:00

Yeah, I don't want to waste time on another stack in favor. But yeah, I spoke with colleen earlier this week about this.

[Amy Wilhelm] 13:25:07

This is very similar to an initiative we kind of started on in personnel. It expands it a little bit and gives us a timeline. And I think that's a useful thing. I think it's realistic.

[Amy Wilhelm] 13:25:21
And yeah, I'm all in favor.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:25:28
All right. Thank you. Any further stacks, especially is there anyone opposed?

[Ashik Siddique] 13:25:38
All right, if none, we can take it by anonymous consent. Are there any objections?

[Ashik Siddique] 13:25:46
All right. That passes with unanimous consent. So next item, Francis.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:25:52
Always be cruden too.

[Frances Gill] 13:25:56
Yeah, this one is, I think, pretty straightforward. Basically, you know, we're in a moment where we Where people are a little bit looking for some political leadership and a new political home.

[Frances Gill] 13:26:09
Feeling frightened about the Trump administration and energized to engage in political work. And we've seen a, you know.

[Frances Gill] 13:26:18
Moderate uptick in new members over since Inauguration Day. And I think, you know, we have a lot of non-members who are on our various email lists and such.

[Frances Gill] 13:26:28
And so I think we should do a mass spoke text out to a segment of those folks and ask them to join GSA.

[Frances Gill] 13:26:36
So yeah, that's it. And I know that Colleen had some amendments, which are definitely friendly and um in my In my view. And I think we can bring some new folks into DSA and it's a pretty like low level light ask. And so I hope that folks will support it.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:26:57

Thank you. It's been seconded. All right. Colleen has an amendment. Go ahead.

[Colleen Johnston] 13:27:04

Yeah, so I, you know, like Frances was saying, really agree with the idea here. We should be capitalizing on another membership bump that we're seeing and really trying to make the most of the energy that people have.

[Colleen Johnston] 13:27:14

The amendments here are pretty straightforward. It's just really making sure that we as the NPC are encouraging National bodies and chapters to do like a mass text email or phone outreach to their specific lists of non-members that they might have that's separate from the list that we have and is referenced in the

[Colleen Johnston] 13:27:30

The target universe that we're doing there. And then there's other stuff that like the GDC has developed through our four month program anticipating this membership bump in November and then again in January.

[Colleen Johnston] 13:27:42

So making sure that we rebump that chapters and committees can have their own and should be using their unique join links when they send out that communication so we can track that and get a sense of like, how are people coming in? What's the work that's

[Colleen Johnston] 13:27:56

You know bearing fruit. And there's just some other kind of general resources now that we're sort of winding down in the month of January, some of our intensive trainings that we've been doing every single month.

[Colleen Johnston] 13:28:07

For the past four or five months on recruitment and onboarding to just like rebump some of the guides and other resources that we have that are around this type of rapid response recruitment.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:28:20

All right, thank you. And that's been seconded. Stack is open.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:28:25

For or against or otherwise?

[Ashik Siddique] 13:28:32

All right. Seeing none and with no objections, we can take that by unanimous consent.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:28:40

So that is amended. So Stack is open on... the proposal as amended.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:28:47

For against, or otherwise?

[Ashik Siddique] 13:28:53

Go ahead, Tiff

[Tiffany Gong] 13:28:54

This is just information. So I am already working with Glenn and Colleen is aware about this. We are trying to put together the materials for a mini free convention recruitment drive that would be you know I feel like would be, you know, part of this just in terms of repurposing a lot of the materials that we already had from 2023 that Beth Wang made in that

[Tiffany Gong] 13:29:21

Lead up to convention, basically the apportionment date for convention is around March 17th. So we are going to just, you know, re resend out those materials for recruitment and ask chapters to you know really push on that in the lead up to apportionment, see if they can get their membership numbers up

[Tiffany Gong] 13:29:45

And increase their delegate counts and one take advantage of this very unique political moment, which I do think there is closing window of opportunity for and also our internal political moment leading up to convention. So I just wanted to give you guys a heads up. We're starting to get those materials together and I'll have

[Tiffany Gong] 13:30:06

Something more built out to present to you guys in a week or two.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:30:14

Thank you. All right.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:30:18

Any objections?

[Ashik Siddique] 13:30:24

If none, we can pass that with the anonymous consent. All right, let's keep cruising.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:30:33

Okay, so that is it for the new business section. So now we are moving into NPC replacement process. And actually, we're just on time.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:30:43

Okay, so for this one. So the steering committee passed the steering committee the first piece, which is we've sent out the application So I guess are we... Should we start by moving the amendment that's been proposed to the process?

[Ashik Siddique] 13:31:02

Chair, question.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:31:11

Okay, I guess I'll just ask. Megan, John, or Sam to motivate.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:31:17

The change to the timeline. And then we go from there.

[Megan Romer] 13:31:23

Yeah, that's fine with me. I'm happy to motivate it. Yeah, it's um I know, I never know when I'm like, I'm the chair also. This is me. Okay. The, uh.

[Megan Romer] 13:31:36

It's a pretty simple change to the timeline, I think. It just pushes it back a little bit to to extend, we extended just sort of on agreement about um about extending the application period, but it just gives us a little more time to read it. I just think, I think we're all

[Megan Romer] 13:31:57

I'm pretty swamped. I agree that we need to like move on this. It's not something we want to drag our feet on, but just a little more time so that we can read through applications.

[Megan Romer] 13:32:10

It also adds some sort of public Q&A, whether it's a forum or whether it's a just discussion or something, and we can figure out what the format of that looks like. I left a pretty vague intentionally.

[Megan Romer] 13:32:23

Because if only two people apply, that potentially looks very different than if like 17 people apply or something.

[Megan Romer] 13:32:29

I don't know what what is going to happen. So I left it vague so that we can adjust to realities when that happens. I think it's really important specifically It's important that like members know us. I know most of them don't. I know probably your average DSA member could not name an NPC member. But I think that it's still important to keep trying to kind of build that

[Megan Romer] 13:32:56

Build that knowledge, that face face recognition, that idea recognition. And so the people who are interested in it should be able to like hear a voice, say the words about what they're interested in doing and what their take is.

[Megan Romer] 13:33:09

I think helps build trust. I think it helps buy in for the membership to see leadership. I know it's a pain in the ass, but I think it's important.

[Megan Romer] 13:33:18

And then the last bit is the last bit Instead of the steering committee narrowing it down to one candidate.

[Megan Romer] 13:33:25

Narrow it down to qualified candidates, people who they believe sort of meet a certain threshold. And again, that may depend on how many people apply, what it looks like.

[Megan Romer] 13:33:35

If we're getting like a bunch of really good applications and maybe a longer list, it doesn't say specifically what that would be.

[Megan Romer] 13:33:40

And then move it to a special NPC meeting where we will take a vote or we'll discuss our votes.

[Megan Romer] 13:33:49

And then we'll use Opavote or whatever so that it can do the because i don't think normal humans can make STV happen in real time but Yeah, that's the general gist. I just want to add a little bit of transparency to the process. I want member buy-in and I'm hoping that just

[Megan Romer] 13:34:08

Kind of keeping it outward facing lets them see that we're trying to make this decision in good faith and not not just lightly and not just to fill a pair of shoes because it's a big pair of shoes so

[Ashik Siddique] 13:34:27

Thank you. So stack is open for or against or otherwise.

[Alex Pellitteri] 13:34:36

Yeah, we did submit an amendment to this amendment last night. So I don't know if I should motivate that now or.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:34:42

Go ahead, Alex.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:34:43

Yeah, go ahead.

[Alex Pellitteri] 13:34:45

Okay, yeah, I started to do an amendment to an amendment. This does make some small changes. Essentially.

[Alex Pellitteri] 13:34:52

It would say it would change the date of this special meeting to Thursday, February 20th.

[Alex Pellitteri] 13:34:58

And then it would also just clarify that the election would be held via OPA vote, be open for three days. It keeps in that it would use the STV method, but also just states that our votes would how we or who we vote for would be made public.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:35:16

Thank you. That's been seconded. And also, can you drop the link to that in

[Ashik Siddique] 13:35:36

All right, thank you.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:35:43

Okay, so that's been seconded. Stack is open on this amendment.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:35:55

So I just have a clarifying question, actually. Are we suggesting basically that all of the proposed meetings be part of or replacing our steering meetings on Thursdays?

[Alex Pellitteri] 13:36:11

I think I envision that that would be up to the discretion of the chairs.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:36:15

Okay. So we're saying it's okay if we choose to do that.

[Alex Pellitteri] 13:36:21

Yeah, I think that's fine.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:36:22

Because I'm all for consolidating existing meetings. All right.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:36:28

Okay, so stack is open.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:36:41

Go ahead, Kara.

[Cara Tobe] 13:36:45

Yeah, I just want to stack in favor of this. I think it makes a lot of sense to use OPA vote if we're using STV and that it'll be open for a few days.

[Cara Tobe] 13:37:00

Especially because that weekend is going to be a busy weekend. Beforehand, we probably want to think through everything.

[Cara Tobe] 13:37:09

There are multiple candidates also like I'm going to be that person too and just say like doing STV like over, like, I don't know. I don't know about you all, but I would rather just have Opavote do it. And then we just get it figured out because trying to figure out STV like on a call sounds like a nightmare. So I think let's use our trusty OPA vote. It's there for a reason. And gives us some time.

[Cara Tobe] 13:37:38

As we are all very busy. Shit hits the fan almost every other hour at this point with this Trump administration. So I would like to have a little bit of flexibility there. So thank you, BNR, for bringing this forward. I'm personally in favor.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:37:58

Thank you. I have another question. I guess when we say a short list of qualified candidates.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:38:05

Does that mean we're asking NPC members to what? Like nominate people for that list or do we have some other criteria for deciding who is qualified.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:38:15

Because I will say in the past when we've done NPC vacancy appointments, there were basic things done like a membership check.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:38:21

Of the list. I think we did a grievance check just to see if there are any major grievances in the works or having passed or something.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:38:30

So we could do stuff like that from the outset, but is there anything else that you all are thinking.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:38:39

Yeah, go ahead.

[Megan Romer] 13:38:41

Yeah, that was my basic idea to make sure the steering committee talks through. And I think it's actually also like, it kind of leaves it to the discretion of the steering committee, but I think it would be fine, you know, if we have like Somebody joined last week. And yeah, they're remembering good standing. They don't have a grievance but we can say like

[Megan Romer] 13:38:56

This isn't really an entry-level job. And I think it's fine to narrow down based on broadly agreed upon parameters for what that might look like i mean i You never know, but there's often like somebody who's like, I'm here i want to

[Megan Romer] 13:39:13

Be in charge. And you're like, whoa, okay. I... I honestly have no idea like if we'll get a zillion We might just get two and it might be totally irrelevant, but I just kind of wanted to... put that on the steering committee to kind of do that round of filtration to make sure that it's

[Megan Romer] 13:39:33

You know, it's reasonable and we're not having broad discussions on people who we consensus no are not going to be the ones who are in the role.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:39:43

Okay, thank you.

[Colleen Johnston] 13:39:46

Yeah, I guess I just want to say you know, we just had a conversation recently where there were concerns about like capacity and being able to move forward on some pretty like time sensitive critical things.

[Colleen Johnston] 13:40:00

I do agree in theory with the principle like we want to have open processes for something like our national elected leadership replacement for the next six months and also like I really don't want to spend a ton of time like

[Colleen Johnston] 13:40:12

Debating this sort of like procedural stuff when like with the big picture of things there are so many things that are really deserving of all of our collective time and capacity and also to be like funneling member attention to. So I just really urge everybody, like, let's not lose the forest for the trees here.

[Colleen Johnston] 13:40:30

We have a lot of work to do. So I'm going to just, I'm agnostic. I don't really care about the process here.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:40:37

All right. Thank you. Go ahead, Renee.

[Renée Paradis] 13:40:40

Yeah, I mean, I am similarly a little agnostic about the process. I just wanted to get on stack to say, you know, at the beginning of the new business, we had a conversation where a bunch of people said, like, we have to acknowledge we're in a political organization and our staff can't be apolitical.

[Renée Paradis] 13:40:58

The replacement of the MPC members who have resigned has always essentially been a political settlement. I imagine that whatever ends up happening this time will be a political settlement. I doubt we're going to get like a new applicant whose politics we don't know who's going to get on.

[Renée Paradis] 13:41:14

Instead of somebody who's brokered between the various political groups on the NPC. And I don't know that like having theater of open candidate forum is really necessary.

[Renée Paradis] 13:41:26

To put together that political settlement, but I'm going to end up abstaining on both of these. Like Colleen said, I don't really have a particular dog in the fight around what particular kind of process we use for this. Thank you.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:41:41

Thank you. Stack is open. We're still on the amendment moved by Alex so for against or otherwise. Okay, go ahead, Francis.

[Frances Gill] 13:41:53

Yeah, yeah. It just occurs to me that the If we're going to come up with a short list, we should probably do the forum after we do the short list. So we should come up with a short list and then schedule the forum. So I can write up language real quick to like clarify that on the timeline.

[Frances Gill] 13:42:11

But yeah, just wanted to

[Ashik Siddique] 13:42:15

Okay, thank you. That's been seconded and just For clarification, you're saying the short list of qualified candidates that's proposed for February 13th happened before Or at one.

[Frances Gill] 13:42:31

I think that maybe it would make sense to do, I got to honestly look at the doc real quick and also a calendar and come up with it. But I think there's probably some way that we can just swap a couple of things and do the The short me, come up with the short list.

[Frances Gill] 13:42:46

Have the forum and then do the meeting where we start the open vote.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:42:52

Okay, thank you. Yeah, can you just... write that and then we can... Debate it.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:43:06

So I think what I heard is moving shortlist of qualified candidates that is So that would be what's currently week of 6th to 13th. That would be what Allow a short list of qualified candidates to Give a short speech.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:43:26

Etc.

[Frances Gill] 13:43:29

Yeah, so I think if we're closing applications on the 5th, we would normally do steering committee on the So at that steering committee on the sixth, we could have our discuss NPC applications and nomination, come up with the short list of qualified candidates.

[Frances Gill] 13:43:44

Then we do the forum between the 6th and the 13th as it's written.

[Frances Gill] 13:43:49

And then, you know, we could still do the 20th as our special meeting where we then do the OPA vote after that.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:44:02

I'm just making a suggestion in the doc of what I thought I heard.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:44:06

As an amendment. So sorry, if there's a better way to do it.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:44:11

But does that sound right?

[Frances Gill] 13:44:14

Yeah, that looks right to me.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:44:17

Okay, so stack is open on this amendment to the amendment.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:44:23

Go ahead, Rashad. Point of order.

[Rashad X] 13:44:26

Yeah, so we already are on the amendment to the amendment. So we would need to exhaust that business and then exhaust come back to this, whether like as amended or as Not amended.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:44:43

That's a good point, I guess as... This would be a secondary amendment?

[Ashik Siddique] 13:44:51

I feel like that's where we are.

[Megan Romer] 13:44:53

I think we're a tertiary, which is not actually a real thing. So we may have to just, you may need to enter Sadiq's rules and try to do some sort of consensus process here to try to get us to something to vote on maybe.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:44:57

Okay.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:45:08

Okay. Can I suggest maybe like, can we do, what's it called? God. Um... Committee of the Whole? Is that acceptable?

[Megan Romer] 13:45:17

I'll second that.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:45:19

Okay. Any objections to moving into Committee of the whole?

[Ashik Siddique] 13:45:26

Okay. Hearing none. So, okay. That is a proposed amendment to Alex's amendment. Is that acceptable or

[Alex Pellitteri] 13:45:35

Yeah, I would accept that as friendly and we can just vote on it as one thing.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:45:40

Okay. Are there any further suggestions people would like to make while we're in Committee of the Whole on Alex's amendment.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:45:54

Okay, I'll just go to Amy and then Louisa.

[Amy Wilhelm] 13:45:59

Yeah, briefly, I'm going to be a little annoying about this.

[Amy Wilhelm] 13:46:03

Stv doesn't select STP can't select a single candidate, it functions basically identically to San Francisco RCV, which would be appropriate for a single

[Amy Wilhelm] 13:46:20

A single result. So my result is my amendment would be to change STV to San Francisco RCV. That's what OpoVote would force us to do anyway. I just want to You know...

[Ashik Siddique] 13:46:44

Okay, while we're on Committee of the whole do people have questions about what Amy just proposed. Okay, Kara.

[Cara Tobe] 13:46:50

Can you briefly explain, like I'm five years old, what this is

[Amy Wilhelm] 13:46:58

Yeah. Oh, sorry, I didn't type. Yeah.

[Amy Wilhelm] 13:47:05

Stv, single transferable vote is specifically a multi-winner method It doesn't exactly translate to single winner.

[Amy Wilhelm] 13:47:14

The single winner equivalent is San Francisco RCV. I think if you select single winner on opa vote, it would actually force you into that.

[Amy Wilhelm] 13:47:27

So I just want to make sure that we're like, you know, being clear. It functions basically the same way. It just only has a single winner.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:47:37

Okay, thank you. I assume a bunch of us are Googling right now. I myself haven't heard this before, but I'll defer to the body.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:47:50

Okay, any other suggestions or anything while we're here? Oh, sorry. Lisa was unstuck.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:47:57

Okay. Sam, do you want to read out your comment in the chat?

[Sam Heft-Luthy] 13:48:05

Oh yeah, I was was just going to say STV, the thing that makes it different is that STV has a system for saying once a first winner is elected If there's over votes, how those go to other people, et cetera. But because the quota is a majority, it just does rank choice voting by once a candidate is eliminated going to the next candidate.

[Sam Heft-Luthy] 13:48:26

All those votes are allocated one-to-one. So I think it is fine to say San Francisco RCV because it is the same impact. It is not basically the same impact. It is the same approach for voting. It is just one candidate versus multiple candidates.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:48:44

Okay, thanks for clarifying. I'm sure all our voting nerds across the org are going to have a lot of new material from this.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:48:51

Discussion um okay so any further discussion on this or Yeah, same, Kristen.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:49:02

Anything else while we're in Committee of the Whole?

[Ashik Siddique] 13:49:14

Okay. Um...

[Ashik Siddique] 13:49:21

If nothing else, are we ready to exit Committee of the Whole?

[Ashik Siddique] 13:49:35

All right. Motion taxes. Seconded. Any objections?

[Ashik Siddique] 13:49:44

Okay. All right. So we're back to voting on this. Stack is open for against or otherwise on the amendment.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:49:52

As amended.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:50:04

All right. If no further stacks, we can take this by unanimous consent.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:50:10

Any objections?

[Ashik Siddique] 13:50:23

Okay, with no objections, that amendment passes, so we're back to voting on the process as amended. So still in the same doc.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:50:32

Stack is open for against or otherwise.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:50:40

Oh, and thank you for... dropping that up a vote link, that is helpful.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:50:52

All right. Any objections? Or I think somebody said they did object. So stack is still open, but we can also just go to a vote.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:51:07

Okay, so this is a vote on the main motion as amended. So Rashad, can you take the vote?

[Rashad X] 13:51:18

Yeah. All right. Okay, all those in favor, raise your hands, please.

[Rashad X] 13:51:49

You're going to upload. Alex.

[Rashad X] 13:51:54

Amy Shik. Not Karen.

[Rashad X] 13:52:01

I don't see coming. Oh, no. Yes, to Kara.

[Rashad X] 13:52:12

John is a yes. Kristen's a yes. Laura's a yes. Lisa, yes.

[Rashad X] 13:52:20

Megan, yes. Rochelle, yes. Sam, yes. Carlos, yes.

[Rashad X] 13:52:26

All right, cool. You can look. Actually, I can lower the hands now, I think.

[Rashad X] 13:52:34

All right, all those opposed, raise your hand.

[Rashad X] 13:52:44

Right, I see none opposed i assume so that's Colleen and Renee, y'all are abstaining.

[Rashad X] 13:52:50

All right, cool. All right. That carries 13 and a half to none opposed.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:52:57

All right. Thank you. So that passes. So that is it for this piece. And we're 10 minutes ahead of the break almost so I would adjourn and take a break.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:53:13

For 15 minutes? So we would come back.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:53:20

Can we just say 310? 3.10 Eastern. All right.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:53:28

See you all then.

[Megan Romer] 14:10:26

Okay, y'all, it is 310. I am speaking quietly inviting everyone to return.

[Megan Romer] 14:11:26

Okay, I'm speaking at a normal volume now, telling everybody come back if you haven't already. I think I see almost everybody checking in in the chat.

[Megan Romer] 14:11:34

But if you're not here. I'm just going to pretend you are because your name is on my little zoom window and you are there for present for quorum.

[Megan Romer] 14:11:46

Okay, I see Sam. Okay, great. I think that's everybody, but I didn't actually count. All right. I have a hot cup of coffee. That's very, very bad. And a dream in my heart. So let's rock.

[Megan Romer] 14:11:58

I hereby call us back to order. And let's get into convention stuff. All right.

[Megan Romer] 14:12:06

Is yes we have Laura. Laura, as Convention Planning Committee Chair, would you like to get us started and give us an update.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:12:13

Yeah, thank you. I'm trying to track the progress we've made on the monthly reports. Thank you so much for linking that in the agenda.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:12:25

We have lots of subcommittees. So, you know. I'll try to wrangle up the chairs and get them to put in two sentences about what they did.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:12:34

For the previous month. But at the end of the month, I will go ahead and put in everything we did for that month. So January, almost over. You'll be able to see that soon. And I'll make sure to post that on the forums.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:12:47

We're doing a lot, like making decisions all the time, subcommittees are just going through so many different decision items all the time. It's really a whirlwind. So, you know.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:12:57

Apologies if there's a lot to get caught up on with that.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:13:03

But the thing that we should probably get into discussing right now is our process for drafting NPC recommendations so The resolution subcommittee is intending that is intending The NPC will be bound to the same timeline as other as delegates regularly so like regularly

[Laura Wadlin] 14:13:28

For example, if there's a deadline to submit resolutions in, I don't know what, May or something.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:13:34

Then that same day that the NPC cannot submit resolutions after that date like that's what the rules or sorry, I forget if it's rules or resolutions but anyway that's what is the intent.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:13:45

So if we don't agree with that, we need to make that clear. Like if we want a special timeline for our stuff.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:13:51

That we need to make that clear. Ahead of time.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:13:55

And beyond just like the rules, we need to figure out what we want to do to actually generate the recommendations so um I don't know if that means... a committee or just saying maybe in the month of whatever, like in the month of

[Laura Wadlin] 14:14:18

March and the month of April you know maybe we say, okay, at that At that NPC meeting, we're going to all come with proposals And we'll maybe take a first look and then we'll do final approval and in April or whatever, I don't know.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:14:36

I don't know what people want or how much consensus we want for those But anyway, would love to hear people's thoughts on that first piece.

[Megan Romer] 14:14:47

I will begin, which is that I think that that would be really good use of our March in-person time. It may be that we want to You know, like do some vision boarding, have some little post-its on the wall or whatever. And sort of sketch out some ideas for what we want to draft and then approve in April. That sort of makes sense to me. But if anybody else would like to start to

[Megan Romer] 14:15:09

Suggest a different or amended or more complicated process than that i think I would love to hear that.

[Megan Romer] 14:15:27

Ashik, go for it.

[Ashik Siddique] 14:15:29

Yeah, that sounds fine to me. In the past, yeah, like as some of you probably know, the process just got delayed or dragged out from NPC. So there are... there's at least one convention where at the NPC recommendations came in so late that

[Ashik Siddique] 14:15:43

They just weren't considered. So a bunch of things just never made it to the floor because members objected.

[Ashik Siddique] 14:15:49

So the sooner we can get it started with a clear timeline, the better off we will be as a body and the members have time to engage or propose their own amendments or whatever, because if they come in late, then that can

[Ashik Siddique] 14:16:01

Just delay consideration of a lot of things that the body might have a lot of

[Megan Romer] 14:16:09

Yeah, Renee, go for it.

[Renée Paradis] 14:16:11

Yeah, just to clarify, in our Constitution, there's a specific timeline for what we recommend in terms of I believe it's bylaws and constitutional changes that can get agendized and then are subject to a particular rule. General recommendations do not have the same deadline. So you may remember last term, the Res 8 got added, Rec 8 got added late.

[Renée Paradis] 14:16:39

Later than the rest of them. So if there are specifically our bylaws and constitution changes, those we should work on sooner rather than later for that exact reason. So I just wanted to note that there are two different rules things around that.

[Megan Romer] 14:16:59

Laura, do you know... I'm not, I'm on operations, so not on resolutions or rules, but I I'm pretty sure that just in the meetings, like rules and resolutions have both been like This is what it says in the Constitution. So I'm assuming they have taken that into account to some degree. Is that correct?

[Laura Wadlin] 14:17:19

That didn't come up in our last meeting. Like a separate timeline for NPC to submit bylaws amendments.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:17:28

And I wasn't aware of that. So I'll make sure to mention that to our

[Megan Romer] 14:17:35

And we do have somebody in the audience who is has been sent by the resolutions subcommittee to speak and answer questions. Do we have any objections to letting that comrade answer that question about whether that has been considered or have recommendations.

[Megan Romer] 14:17:58

Okay, I'm going to... I'm going to, we'll go through stack in order, but then I'm going to ask Comrade Richard to uh help clarify this. So Kristen, you're up.

[Kristin Schall] 14:18:13

I just want to just suggest and chime in that actually I think that we should have an earlier deadline than the general membership because I think what has happened in the past that I makes convention feel very confusing is everything kind of gets bundled all together and nobody knows like

[Kristin Schall] 14:18:36

What the committees who are closest to making these decisions like are doing. So it would be really great if actually the NPC and Democracy Commission could have our proposals in earlier So then the general membership who's making decisions about what proposals to put forward can see that.

[Kristin Schall] 14:18:58

And then not like have five proposals that do the same do the same thing when they're already going to get privileged because they're coming from bodies like the NPC or Democracy Commission.

[Megan Romer] 14:19:16

Okay, I'm going to keep going on through in order on stock, but Renee, I do see that you have a direct response there. So hold that thought just for a minute. John, go ahead.

[John Lewis] 14:19:25

Yeah, I want to throw in two, while we are on the topic of like thinking about some of these rules recommendations and other things, just wanted to note as well from the budget and finance committee meetings that there likely will be some, there may be some recommendations that we have that may uh we may send to the NPC as part of the NPC recommendation process.

[John Lewis] 14:19:39

So I just wanted to get that out there as well.

[Megan Romer] 14:19:43

Thank you. And I do just want to say like, if we are saying At the March NPC meeting, which is an in-person meeting, so we have a lot more time than usual. If we work on that and then we can approve in April, that would put us

[Megan Romer] 14:19:56

I'm looking at this deadline. It says June 28th so that would put us significantly ahead. So if like members are waiting to see if the NPC recommends something, they will have plenty of time to bring stuff. Okay, Richard, could you answer our

[Megan Romer] 14:20:10

Question thus far on whether y'all have been watching the Constitution and such as you're making these decisions.

[Richard Soucy] 14:20:20

Yeah, so first off, I'm apologizing for background noise. I'm in the middle of a coffee shop right now. I'm going to try and be loud enough so you all can hear me. Let me know if it's really bad and I can step outside.

[Richard Soucy] 14:20:31

So yes, we have been aware of the timelines for all for all of the dates that are like the last day that can be submitted for resolutions and stuff. So everything is within that time frame I just do want to go over a few

[Richard Soucy] 14:20:47

Quick things because there are some differences from previous years that in case you didn't comb through the document, you might have missed.

[Richard Soucy] 14:20:53

So I want to go over that real quick because I feel like that's important information for you all to have as the NPC.

[Richard Soucy] 14:21:00

So... One thing is that we are asking for signatures from all

[Richard Soucy] 14:21:10

I mean, it's a convention, including NPCU recommendations and consensus resolutions. Going off of like the guiding principle that every DSA member is equal before convention, we wanted to make... as a way of getting that broad array of support for all of that.

[Richard Soucy] 14:21:28

Also, amendments to resolutions will be able to go on the consent agenda. We're still working out details of that.

[Richard Soucy] 14:21:35

But on how exactly that's going to be structured, but amendments will be able to go on the consent agenda.

[Richard Soucy] 14:21:41

And so our primary submission deadline for base resolutions is on April 28th.

[Richard Soucy] 14:21:50

Our amendments are amendments. Two main motions close on June 28th.

[Richard Soucy] 14:21:57

Amendments can also be submitted before the primary submission deadline as well in case somebody gets their signatures in quickly for our primary motion.

[Richard Soucy] 14:22:10

And we're going to be asking for electoral Labor Green New Deal, housing, IC, DEMCOM, and YDSA for providing their consensus resolutions. We've made templates.

[Richard Soucy] 14:22:23

But yeah, we recognize that like we can't really make we can't really bind the NPC exactly. The NPC is the highest body between conventions. But... We are saying that if the MPC doesn't follow procedures that are set ahead of time and like add stuff in after the fact.

[Richard Soucy] 14:22:49

Which you are technically able to do, but the convention might choose to vote it off the agenda.

[Richard Soucy] 14:22:55

Is that that would be delineated clearly within the um within the convention compendium, this was added outside of the regular process.

[Richard Soucy] 14:23:05

Just so that that is clear to membership, let's redo that.

[Richard Soucy] 14:23:09

But, um. Hopefully the answer is that question and several other questions that you might be asking later, but I'll be here in case if there are other questions that people have about the process. Because I understand that's a bit of a

[Richard Soucy] 14:23:21

Substantial divergent from some previous practice in some cases. So just wanted to make sure that everyone was on the same page.

[Megan Romer] 14:23:29

Thank you, Comrade Richard. So just to um To clarify, Renee is saying that both the Constitution and bylaws, they can only be amended of 30 days notice. But what I'm seeing in the deadline for constitutional bylaws amendments puts it

[Megan Romer] 14:23:46

Well ahead of those 30 days here. So I think we're clear either way but But if there is further concern, I think I imagine I declare the resolutions committee will happily see a memo from us to ask for further clarity on that point.

[Megan Romer] 14:24:07

If we have concerns. But yeah, Renee, if you want to jump on, please feel free.

[Renée Paradis] 14:24:12

Yeah, I was just pasting that to clarify what I had earlier said where I was vaguely remembering what the rule was and felt that people would be potentially interested in knowing what the rule actually was.

[Renée Paradis] 14:24:23

But the reason that I got on Stack is to say that there is no power on earth that will prevent our membership from submitting multiple resolutions on the same issue.

[Renée Paradis] 14:24:33

Even when, like I served on the resolutions committee for the past two years to two conventions and on the Rules Committee the year before that, even when we would reach out to members who had submitted substantially similar subject matter resolutions. They would often refuse to figure something out between them.

[Renée Paradis] 14:24:56

I would also note that a lot of what the MPC has put on the agenda in prior years and the reason that I would oppose requiring us to get signatures for everything is like stuff from our lawyers that are like.

[Renée Paradis] 14:25:09

This is what you should do for your affiliate agreements, right? Like things that are like.

[Renée Paradis] 14:25:15

The business of the organization that speaking of somebody again who's brought resolutions trying to do very boring things that are legally driven that um it can be very hard to get signatures for those.

[Renée Paradis] 14:25:31

Obviously everyone's going to do what they're going to do, but I would just say these are not new problems. And I think binding ourselves might end up being something we have to overturn if there ends up being like an organizational thing.

[Renée Paradis] 14:25:48

That we think is like direly important that comes up in You know, after these deadlines and you know given the subject of our executive session. I'm foreseeing some of those things. I don't think we should obviously use it, you know, abuse that privilege to

[Renée Paradis] 14:26:07

Put on things that are different from that. But I do think leaving that option open to ourselves is going to be important from

[Megan Romer] 14:26:16

Thanks, Renee. I have Laura next.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:26:21

I would like to suggest that we actually maybe move up our own timeline.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:26:30

To maybe we should plan to come to the February NPC meeting with initial thoughts.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:26:37

And like have that like maybe group brainstorming conversation And then try to hash things out at our March meeting, like get you know um get concrete votes on that Just so that people can see ahead of time what the NPC is recommending and so they don't have to put forward their own things. I do think that

[Laura Wadlin] 14:27:00

Like sometimes people submit things just because they think, well, no one else is dealing with this. So at least if they can see in February, oh, the NPC is talking about this.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:27:08

Like, I don't need to spend time on that. So, and I will say like, it's not really June. June is the deadline for amendment.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:27:17

The actual deadline for proposals, both bylaws and resolutions, is April 28th.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:27:23

So I think we should... Actually, yeah, I would like to propose that we would like to come to the February meeting with our initial proposals, like take the next month.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:27:34

Talk to our comrades and various tendencies about what we want to see have that initial conversation, see what agreement we can get and then work on getting concrete stuff to be passed in March. That is what I would like to

[Laura Wadlin] 14:27:48

Actually, I'm gonna i'm gonna make emotion to that effect.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:27:52

That that is our that's what we're going to That's our goal.

[Megan Romer] 14:27:58

Okay, so we have a motion on the floor, which I just want to note there are some stacks kicking around. So I will come back to stacks.

[Megan Romer] 14:28:06

Because now we have entered the Roberts rule zone. So Laura has made a motion that made a motion that has the NPC bringing initial suggestions, initial brainstorming ideas to the February meeting and then use our March in-person time to concretize those

[Megan Romer] 14:28:25

Figure out language, et cetera, so that we are ready to move them to committee.

[Megan Romer] 14:28:32

That point. There is no such thing as in Robert's rules. In Robert's rules um has a method for everybody getting up at the microphone and yelling.

[Megan Romer] 14:28:43

And whoever raises their hand first. But no, motion supersedes just general discussion So do we have a second for that motion?

[Megan Romer] 14:28:55

Okay, Kristen has seconded and now I have some POIs

[Ashik Siddique] 14:28:59

Yeah, so this was in the chairs update that we moved to the end. But according to the NPC scheduler, there wasn't Like basically every weekend in February has a bunch of NPC member conflicts. So we were proposing skipping a February NPC meeting

[Ashik Siddique] 14:29:15

We do have a bunch of steering meetings throughout the month on Thursdays, but... Yeah, there was just no Sunday when like They're just a bunch of people who have conflicts each weekend.

[Ashik Siddique] 14:29:26

So just

[Megan Romer] 14:29:29

Okay, I have Rashad with a point of information, would remind comrades a point of information is a question.

[Megan Romer] 14:29:35

Go ahead

[Rashad X] 14:29:38

Yes. Am I correct for the minutes that the motion was to bring initial ideas to the February MPC meeting then make final decisions at the March MPC meeting.

[Megan Romer] 14:29:49

That is the motion on the table, yes, for the minutes.

[Rashad X] 14:29:51

Cool.

[Megan Romer] 14:29:54

Okay, so this motion is on the floor. Laura, would you like to motivate further or You've...

[Laura Wadlin] 14:30:01

Yeah, just to address Ashik's concern. I think because we're not making decisions at the February meeting, that means that like it's okay if a few more people than normal can't be there for this discussion, just because again, it's like bringing

[Laura Wadlin] 14:30:18

It's bringing ideas like letting other people on the body know what we all want to see out of MPC recommendations.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:30:28

And if we decide if we decide oh, we need more time. We can always like delay it then. But I think we should challenge ourselves to move quickly on this and be ready to make decisions in March.

[Megan Romer] 14:30:43

Okay, thanks, Laura. I have Kara with a

[Cara Tobe] 14:30:48

Yeah, so I'm against this, not because I don't think that we should be challenging ourselves to be thinking very proactively and try to get things done a little bit more quickly.

[Cara Tobe] 14:31:02

I will say though. We're talking about at some point in February or I mean, it's already January 26th.

[Cara Tobe] 14:31:13

We just had a discussion earlier about the NPC replacement and not having enough time between now and then to really think through and look at all the replacements and figure out who would be a good option there.

[Cara Tobe] 14:31:30

And also, honestly, there's a lot of work that the organization needs to be doing right now. And every single one of us on the NPC need to be doing in regards to recruitment, in regards to preparing our organization for the Trump administration and not just preparing, but actually combating anything that happens with the Trump administration.

[Cara Tobe] 14:31:51

Organizing our members and our committees to be able to organize in their chapters. The onslaught of things that are coming from the Trump administration. And then in addition just to all the other work that we need to be doing. I will say on the comms committee front, I have been absolutely swamped with work.

[Cara Tobe] 14:32:16

In terms of getting things through from the inauguration day, I personally am behind on a lot of stuff.

[Cara Tobe] 14:32:22

I just don't see in any world in which that we're going to be able to really effectively have good recommendations if we are all also, every single one of us contributing in the way that we should be contributing as leaders of the organization at this point in time, which is a really, really critical point in time in American history and the history of this organization.

[Cara Tobe] 14:32:43

So that's why I'm opposed to this. But it also doesn't mean that like if.

[Cara Tobe] 14:32:50

Npc members do have more time on their hands that they can't be thinking about it themselves. But I think to put At this point, I think that's, it's just it's a very short timeline.

[Megan Romer] 14:33:10

Okay, do we have any further stacks on the motion, which is to have a meeting in February.

[Megan Romer] 14:33:18

Probably it sounds like just just chairs editorializing here. It would be a meeting that was really just kind of a cult brainstorm for everybody who could make it.

[Megan Romer] 14:33:27

So have that in February. And also talk amongst ourselves. We all got phones as my father likes to remind me, they ring both ways.

[Megan Romer] 14:33:38

And then, um, and then march have at our in-person meeting.

[Megan Romer] 14:33:45

Come up with more solid concrete passable resolutions at that point. So that is what I'm understanding is on the floor. If we have further

[Megan Romer] 14:34:00

Debate I would welcome it.

[Megan Romer] 14:34:06

Okay, then let's go ahead and just do a vote here.

[Megan Romer] 14:34:09

Comrade Rashad, would you call the vote on this question of this specific timeline? So a February brainstorming meeting and then at our March in-person meeting, we come up with uh language and documents and such.

[Rashad X] 14:34:22

Gotcha. Cool. All right. Roll call everybody who's four, raise your hands, please.

[Rashad X] 14:34:42

All right. Ahmed, Alex. Oh.

[Rashad X] 14:34:50

Okay, those not Amy, not Kara. Perfect.

[Rashad X] 14:34:57

We got John. Kristen, Laura.

[Rashad X] 14:35:03

Louisa, Megan, myself. And Sam and Carlos.

[Rashad X] 14:35:12

All right, let me lower those. All right. All those in favor, raise your hands.

[Rashad X] 14:35:21

Sorry, all those opposed. Raise your hands, my bad.

[Rashad X] 14:35:30

All right. I got a chic. Kara Colleen, Frances.

[Rashad X] 14:35:39

And Renee. All right, let me lower those.

[Rashad X] 14:35:46

Amy... Did you abstain or did Amy drop off?

[Rashad X] 14:35:53

No, Amy Sierra. Okay, cool. Amy is going to abstain. All right, that passes nine and a half, four, five against.

[Megan Romer] 14:36:04

Thank you, comrade. All right. Sorry, I was just unmuted if you heard me clacking my thumbs, welcome to ADHD.

[Megan Romer] 14:36:13

Okay, so that motion is passed. There were some stocks that I may have missed. Kristen, did you still have a stack?

[Kristin Schall] 14:36:24

Yeah, I briefly have it. I'll take my stack. I just wanted to register in opposition to requiring national bodies to um get the same number of signatures as individuals i think national bodies have like have buy-in and democratic

[Kristin Schall] 14:36:48

Support from the organization broadly And I think that they should like the NPC and Democracy Commission in particular should not have a signature requirement for putting forward proposals to convention.

[Megan Romer] 14:37:09

Thank you, Kristen. Okay. And Richard... I have Laura on stack to continue the agenda. Do you have something on this specific item and is it something we need to hear.

[Richard Soucy] 14:37:22

Yeah, it's specifically about the asking signatures for um directly in response to what Kristen said.

[Megan Romer] 14:37:30

Okay, go ahead.

[Richard Soucy] 14:37:32

Yeah, I'll be brief. Yeah, so part of that is we don't anticipate it being particularly difficult for these bodies to breach their signatures we think that it's important as like a kind of like... background philosophy on this whole kind of thing that everything that is brought forward for convention

[Richard Soucy] 14:37:59

Will be required to go through that same process going off of the kind of thing that convention is the highest body of DSA.

[Richard Soucy] 14:38:08

And trying to make that process more uniform.

[Richard Soucy] 14:38:15

And it also make ensures that more people are reading these resolutions before convention And people are talking about these more. So it also has that practical effect besides that that um idea that people should uh that everything should be going through a similar process.

[Richard Soucy] 14:38:35

So that was kind of like the rationale behind that. But of course, the NPC is free to change those those rules for that.

[Richard Soucy] 14:38:46

Before the process opens through.

[Megan Romer] 14:38:48

Thank you, comrade. Okay, we'll go to Laura with a stack on the next thing on the agenda. Is that right?

[Laura Wadlin] 14:38:55

But yeah, just on timeline. The Convention Planning Committee has not yet approved a draft of the rules So we will address these concerns at our next meeting on February 6th.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:39:11

Where we will approve a full rules draft. So if people have more thoughts, please make that known before the 6th.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:39:20

Then between the sixth Well, then we're probably going to have to have The steering committee approve the rules draft or maybe do a Lumia vote or something because we're not going to have an NBC meeting. So I just want to flag that for people that

[Laura Wadlin] 14:39:33

We're going to have, and we need to pass those rules like very quickly After we approve them to be able to launch the timeline online and everything. So I just want people to be aware of that.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:39:45

Before the sixth, look at the rules. Make it known if you disagree with something.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:39:49

Because then the steering committee is going to have to approve it or we'll do a Lumia vote very, very soon after the sixth.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:39:54

I just want to make sure everyone's aware of that. Um... Okay, I'm going to move on from the rules draft.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:40:06

And since we're not voting on that right now. The next thing that we need to vote on is the guest organization plan.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:40:15

So there's three documents linked in the agenda. Also, I want to say I'm so sorry I, when we made changes to the guest list.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:40:27

At the CBC meeting, I accidentally put them in a copy of it because I had like multiple copies going for like hypotheticals.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:40:37

So I'm so sorry that it didn't include every single change we made but a chic put them in just now. So I just want to make sure everyone is aware of what was changed between the time that I first sent the list and now.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:40:53

So... We added a seat for a seat North Star.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:41:01

Justice stems. Psl.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:41:06

Pym, actually Ashik, I don't think we I'm so sorry. I can't remember if we added Liberation Road or not.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:41:15

Fuck. Sorry, I need to go and check the minutes. Of our meeting to make sure about that one.

[Ashik Siddique] 14:41:23

I believe they were proposed as a joint amendment.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:41:26

They were, okay, I believe you. That's fine Okay, so one North Star, one Liberation Road, one Justice Dems, one PSL, one PYM.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:41:35

Those five are the only changes that were made between when I first sent the guest list and now.

[Megan Romer] 14:41:42

Sorry, can I just interrupt one second? I just want to double check. There are two things called North Star. There's the North Star Socialist Organization and there's a North Star Caucus and DSA. Obviously, North Star Caucus are members and can run, but this is the socialist organization, right?

[Megan Romer] 14:41:56

Thank you.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:41:57

Nsso. I'm going to call it NSSL.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:42:02

Thank you for clarifying. Okay, so... I don't know if you want me to make three separate motions or just move them all together I guess I'll move them all together. And if people want to divide the question that's fine. I'm going to quickly just explain what this all is. I think most of you understand this because we've been talking about it for a while, but

[Laura Wadlin] 14:42:26

So the guest list is not the list of all the organizations we'll invite to convention. It is the list of organizations that we will invite for the specific purpose of doing cross-organizational political exchange as an agenda item at convention.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:42:42

So on the guest list, you will a number of representatives proposed.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:42:48

That is the number of people we are asking these organizations to send who will have speaking rights.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:42:54

During this three-hour section of convention.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:43:00

And some organizations have more than others. That's based on a lot of factors like How big is the organization? How aligned are they with us? How strategic are they?

[Laura Wadlin] 14:43:12

How much have they said about May Day 2028? Because that's one of the big topics we'll discuss.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:43:16

All that kind of stuff. And if people have any particular questions about like who's included or whatever, it's mostly or it's the majority is unions, but there's also international like organizations and parties and national committees of GSA were asked to contribute to this list so like

[Laura Wadlin] 14:43:37

Trans rights from bodily autonomy, housing. International Committee, NEC, and NLC were all all contributed to the making of this list

[Laura Wadlin] 14:43:51

So you can see on the plan Document.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:43:56

That is the first document LinkedIn convention. The plan describes what we're actually going to do.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:44:03

So... If the organization has a membership structure, we're going to ask them to send actual members not paid staff, but of course, not all organizations we're inviting are like that.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:44:17

And when we After we invite them and they give us the initial like, yeah, okay, we're interested We will send them a survey.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:44:26

That basically pre-games some of the topics of discussion that will come up during our political exchange and convention.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:44:33

And we make it really clear in the survey that if you can't answer any of these questions or don't want to, that's completely fine.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:44:40

But if you do at least participate in the survey at least a little bit.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:44:45

You will get to see the results of the survey that other organizations send in.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:44:49

So it's like an opt-in, like you get to see the results. And this really helps us develop because this is like very experimental. I don't know what organizations are going to say. I don't think anything like this has really been done on a national level.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:45:01

So it would be really helpful to go into the conversation feeling a little more confident about how we need to frame our arguments as DSA members.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:45:09

And for other people, other organizations participating like Who else is here? What did they believe? What common ground do I have? It's really important that we have at least some shared ground beforehand.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:45:18

So we'll ask someone to complete the survey. And submit that to us. And then after June we will submit that we will like share the results with everyone who participated.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:45:30

So like all DSA delegates will get to see it. And... that will lead into the actual agenda item at convention.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:45:39

Which will be three hours on like saturday like early evening or evening you know might need to make some slight changes to that as we figure out the programming. But so far it's planned for evening.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:45:53

And we'll rotate like we'll wait it so that we get four outside guest

[Laura Wadlin] 14:46:01

Per one dsa delegate. So we're not only hearing from ourselves And we'll try to root the discussion in the compendium question. So, you know, things about democracy, like coalitions and party building, Mayday 2028, working class liberation, like all that kind of thematic stuff.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:46:20

It's not that much time to do it, but we're going to try.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:46:22

And then at the end, we'll have basically what is a performative non-binding vote.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:46:30

Which will... be about whether we should meet again. So I want to be really clear This is not a convention vote in the sense that we have to do what this vote says.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:46:42

It is merely a merely an organizing like political legitimacy building exercise to say to everyone who's there participating like basically was this good? Should we keep going?

[Laura Wadlin] 14:46:57

What should we do next? And the reason that I included that, which I know is like kind of Weird. I totally understand why people might be like, oh, I didn't expect that.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:47:07

The reason for that is because I talked to multiple people who had coalitional meetings locally, one in Detroit and one at the University of Oregon who said that one of the big downsides of doing this was that they had the convention or the, you know.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:47:20

Conference or whatever. And then everyone just kind of left and no one knew what what was going to happen next. And it was actually deflating.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:47:28

Instead of uplifting. So the goal is to be able to leave the experience saying we did this. We know what's coming next. We're excited. Everyone's bought in.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:47:42

But of course, it's non-binding like we can all reflect on it later and decide it was a disaster. I don't know.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:47:51

And then, of course, you can see the survey is linked. So the survey has like these are the specific questions we're going to ask

[Laura Wadlin] 14:48:03

And I suspect that like maybe even the majority of organizations will just say, we don't have a position on this. And that's fine.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:48:08

It just helps us get an idea of where we're all at.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:48:11

Okay, that's a lot. That's all I have.

[Megan Romer] 14:48:17

Okay, I see the motion to divide vote. First, we need to second the motion that Laura has just put on the floor and then we can divide it. Do we have a second. John is seconded. Great. So I see... Renee has moved to Divide. I see John seconding.

[Megan Romer] 14:48:32

Let's see, can we do this by unanimous consent? Does anybody object to dividing this question?

[Megan Romer] 14:48:41

You don't even have to speak on it. You can just object.

[Megan Romer] 14:48:47

Okay, super. So we're going to do this piecemeal um so We'll just go ahead and do it in order, I think, if that makes sense so uh So let's start with the plan. So the plan is on the floor.

[Megan Romer] 14:49:06

Would anybody like to debate for or against the plan as presented?

[Megan Romer] 14:49:18

Okay, I have Renee with a motion to amend. Go ahead with your motion, Renee.

[Renée Paradis] 14:49:22

Yeah, I think it's totally reasonable to want some sort of thing coming out of this. I think having an hour of weather this group should meet again with a list that stretches like really far in all directions. A lot of groups who have like nothing in common with one another other than that they know us. I think it's not necessarily like

[Renée Paradis] 14:49:48

It doesn't make a huge amount of sense to me. And so, you know, I am all for inviting groups to our convention.

[Renée Paradis] 14:49:57

It's been done for, I think, like every prior convention, we don't necessarily have the turnout we might like. I'm not sure who's going to end up showing up this time, given everything, but.

[Renée Paradis] 14:50:08

I think that that part of it, I'm not comfortable sort of saying, yes, we should do that now because I think that, you know, especially because I believe that it sort of calls for a full hour.

[Renée Paradis] 14:50:19

I think that might be um like something that might even sort of make people a little gun shy about coming if they're sort of expected to act as a collective with a lot of groups they may have some concerns about.

[Renée Paradis] 14:50:34

So I would... omit that for now. I would actually at this point be most comfortable going ahead and starting to send out invitations. And as we see how people respond to that, I think developing a plan based on who's coming may make a lot more sense than sort of prefiguring what we are going to do based on what we hope happens.

[Megan Romer] 14:50:58

Okay, so... then is your motion to strike a portion of the language or is your motion to send this back to committee for further consideration. Okay, it's to strike.

[Megan Romer] 14:51:13

That portion. So the full After part three agenda is that so one and two are okay but three is the struck bit

[Laura Wadlin] 14:51:24

I... Renee, were you wanting to strike E?

[Megan Romer] 14:51:40

Give Carmel Renee just a second.

[Renée Paradis] 14:51:42

Yeah, sorry. I put in the chat that I lost the window and was trying

[Megan Romer] 14:51:47

Yeah, yeah. All good. 3e. Okay, so this strikes 3E. Ashik has seconded.

[Megan Romer] 14:51:55

And is on stack for striking 3E. Go ahead, Ashik.

[Ashik Siddique] 14:52:00

Yeah, so this is, so first of all, like I support the whole proposal and I'm glad we're moving forward something this ambitious. I'll say on the convention committee, when there was discussion about the proposal, this was something that The representative from the Democracy Commission proposed striking, Aaron.

[Ashik Siddique] 14:52:19

Mostly like for some of the reasons Renee shared And I, yeah, basically like I wasn't sure about this. Like, this is the one piece that Mostly just because there's such a wide range of organizations and like some of the organizations that were proposed adding.

[Ashik Siddique] 14:52:37

At the last convention committee meeting, there just was a lot of debate about like, are these orgs aligned with DSA like convention I thought that convention based on the will of members, could go in any number of directions that could

[Ashik Siddique] 14:52:52

Support or preclude working with some of these organizations. So even if it is like a non-binding thing, it still seems like it might be setting up like a very wide divergence of expectations, like both among our own DSA members at convention, but then also from some of these orgs

[Ashik Siddique] 14:53:10

That might come. So I... I just have reservations about spending this much time on the agenda.

[Ashik Siddique] 14:53:16

On this question, unlimited time when so many of the other questions that are listed here are like very substantial and worth a lot of discussion so Yeah, just based on like the basic democracy question of like convention could decide on

[Ashik Siddique] 14:53:30

A lot of different things that could impact how we work with organizations. I feel a little bit iffy about predetermining that from this body.

[Megan Romer] 14:53:38

Thanks, Ashik. I have Kristen against. Go ahead, Chris.

[Kristin Schall] 14:53:43

So I'm against striking this because I think that it is important for there to be some kind of culminating act in this meeting where we're bringing all of these groups together. I've been in lots of coalitional meetings in my 20 years of

[Kristin Schall] 14:54:02

Socialist organizing and most of them don't go anywhere because it's a lot of bringing questions and talking and then no definitive discussion on action and then things kind of peter out. I don't know that it necessarily needs to take an hour. I don't know that it necessarily needs to be this question, but if people are trying to strike this section

[Kristin Schall] 14:54:27

Because there's an opposition to taking any votes at all or making any decisions at all, then I really oppose striking this section. I think it's important that if we are meeting with the goal trying to build bonds and a way forward and thinking through how to work with other organizations

[Kristin Schall] 14:54:52

That there needs to be some kind of decision that's made at the end of this meeting rather than just like, it was so nice everyone's here. So nice to meet you. Now this is the end. There needs to be some next steps.

[Kristin Schall] 14:55:07

And I think making it be a non-binding poll that people, the NPC to be works on from there, I think is fine, but I don't think that we should just have a meeting with no i don't think having a meeting with no outcome expected

[Kristin Schall] 14:55:28

Is as useful as having some kind of unifying piece at the end.

[Megan Romer] 14:55:35

Thanks, Kristen. I have Colleen with a stack four.

[Colleen Johnston] 14:55:39

Yeah, I mean, I think there's a lot of potential with this proposal generally, but I do think there are some significant parts of it that need to be kind of like thought through a little bit more. I mean, just on this

[Colleen Johnston] 14:55:50

I don't think it's worth having a an hour of our convention time for like a symbolic vote and even thinking about like if the intention is to have like real democratic buy-in from these organizations, they're probably not going to be empowered to make a decision like that that would have any real weight anyway, because I imagine the next step would be, we want to bring this back to our bodies and report back and discuss and maybe we'll have backup questions. So there should be

[Colleen Johnston] 14:56:17

A next step, but I don't think that like the last hour of this event is the place to do it. And again, like the central purpose of this convening is convention. We know that there's always like a struggle to make sure that we get through everything that we need to get through as a deliberative body as the highest decision-making body.

[Colleen Johnston] 14:56:37

So I just want us to really get crystal clear on what are we trying to do and why and how does the structure help us

[Megan Romer] 14:56:48

Thanks, Colleen.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:56:59

I meant that we... instead of striking E.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:57:04

Send it back to programming subcommittee to work on addressing some of these concerns.

[Megan Romer] 14:57:14

I would say that technically the programming committee can just do that and bring us a new proposal but um But we can do it via amendment if we want to.

[Megan Romer] 14:57:25

Ask that they specifically do it. So it would still Strike E in the text.

[Megan Romer] 14:57:33

But with the understanding that programming committee will look this over and bring us clarified. So do we have a second on that?

[Megan Romer] 14:57:44

Okay, Alex is seconded. Sam has seconded. Okay. John is like, oh, okay, we're on fourths. Okay. Do we have any... debate on this amendment.

[Megan Romer] 14:58:02

Renee, go ahead.

[Renée Paradis] 14:58:05

Sorry. This is just to formally tell the committee that they can come back to us with something else, but we're still striking E.

[Megan Romer] 14:58:16

Yes, exactly. So this will strike e And maybe add an F and the f says the NPC has requested that the committee come back with uh more comprehensive E.

[Renée Paradis] 14:58:33

More comprehensive or differently formulated i mean Just to be...

[Megan Romer] 14:58:37

Whatever. More words that have whatever it is, like bring us a different plan.

[Renée Paradis] 14:58:44

Different. Okay. Yeah, that's...

[Megan Romer] 14:58:49

Okay, so that is what we are debating. So the amendment is that E has been struck, which we'll get back to that official amendment but this amends the striking with an addition of asking programming to come back to us with a different plan.

[Megan Romer] 14:59:11

Do we have any debate on this? Let's see if we can unanimously consent it. Do we have any objections to Adding an F line that says the NPC has requested.

[Megan Romer] 14:59:23

That programming come back to us with a different plan.

[Megan Romer] 14:59:29

Super. Okay, so we're back up to the... original, the amended amendment, which strikes E and adds the request for a different plan.

[Megan Romer] 14:59:40

Yep. Okay. So if folks are... I lost stock. So if you want to stack on the amendment As Sam just did, please jump back on.

[Megan Romer] 14:59:52

Stack now.

[Megan Romer] 14:59:57

Okay, I see Sam with a stack four. Go ahead, Sam.

[Sam Heft-Luthy] 15:00:01

Yeah, I want to say I think generally at first blush I don't share the same concerns here. I do that Colleen had shared i do think that a declaration is a reasonable approach here. I do want a little bit more consideration. And so I'm fine having this plan not finalize it.

[Sam Heft-Luthy] 15:00:20

If it isn't a different plan, but we get a little bit more specific around how that would actually happen and how we would manage the process.

[Sam Heft-Luthy] 15:00:26

I think that would be the best approach here. So I'm in favor of striking this as our official plan.

[Sam Heft-Luthy] 15:00:30

Let's send out invitations and see what comes through and then figure out the way to make it work based on who we're seeing come through.

[Sam Heft-Luthy] 15:00:38

But I do think a declaration is a reasonable approach for giving people something to actually do as part

[Megan Romer] 15:00:46

Okay, thank you, Sam. All right. So I see no further stacks on the amended amendment. So let's go ahead and move to a vote on it. So what we are voting to do is to strike E is to e

[Megan Romer] 15:01:02

With the addition of an F, which sends this back to committee.

[Megan Romer] 15:01:06

That portion back to committee. Yeah, Rashad, go for it.

[Rashad X] 15:01:12

Yep. All right. All those in favor, raise your hands, please.

[Rashad X] 15:01:21

All right.

[Rashad X] 15:01:27

All right. All right. So. We got... Ashik, yes.

[Rashad X] 15:01:39

Asheicus, Amy, yes. Ahmed, yes.

[Rashad X] 15:01:48

Yes, Colleen, yes. Francis, yes. John, yes.

[Rashad X] 15:01:57

Okay, Louisa, yes. Megan, yes.

[Rashad X] 15:02:02

Renee, yes. Sorry, not Renee. Yeah, Renee. Yes.

[Rashad X] 15:02:10

Sam. Yes, Carlos.

[Rashad X] 15:02:15

Not following. Okay, Colleen, you're, yes, sorry, I missed you. All right. I'll lower hands.

[Rashad X] 15:02:25

All right. All those opposed, raise your hands, please.

[Rashad X] 15:02:32

All right. We got... Alex, Kristen, Laura.

[Rashad X] 15:02:41

And Carlos, and I'm going to upstatement. So that passes 11 to three and a half.

[Megan Romer] 15:02:52

So we're back up to the main motion The motion has been amended. E has been struck. F has been added that adds request for committee to come back with a different plan.

[Megan Romer] 15:03:05

And yeah, that's where we are. So if we have any debate on this, please jump on stack for or against now.

[Megan Romer] 15:03:23

Right. I'm not seeing any debate. Let's see if we can unanimously consent it if you are wanting to, okay, you're wanting to abstain. So let's go ahead and take a vote.

[Megan Romer] 15:03:34

If you don't mind, comrade Secretary.

[Rashad X] 15:03:37

Yep. All right. All those in favor, raise your hands, please.

[Rashad X] 15:03:58

I'm on mute. Yes, Alex. Yes.

[Rashad X] 15:04:08

Amy, yes. Sheikas, Kara, yes.

[Rashad X] 15:04:15

Where's Colleen? Okay. Francis, yes.

[Rashad X] 15:04:20

Kristen, yes. Laura, yes. Louisa, yes. Megan, yes. Rashad, yes. Sam, yes.

[Rashad X] 15:04:29

Carlos. Yes.

[Rashad X] 15:04:35

All right. Making sure I didn't miss anybody. Francis, yes. Okay. L'oreal's hands.

[Rashad X] 15:04:45

All those opposed, please raise your hands.

[Rashad X] 15:04:53

All right. And then I got Colleen and Renee as of stage.

[Rashad X] 15:05:01

Which means that Carrie's 13 and a half to zero.

[Megan Romer] 15:05:04

Thank you so much. All right, on to the next thing.

[Megan Romer] 15:05:11

Okay, we have a guest list. It is long. So that is what is now on the floor.

[Megan Romer] 15:05:21

Do we have debate for or against? Or amendments.

[Megan Romer] 15:05:30

Speak of the devil. All right. John, you got an amendment.

[John Lewis] 15:05:37

Amendment would just be to add Black Alliance for Peace to the list.

[John Lewis] 15:05:40

I can talk more on motivation in a second.

[Megan Romer] 15:05:45

That's right. John is inviting the devil. Again and then and then, yep, yep danger uh do we have a second on John's motion to add uh Is it BAP, right? That's the abbreviation they use. Yeah.

[Megan Romer] 15:05:59

I seconded. Okay. Joan, go ahead.

[Megan Romer] 15:06:02

Oh, and John, could you clarify how many seats?

[John Lewis] 15:06:05

This one. Yeah, just one. Yeah, I mentioned this at our CPC convention planning committee meeting uh that thinking about maybe inviting a Black Alliance for peace um had some conversations with some folks. I think it could be a worthwhile endeavor. I think they're a mass organization for folks who don't know.

[John Lewis] 15:06:26

They're a mass organization they just started building out their membership around the same time we did around 2020, 2021.

[John Lewis] 15:06:31

They're working on getting citywide alliances together. They're bringing together a lot of like black community groups, other things of that nature as well so could be a good potential ally in the fight. They're socialists, they're internationalists. A lot of things align there and they have a national scope as well.

[John Lewis] 15:06:48

They're for American political and socialist advocacy groups that aren't dsa They're on the larger side of like having in the range of a thousand plus members and expanding, but their support network is larger than that so figured they'd be a good ally in this too.

[Megan Romer] 15:07:06

Okay. Do we have any debate on that addition?

[Megan Romer] 15:07:19

Okay, would anybody like to object or abstain or shall we unanimously consent?

[Megan Romer] 15:07:30

All right. I would ask comrade Convention Chair Laura to please uh add BAP with one seat to the list.

[Megan Romer] 15:07:42

Okay, do we have anybody else who is looking to add or strike? Okay. Ahmed, go ahead.

[Ahmed Husain] 15:07:51

Yeah, I'd like to amend then the International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines.

[Ahmed Husain] 15:07:58

That's the text I can motivate. Ishrp.

[Megan Romer] 15:08:03

Thank you. I need my letters so that I can take my own notes. Do we have a second on in inviting. Okay, we have John. Okay, go ahead and motivate Ahmed

[Ahmed Husain] 15:08:04

One seat.

[Ahmed Husain] 15:08:17

Yeah, it's a group we've worked with before. We've endorsed the Philippines Human Rights Act with them.

[Ahmed Husain] 15:08:24

The coalition itself has um Lots of organizations or chapters have worked with them before.

[Ahmed Husain] 15:08:31

I know from talking with international partners, there's a lot of interest in meeting them and talking with them.

[Ahmed Husain] 15:08:37

And I know for some of the international parties coming over.

[Ahmed Husain] 15:08:40

It will be like a very great affair if they get to meet at our convention And maybe, you know, talk, have panels together, whatnot.

[Ahmed Husain] 15:08:51

I think it would be a great addition.

[Megan Romer] 15:08:57

Okay, thank you, Lisa. Okay, do we have any debate on adding Do they say I chirp? They should. It's very cute.

[Megan Romer] 15:09:10

Ichrp. Okay, I have Colle

[Colleen Johnston] 15:09:14

Yeah, I'm just curious if this was brought to the IC for consideration and if they was voted on or why it wasn't brought to them if it wasn't, etc.

[Megan Romer] 15:09:27

Laura, could you go ahead and answer?

[Laura Wadlin] 15:09:32

The representative from the ic submitted it.

[Laura Wadlin] 15:09:37

It didn't get included in my initial proposal because We originally were trying to stop at 225.

[Laura Wadlin] 15:09:43

And so I just didn't prioritize them.

[Megan Romer] 15:09:51

Thank you, Laura. Okay. So yeah, debate is open or further questions if anybody has any.

[Megan Romer] 15:10:03

Okay, not seeing any questions. Do we have any objections or abstentions?

[Megan Romer] 15:10:11

On this one. Okay, let's last call. Let's see if we can pass this by unanimous consent.

[Megan Romer] 15:10:22

Seeing no objections, no abstentions. Okay, so Conrad, convention committee chair, please add I trip to the list with their new nickname that I gave them if they don't use it already.

[Megan Romer] 15:10:35

Okay, anybody else looking to add? Subtract.

[Megan Romer] 15:10:41

Multiply i don't know.

[Megan Romer] 15:10:46

Okay, seeing no further additions Let's make sure, does anybody have any debate on the list itself?

[Megan Romer] 15:10:56

Just general debate or questions or comments.

[Megan Romer] 15:11:05

Okay, cool. Do we have any objections or abstentions on the list? Otherwise, we'll take it by unanimous consent.

[Megan Romer] 15:11:12

Again, you're welcome to just put object in the chat if you just want us to have a vote.

[Megan Romer] 15:11:23

Okay, seeing none, we're going to call that passed by unanimous consent. Hooray. We have so many friends from all over the world, from unions.

[Megan Romer] 15:11:30

Love to see it. I will editorialize that I really like this list. I like that it's folks kind of in all directions and with specific tasks. I'm a big the more the merrier type. And I think For those orgs that are maybe not a Democratic member org, I hope they get to see it and see that it's really cool and

[Megan Romer] 15:11:49

For those orgs who are Democratic member orgs, I hope they bring us some good ideas and we have uh Yeah, that... Mayday 2028 on the skyline uh looking forward to hearing more about it okay Cool. And thanks to that. That was a huge lift. So especially thanks to the programming committee who I know y'all like.

[Megan Romer] 15:12:10

Did it into all of the committees who submitted It was a lot. So for folks who brought suggestions, that's huge and very awesome. So thank you to everybody.

[Megan Romer] 15:12:23

It's kind of exciting. Okay, last bit is the survey. Do we have any... debate on the survey itself.

[Megan Romer] 15:12:35

Or stacks for against or any questions.

[Renée Paradis] 15:12:45

Yeah, so I guess... My concern about the survey is that we're asking people sort of how they're getting funded and then we're going to share it with all of our convention delegates and members and um I'm concerned that if what we want people to fill it out and to look like we're sort of people who understand the delicate stuff that people are dealing with, that that question in particular, I guess what I would say is like for a lot of these groups, this may be the first thing that they're sort of doing on the national level with us.

[Renée Paradis] 15:13:23

And I think it might behoove us to think a little bit about what are the questions that like if we were being asked by, you know, the group on this list that you personally hate the least most, if they asked

us to go to a convention of theirs and wanted us to answer a survey, what would you feel comfortable asking, not asking? I think answering, not answering.

[Renée Paradis] 15:13:47

So I'll just say, I think that this would benefit from another round of thinking through like what what do we think is sort of appropriate to ask of people who we may or may not have really strong relationships with?

[Renée Paradis] 15:14:02

But I'm fine with, how should I put it? I'm not going to make a motion to amend because I think that this probably has support enough to pass. And so I don't want to take everyone's time up with it, but I wanted to explain why I will be abstaining or voting against. Thank you.

[Megan Romer] 15:14:19

Thanks, Renee. Okay, do we have further... stacks for against Otherwise, we shall move to, oh, Colleen, go ahead.

[Colleen Johnston] 15:14:33

Yeah, I mean, just to add on a little bit to what Renee is saying, I do think like in particular how the survey relates to the programming piece is just like good to think through a little bit more. I think that there are ways that we can like draw out discussion about questions of

[Colleen Johnston] 15:14:48

Organizational structure and democracy and how that works and how it doesn't in these different types of contexts. I think that's a cool opportunity that we'll have.

[Colleen Johnston] 15:14:56

I think having discussion around plans for 2028 and concretizing that for Mayday is really important.

[Colleen Johnston] 15:15:01

I think there are also ways we could be talking about things like, how are you orienting to this moment of like rising fascism this fascist takeover of the state you know all of those things are pretty critical and we have a real opportunity to be doing that.

[Colleen Johnston] 15:15:15

I'm not sure that having everybody fill out a survey and then having Like, I mean, think of how long this document's going to be. Is that really like the best way to kind of draw out all of that information and engage in all of that? Or are there ways that we could

[Colleen Johnston] 15:15:30

Retool this and work this to get it a little more pointed at what is it that we're trying to like draw out from this opportunity.

[Megan Romer] 15:15:40

Thank you, Colleen. Okay, seeing no further stacks, let's go ahead and move to a vote here.

[Megan Romer] 15:15:48

Comrade Rashad, would you take the role?

[Rashad X] 15:15:52

You know all right All those in favor, please raise your hands, please.

[Rashad X] 15:16:08

All right. We got... Alex, yes.

[Rashad X] 15:16:14

Amy, yes. Ahmed, yes.

[Rashad X] 15:16:23

You got John, yes. Christian, yes.

[Rashad X] 15:16:28

Laura, yes, Louisa, yes. Megan, yes. Rashad, yes.

[Rashad X] 15:16:34

And Sam, yes. Oh, give me one second. I missed Carlos. Okay, I did not.

[Rashad X] 15:16:42

All right. Y'all can lower. Or I can lower, actually. All those opposed, raise your hand, please.

[Rashad X] 15:16:57

All right. Seeing none, looks like everyone else is abstaining, so that passes.

[Megan Romer] 15:17:04

Okay, that is all three of the motions under the convention.

[Megan Romer] 15:17:10

Bit is that, did we have anything else, Comrade Convention Chair?

[Laura Wadlin] 15:17:14

That's all. Thank you guys so much.

[Megan Romer] 15:17:17

All right. Thanks, everybody. Appreciate it. Folks attention to this.

[Megan Romer] 15:17:23

Okay, so now we're moving into chair updates. So we have entered the yapping portion.

[Megan Romer] 15:17:29

So I will give you my quick update. For anybody, yeah, I think other folks have to go so um Sheikh and I are both on the road right now. We were both in DC. And then I went to Tidewater DSA in Charlottesville DSA.

[Megan Romer] 15:17:45

And then it was so wild. We saw each other in the train station. We were on the same train. Ashik going to Richmond and me coming to Triangle DSA, which is Raleigh-Durham, where we both, I think I spoke yesterday, you spoke yesterday too, I think, right?

[Megan Romer] 15:18:00

For their chapter conventions, which were very well attended and really exciting. I was excited to get to meet a lot of triangle members, also a bunch of their electeds. They had a really good conversation about their electoral program yesterday, which I sat in on.

[Megan Romer] 15:18:15

So yeah, Ashik, any other? Oh, also, you know, DC was wild and really excellent and special thanks to the Metro DC comrades for throwing down so hard on all those events because that was a huge, enormous lift and they did lots of stuff and it was really very easy for us to kind of, or for me.

[Megan Romer] 15:18:32

Ashik was also helping with the planning, but I just kind of plugged in and showed up and held a sign. So thank you.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:18:39

Yeah, I'll just add, I mean, the DC events went really well as far as the DSA planned portions of it. And we can say more in debrief if we have time this hour.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:18:49

I put in the agenda one of our media hits that came out so far. Megan and I got to talk to Triumph, the insult comic dog.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:18:56

Which I think we both learned was still a thing happening because we saw Robert Smigel on the ground with the puppet.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:19:03

So it's a fun clip, some YSA comrades also get roasted in the video.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:19:08

So yeah, I think this is our first daily show hit since Maria Svart and Eric Blank were on a decade ago.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:19:15

So, yeah, also just being in Richmond, DSA was great. Chapters that have conventions planned on this timeline are doing a lot as far as I've seen. Richmond just elected a city council member for the first time.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:19:26

In November, so they're very hyped to get moving on a lot of things.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:19:31

Yeah, in this new period. So that's exciting. There's a ton of new energy

[Megan Romer] 15:19:38

Yeah, one takeaway from visiting chapters is how many new people are at everything. So that's awesome. And any chapters who are watching, I encourage you like do things that are new people friendly.

[Megan Romer] 15:19:51

It's great that there was like a new guy at Triangle convention yesterday and it was like, Ooh, that's a lot for a new person, like four hours of debate. Okay. But He was game for it, which was awesome. But there were also like at the socials with chapters and at the marches.

[Megan Romer] 15:20:06

Those are really good kind of first events for new people. So yeah, definitely get out there, get people moving, get people moving in unison, get people meeting people.

[Megan Romer] 15:20:17

They want it And yes, I would like to note for the record that Kara would not allow us to go storm the coffee shop with Triumph the insult comic dog. If you watch the full clip We were told we weren't allowed to. But we did get our interview at least.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:20:35

Yeah, and props to Kara for getting us a bunch of media hits on the ground, like both Megan and I were pretty bewildered just amid events. It was great just to have like somebody wrangling press and getting them to us and getting them to us

[Ashik Siddique] 15:20:49

Yeah, appreciate having that presence.

[Megan Romer] 15:20:52

Yeah, she's fearless. Just running up to people with a camera like, hey, who are you? And here's my people. Well, Ashik and I... notably do wander a little and we're actually weirdly worse together than we are alone, I think.

[Megan Romer] 15:21:06

Like, oh no, we lost the co-chairs again. But yeah, we were actually pretty useful i thought on the ground on Inauguration Day because Ashik went up and did a speech and I stood at the table and press was coming up to the table where I was and press was going up to the front. So it was actually kind of a good divide and conquer moment.

[Megan Romer] 15:21:25

That said, I haven't actually seen a lot of the hits but um here's hoping some of them come through. That's kind of how it works you do 30 interviews and a couple actually make it in.

[Megan Romer] 15:21:38

Okay. Upcoming meeting dates, please, please, please fill out your scheduler. We really rock to be able to just schedule the rest of the meetings for the term up through August. And then we all just know them. So please do it if you can.

[Megan Romer] 15:21:56

February, we discussed this earlier. There's no good Sunday. It's not just like one or two people out. It's like five or six people out every Sunday. So... We'll try to figure out a time where we can have some of that discussion that we agreed to have, some brainstorming sessions. But remember again, phone rings both ways. So call your comrades, talk about stuff.

[Megan Romer] 15:22:23

The March in-person meeting, please, you got a thing in the email that you're supposed to fill out a thing that Like, do you need a hotel room, et cetera?

[Megan Romer] 15:22:32

I believe there are going to be some New York comrades who are going to be able to provide some solidarity housing, but it's New York, right? So it's not like everybody's got like three spare bedrooms.

[Megan Romer] 15:22:42
Louisa, go ahead.

[Luisa Martinez] 15:22:45
Can we just, it's not a motion or anything like that. Can we just informally agree that people fill out the schedule or schedule or don't like in the next week and then we can schedule out the rest of the NPC meetings

[Luisa Martinez] 15:22:57
I'm not going to make a motion, but I would suggest to the the co-chairs that you guys consider that So just give everybody a week and if not then

[Megan Romer] 15:23:10
Sounds good to me. And we can announce that in the chat for those who have um who have exited early. Okay.

[Megan Romer] 15:23:20
At-large member organizing fair update There is, oh, I didn't actually paste it in here But Comrade Sebastian, who was leading the organizing fair and who gets a shout out for being in Triangle and picking me up at the train station at 1130 at night because our train was like four hours late and driving me to Durham.

[Megan Romer] 15:23:42
But gets another shout out for writing this sort of compendium. He talked to a bunch of the people who had organizing fairs and had had some ideas. And it's a good little read.

[Megan Romer] 15:23:53
I love a debrief. So I will make sure I link it or send it around in email so everybody can look at it.

[Megan Romer] 15:24:02
And I think that there may be a push from that same committee to do another round of fairs coming into the summer.

[Megan Romer] 15:24:09
Which is cool. I have pretty universally heard very successful things about New Orleans apparently had one yesterday. John, I think, was there. I saw a picture.

[Megan Romer] 15:24:21

And it was, they had so many organizations sign up that they had to do two rounds of tables, a three hour tables, then three hour table.

[Megan Romer] 15:24:29

John, go

[John Lewis] 15:24:31

Yeah, we have like, so we had 400 name cards and then we had a whole other stack of like 100 DSA name cards. We got through the whole stack.

[John Lewis] 15:24:39

And that's not counting people who just kind of came and fell through.

[John Lewis] 15:24:42

I think it was like we were expecting like 120 people. We got easily four to five times that amount.

[John Lewis] 15:24:48

Connected with all types of socialist orgs, other groups across the city, community orgs, you name it.

[John Lewis] 15:24:54

I think it was absolutely a good thing for us. We got to talk to some folks who were interested, share stuff, connect with other organizers, build some of that clout, build some rapport, you know, do some diplomacy a little bit.

[John Lewis] 15:25:04

So, you know, I think it was just good that it was something that came out of our chapter as the center of it and kind of like letting people get familiar with us and learn about us as we kind of go through this together.

[John Lewis] 15:25:14

Looking forward to see what comes of it over the year.

[Megan Romer] 15:25:17

Yeah, DSA can throw down and it's good that other orgs know it.

[Megan Romer] 15:25:21

Kara

[Cara Tobe] 15:25:24

Yeah, I just wanted to say I know that that little committee on the org fairs did do a report. Is it possible to get that report like a PDF of that sent to the NPC by email? Because I don't know if I've seen that yet. And I don't know if the rest of us are going to see that either. And I think that would be really good for us as a body to read through and then also to hold and have archived if we can.

[Megan Romer] 15:25:53

Yep, I will absolutely send it via email. I think it might just be a forum post, but I can post it into a doc and send it around doc style so that we can have it in the archives.

[Megan Romer] 15:26:12

Okay, that's all. So, okay. Director updates. Michael, do we still have you?

[Michael] 15:26:24

I'm here, but this is Tiffany.

[Megan Romer] 15:26:24

Or Tiffany. Okay, sorry.

[Megan Romer] 15:26:29

Yeah, Tiffany, go for it.

[Tiffany Gong] 15:26:33

Oh, I'm sorry. I think it was just basically You know, we just want you to fill up the form, which is what I think you just asked everybody to do. So yes, just a reminder, please get us your form and we're organizing our the logistics.

[Tiffany Gong] 15:26:50

Of the meeting. And that's basically it.

[Megan Romer] 15:26:55

You cannot say enough times. To anyone that they have to fill out a form.

[Tiffany Gong] 15:27:01

But yeah, thank you for saying it before. And just again, yes, please fill out the form as soon as possible so we can book the hotel block. I mean, Maura's in the process of getting some hotel rates. And if you do have solidarity housing.

[Megan Romer] 15:27:02

Almost.

[Tiffany Gong] 15:27:14

To that or a comrade in New York, you're already planning on staying with, let us know. Otherwise, we are going to try to move on that as fast as possible.

[Megan Romer] 15:27:23

Awesome. And Tiffany, it may be Alex, who I think is still here. Yes.

[Megan Romer] 15:27:29

Has offered to help kind of drum up some solidarity housing maybe so um if we can maybe connect, maybe we can connect offline. We don't need to do this right now.

[Megan Romer] 15:27:41

We'll lean on the people who are in New York to see if we can't.

[Megan Romer] 15:27:45

Find spaces fill out the form. Okay.

[Megan Romer] 15:27:51

All right. So discussion. Okay, we're a little over time, but it's not that bad. We have half an hour to discuss. So Ashik, do you want to kick us off with an inauguration debrief?

[Ashik Siddique] 15:28:05

Sure. Yeah, I hope to write something up, but it's been a crazy week since it happened. So Just starting with the DC events. So we had organized with the Metro DC chapter to be part of the two sets of actions that we nationally endorsed. So there was the People's March organized on Saturday, the 18th.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:28:24

And then the we fight back actions on Monday on Inauguration day. So we nationally endorsed them. So a bunch of chapters did either or both, which is great.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:28:34

And then in DC, we had an event that was organized by the DSA chapter on Sunday. That was kind of like a town hall style thing and like a little bit of an organizing fair.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:28:43

Where there were some other organizations or local partners of the chapter that just laid out kind of like movement training analysis of the moment, mass organizing And a bunch of the chapters featured work.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:28:57

So all of the events that we helped organize, I thought went well and like our parts of it went more or less as planned. Just speaking from the experience of the DC chapter? It seemed like they did really well in recruitment. The Saturday event, like they had tabling, like they had like posters and flyers printed, like workers deserve more literature. So that all went really well. And I think shout out to

[Ashik Siddique] 15:29:19

The Louisville chapter that had like one sheets printed of the workers deserve more platform. So we had like glossy color printed versions of that. So that went really well So yeah, as far as like DSA's physical presence and being visible, like we did really well, like better than at least any action that I've been part of in DC, just like comparing it to 2017.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:29:41

When the DCDSA chapter showed up to a lot of the protests and stuff like you know, we had red flags and stuff, but nobody had DSA lit printed we were just kind of like blending into the crowd a lot. So this time just things were very visibly DSA, which was good.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:29:56

And then the Saturday event led to a lot of new people, including some people in the pink hats and stuff, just like taking our literature and posters. And then a bunch of them came to our DSA event the next day, which is great, especially because it was freezing.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:30:10

There was snow on the ground. So, you know, turnout was somewhat lower than RSVPs but it was still You know, like probably hundreds of people showed up.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:30:20

So yeah, that was good. So that was a pretty clear recruitment pipeline from You know, this big liberal action to a DSA thing And then we showed up to the more like left thing on The next day. So yeah, just I'm happy overall with

[Ashik Siddique] 15:30:38

Our participation in these coalition actions, but then just having a very visible and distinct DSA presence to absorb people into our organization. So I haven't followed up too much yet with a range of other chapters, but like, you know, like I've been in Richmond this weekend in Virginia so they

[Ashik Siddique] 15:30:56

Seem to have similarly have had a good experience like participating in the actions with other organizations but then um Yeah, just like the fact of them having a chapter convention a week after

that, like they got huge turnout like a ton of people are new members, some of whom were activated through the inauguration actions.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:31:14

So yeah, overall, I'm happy with us participating in all of that.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:31:19

Those are the positive things. But I guess like, you know, just to be real, like participation across the board It's definitely lower than it was eight years ago. And like we expected that like in a lot of these coalitions

[Ashik Siddique] 15:31:30

I'm in the planning meetings we were in, there was kind of a gradual adjusting down of expectations So like the People's March for One, which was organized by the Women's March organization um In 2017, they had like half a million people out on the streets in DC. The final number they reported was 75,000.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:31:51

In D.C. But yeah, like, you know, just when you think about like the aerial shots of the National Mall, like on the ground, there was maybe like I don't know, just looking around a third of the National Mall was occupied maybe

[Ashik Siddique] 15:32:02

Granted, again, it was snowing. It was very cold. So yeah, there are just those physical reasons why turnout was lower. But overall, yeah, just the appetite is not as high for At least mass protests and rallies as a tactic.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:32:18

And similarly at the We Fight Back action in DC, it was at Malcolm X Park, which is like further uptown and like historically is like where the more lefty orgs congregate for things.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:32:29

And that was even smaller, you know, like there was probably maybe a few hundred people out And it was the coldest day. So again, that was a big reason But yeah, yeah.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:32:42

And I'll add to like DSA made the decision to kind of dip after the rally like they had a march downtown to the White House after that.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:32:51

But we just didn't really hear much about the security plan and you know, just... risk assessments and stuff like that. So we just made the executive decision before it to just To have DSA members not encouraged to join that. There were some people who did anyway and like reported back in a very anxious signal group chat.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:33:11

But yeah, so I guess just overall, like my initial debrief is kind of just like across the board. It seems like with a lot of these orgs, there's just a collective sense that the tactic of mass protests like rallies, marches is

[Ashik Siddique] 15:33:27

You know, has had diminishing returns over the past year, like through Gaza organizing And now, especially after this election, it just seems like, okay, we did it. People are Mostly glad to have done it.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:33:40

But going forward, yeah, it just kind of feels like... there's not a huge appetite to keep doing this as a tactic, at least in the near term.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:33:49

Or midterm. And there was a lot of discussion about like, okay, how are we absorbing people into organizations What are our organizations doing?

[Ashik Siddique] 15:33:58

But yeah, generally across the board, this kind of feels like the last big time that a lot of people want to like do big rallies and marches.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:34:07

And I will add also the people's march was talking a lot about absorption in particular and invited us to DSA things to a toolkit, which they did at us too. So I'll share the link to that. So that's nice.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:34:23

That's the difference from eight years ago at the Women's March did not put out materials with join DSA. So this time they did. So that's nice.

[Megan Romer] 15:34:33

Also, it's nice that People's March now, men, you're finally included. Congratulations. You've made it. Kara, go ahead.

[Cara Tobe] 15:34:45

Yeah, I agree with a lot of what she said. It was really great. I definitely think that We could have been a little bit more prepared for certain things, but also generally I'm really happy with the turnout that we did do.

[Cara Tobe] 15:35:05

And the actions that we did take. What I'm really excited about, though, is that we do have some good resources now for chapters to use, like the Socialism beats fascism signs and the cards and I guess like protest signs.

[Cara Tobe] 15:35:22

That I saw a lot of chapters use. We also have the one-sheeters that my chapter created, which I'm really excited about, Louisville DSA. We have the beanies, which Megan is showcasing right now, which are awesome that are from New York City DSA that are really cool.

[Cara Tobe] 15:35:44

And a lot of these graphics and things like that, this is actually a little project that I'm taking on myself as a comms co-chairs to add these to our member design resources guide. So other chapters can use that orchestras are more one-sheeter as well. So it's really exciting that we have these moments

[Cara Tobe] 15:36:10

Not only just to like activate and get DSA out there, but also it's a good moment in time for us to, you know.

[Cara Tobe] 15:36:19

Get some new materials and get some new tools. And then the other thing from the comm side as well, one thing that was really amazing to see, not just in DC, but realistically across the board is just the all the amazing content and the actions that took place across the country.

[Cara Tobe] 15:36:41

Chapters everywhere really, really showed out and did an amazing job with their actions over the weekend and even over this weekend as well and throughout the week.

[Cara Tobe] 15:36:51

I have been on Instagram and Twitter and Blue Sky. Like reposting like crazy and accepting collab requests. There's been some really great reels and photos and it's just been really exciting to see a chapters put out some good stuff. And there's chapters big and small too. And in all of the states. So really, really amazing to see. And I think we got

[Cara Tobe] 15:37:19

Lots of good social content and good media content as well across the country. So I know chapters were highlighted in local media in their areas as well for the actions that they organized. I know Cincinnati, they got a big shout out in their local newspaper, I believe.

[Cara Tobe] 15:37:40

I believe a chapter in Florida did as well. There's a few others that got some good local media hits. Yeah, Chicago's co-chair Elena was on the big local news that we got a clip of and is on our social. There's some really, really good hits.

[Cara Tobe] 15:37:58

So moments like this are really great. And it's really awesome to see that our social media game is kind of coming together where we're able to highlight the work that chapters are doing.

[Cara Tobe] 15:38:09

On the national accounts. So if you are a local leader and you're listening to this, please continue to do that. Do collab requests, send us messages to boost things. We want to do that.

[Cara Tobe] 15:38:21

Yeah, that's all I've got.

[Megan Romer] 15:38:24

Thanks, Kara. And I put myself on stack. Not for this reason, but I do want to say, Ashik very bravely wore this hat in Union Station on the day that the March for Life had happened. And the place was just like crawling with teenage chuds. So I was very impressed.

[Megan Romer] 15:38:41

Well, I was also hot, so I didn't want a hat on at all, but probably would not have worn mine.

[Megan Romer] 15:38:47

It was like literally like thousands of teenagers in like creepy Brooks Brothers outfits. It was, it was a scene.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:38:59

I will add it did start a few good conversations. Like on the one hand, there were like, you know, more liberal types who were just like, oh, red hat, what? But then some of them were like, oh, but it says democratic or socialist. And then one of them heard my DSA pitch and it's like, oh, I'll check it out

[Ashik Siddique] 15:39:15

And on the other hand, the right wing people initially were like, oh, a brown person in a red hat Oh, wait, no, it's a socialist. And then anyway, so... I feel like we're making a strong choice with our red hats. That's ADSA.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:39:30

And yeah. It'll be interesting in the next few years.

[Megan Romer] 15:39:36

Yeah, wear your hats loudly and proudly even when shuds are afoot. Though, you know, be careful also because they're kind of scary. But But what I was going to say is that I thought it was really... The margins were great in DC and I appreciated that we were there, but I really liked the day of the breakout

[Megan Romer] 15:39:57

Organizing training thing. And I think it really spoke to people. There were a lot of people there And like being able, people are like, I want to do something. And you're like, okay, well, like, here's some events. But like going and like learning some skills

[Megan Romer] 15:40:09

I also know that yesterday, I guess... maybe right before the convention or something, triangle or I don't anyway there was a an ice watch training that was apparently overflowing at like the other lefty community center um So, you know, especially chapters who've like

[Megan Romer] 15:40:30

Made some connections through the organizing fairs. Like, all right, now take those connections and like have an organizing training day. People are desperate for it. They really want it. They really want the tools.

[Megan Romer] 15:40:42

They want a deeper level of figuring out what to do so Yeah, excited to see it happening. I think our chapters are kind of running with this anyway. I don't know that anybody needs to tell me that, but it may be that we want to provide some guidance on

[Megan Romer] 15:40:57

A deeper thing than just a tabling fair, but really a training fair or something like that.

[Megan Romer] 15:41:03

Okay. Oops, now I'm the window loser. Okay. Next steps regarding Trump executive order.

[Megan Romer] 15:41:16

Do we want to do this conversation now? Do we want to hold off on it?

[Megan Romer] 15:41:23

Any... input on because we've got two more discussion topics. The other one is the Twitter question, which is also going to be a discussion.

[Megan Romer] 15:41:31

To have for a bit. But we only have 20 minutes.

[Megan Romer] 15:41:35

Any strong feelings one way or the other? I feel like we kind of covered some of this stuff in the executive session when we were talking about that I also think that it's a bottomless well of things to talk about because it just kind of keeps coming.

[Megan Romer] 15:41:54

So you can always do more. All right, let's talk about Twitter then, just because I think it'll fit better in this time. I think we'll get started on a longer Trump conversation. Yeah.

[Megan Romer] 15:42:06

Kara, you want to kick us off?

[Cara Tobe] 15:42:07

Yeah, absolutely. So this conversation started in the comms committee via chat initially because, well, um.

[Cara Tobe] 15:42:22

Elon Musk did two Nazi salutes on television and then

[Cara Tobe] 15:42:32

He owns Twitter. I refuse to call it X, but he owns Twitter and is also in the Trump administration.

[Cara Tobe] 15:42:43

So we were talking a little bit about that and then talking about as well that the, you know, the algorithm generally is really just not working at all for us. Then there was also just a conversation because I noticed that the French left newspaper the second, I believe it's the second largest newspaper in France called the Brazi.

[Cara Tobe] 15:43:07

Which is a left-leaning newspaper, primarily kind of based out of the Socialist Party, is they decided very publicly to stop using the platform altogether.

[Cara Tobe] 15:43:22

Not deleting their account, but just walking away from it. And so that kind of prompted just discourse around, well, like what if we did this? What if we kind of walked away from it and made a political statement about it? And I believe the Guardian did something like this too. So we just were talking about it. And then we did decided to bring it up again in the comms committee.

[Cara Tobe] 15:43:48

As again, just an idea, something to float by and just as discussion. So during the conversation in the committee, a lot of us were thinking this could be a good opportunity to politicize around the fact that Elon Musk is terrible. We are being, you know, the algorithm is actively working against us at this point. We do not have, you know, we're not even really seeing as much of what our chapters are doing nowadays on Twitter because we just aren't even seeing it. People aren't even seeing what we're doing. Our posts aren't getting as much of a reach.

[Cara Tobe] 15:44:29

As they have, we're not really getting RSVPs or follows from things that we're doing. And frankly, if you've been on that platform in the past week or so, they really have unleashed the fascists on all of the, they've really just gone no you know like no holds barred on the trolls and the cranks and the fascists and all of of comments and the follow-ups. In addition to that, we thought, well, we could um

[Cara Tobe] 15:44:59

Encourage members to, you know, to organize where it really matters um you know which is in their communities and on the ground.

[Cara Tobe] 15:45:09

So we're having those conversations and thought about maybe doing a statement, wanted to make sure that that was done and brought up through the MPC. But we wanted to have a good, healthy conversation about it too. Now, in that moment, I also wanted to make sure we were getting some other feedback. So I went to my chapter. I think some others went to their locals.

[Cara Tobe] 15:45:34

And reached out to other people, reached out to some people as well. And then further discussion was had in various circles where it's like, well, wait a second.

[Cara Tobe] 15:45:43

Are we seeding ground here like is there enough of a space in blue sky or the other and other social media platform that We're going to be able to reach these other people. Does it really make sense at this point? And so

[Cara Tobe] 15:46:05

Really thought this might be a good opportunity for all of us on the NPC to talk about this. I don't know if we really need to make a decision because I don't really know if I want to make a decision at this point to do this just based off of the conversations that I've had.

[Cara Tobe] 15:46:24

I want to make sure that we have good discussion, especially as social media is playing such a huge role in Our politics, Twitter in particular, has really played a huge role in the world of DSA.

[Cara Tobe] 15:46:42

For better, for worse, I would say for worse. But, you know, that is, you know, it's a huge part of it. So.

[Cara Tobe] 15:46:52

Yeah, I know we started a little bit of a thread on it on the NPC, but figured we'd take a little bit of time here as well to talk about it.

[Cara Tobe] 15:47:00

So I'll

[Megan Romer] 15:47:03

Thanks, Kara.

[Laura Wadlin] 15:47:08

I think the most important thing we can do is investors invest resources like mental resources, time, energy.

[Laura Wadlin] 15:47:18

Staff time into other platforms And I've noticed how difficult it is for me to even change my mindset between like making Twitter our default versus Instagram because it's so it's so much easier to post on Twitter. Like you just type a few words, but Instagram, you have to like make a whole freaking graphic

[Laura Wadlin] 15:47:40

So that's a problem but i think that's a problem Honestly, I really support us moving towards like posting on Reddit more or even Facebook. Are you guys in unions because all the all the union drama like reform Cox and stuff, it's all on Facebook. It's very rich with working class political discussion, actually. I don't know exactly if the algorithm is suited for us but anyway

[Laura Wadlin] 15:48:06

So I want us to spend energy on just thinking like, okay, we need to diversify.

[Laura Wadlin] 15:48:11

In terms of like would leaving Twitter make a valuable political statement?

[Laura Wadlin] 15:48:15

I don't really think so personally. I don't really think a lot of people would see it and things are just really in flux right now.

[Laura Wadlin] 15:48:23

I don't know what the platform is going to look like in a month.

[Laura Wadlin] 15:48:27

I don't want us to make any firm decisions and because we have relied on it so much historically, there still is some value there that we would be losing.

[Laura Wadlin] 15:48:38

So yeah, I just, I don't think we should uh like publicly declare any kind of exit or anything like that at this time.

[Megan Romer] 15:48:51

We're calling it Twixit. No, we're not. Please don't do that. Kristen, go ahead.

[Kristin Schall] 15:48:57

Yeah, I think that we should think about other um places to post and prioritize other mediums But I don't think that we should completely leave like it takes two seconds to like just cross post something there and walk away. I don't think we need to spend a ton of time, but I think that actually this idea that like declaring

[Kristin Schall] 15:49:25

We're not going to use this platform and walking away is a mistake and it's seeding the commons to Nazis like our only commons in society right now is social media unfortunately And completely walking away is saying like Yep, here's the commons. You can have it. And I think the reality is people are still on there

[Kristin Schall] 15:49:51

And we have to be at least a bit of a beacon in the dark for people who might come across our posts, I don't think we need to spend a ton of time investing in it. I don't think that we should primarily invest in it, but I think completely seeding that space

[Kristin Schall] 15:50:08

Is... is a mistake, the kind of social media landscape is in constant flux and I don't know that um anything has yet kind of replaced the role that Twitter has. I think that we should encourage our members as individuals

[Kristin Schall] 15:50:26

Like when we talk to people about this in our chapters and caucuses and other political spaces to like just stop using it as individuals. I don't think there's a use to that.

[Kristin Schall] 15:50:39

And it's doesn't seem like an effective space and that that could be something that We can talk about casually. I also think that we need to There seems to be a thread kind of existing now where people are wanting to move

[Kristin Schall] 15:50:58

Off of social media completely and like begin to think more about what organizing in community looks like and building more social ties and things like that. And I think that's a really good instinct and we should and obviously weren't, this is a little tangential and we're not going to solve this today. I think that as political leaders.

[Kristin Schall] 15:51:20

We should start to think about advice and guidance for like moving away from the virtual world and moving way more into encouraging things happening in-person and directly and in ways in which we're building real social and cultural connections with

[Kristin Schall] 15:51:41

With the people that were organizing i think the online world is a bit of this like, I feel like I'm doing a ton of stuff because I'm posting everywhere, but it's not real.

[Kristin Schall] 15:51:53

Like we can pull people in in ones and twos, but ultimately like nothing replaces person to person interaction in real life.

[Kristin Schall] 15:52:02

Off of the computer, not on Zoom, not on email lists. And I think we should be thinking of ways to move towards kind of building a life of the organization that is much more in person.

[Megan Romer] 15:52:19

Thanks, Kristen. I have

[John Lewis] 15:52:23

Yeah, I was going to follow this and say, yeah, like a lot of what y'all are saying is kind of in line with what we talked about of it in comms was like, not necessarily like completely like eating the Twitter account and everything, but more like kind of like thinking about other areas where we could still like pick up our game a little bit kind of like a

[John Lewis] 15:52:42

Like me and Kara spent probably the last week going back and forth about like how popular, if it looks like an oxy And does not see signs or whatever it was, that symbol that we put on Instagram about um

[John Lewis] 15:52:53

The co-president Nazi elon that uh that got like probably the most interactions of anything we posted in a while, I think. So we're thinking about ways to like kind of go about it. And that was part of what we wanted to bring to y'all to kind of hear from.

[John Lewis] 15:53:06

But I am largely aligned in like thinking about like ways to like kind of think about how we can get into spaces, maybe find ways we can create Like, you know, intentional spaces for people to kind of collect, collaborate and everything else. And also I wanted to say I completely agree with Laura because

[John Lewis] 15:53:22

Our local ATU transit union They are the coolest old heads and they help them get their listserv set up They are getting ready to strike, but they try to do their thing. So I completely get what you were saying.

[Megan Romer] 15:53:41

Thank you. Yeah, so I put myself on stack. I have thought about like I like the idea of like the idea the optics of like biggest socialist org in the country leaves this platform, get a bunch of media hits.

[Megan Romer] 15:53:59

I'm not sure it'll actually happen. And if it doesn't, it's kind of a gamble. And then we just lost a connection so So I've come around to like, like, man.

[Megan Romer] 15:54:12

The media will just ignore us possibly Probably more possibly than not. And then we will have kind of lost that. So that's my only. I love the idea of member discourse leaving twitter it's... And I really appreciate that Kristen brought this up and also Sarah, the NLC co-chair brought it up in the

[Megan Romer] 15:54:36

Comms meeting, just this idea of like Obviously, it's important to be doing, you know, these sort of using these external communications platform because people are there and people see things and I don't want to like say let's diminish it. But I do think there is value in thinking about like

[Megan Romer] 15:54:53

How much energy and resource we put into you know crafting the perfect tweet versus making sure that members have the resources they need to to host a thing, to be in a thing, to start a campaign, to do a training.

[Megan Romer] 15:55:12

So it's mostly that's kind of just a reminder for me because I do spend, you know, I have a comms background, so I spend a lot of time thinking about The way we hit the tone and I mean, I brought up tone in this meeting, like the way we hit that perfect

[Megan Romer] 15:55:26

Phrasing is something i've probably overthink a bit.

[Megan Romer] 15:55:31

And it's helpful to me to remember like that's That's the, you know, that's the spaghetti at the wall. But really, I want to serve everybody a whole delicious pizza straight to them.

[Megan Romer] 15:55:44

And it's homemade and I made it in my fancy pizza oven. I don't have one, but I would if this was an option.

[Megan Romer] 15:55:51

But yeah, that that sort of those personal connections, that's where that's Yeah, that's where the really pushing members to and to remember that you can really like Fuck up some really good long personal connections with just one tweet that hurt somebody's feelings. It's easy to

[Megan Romer] 15:56:10

It's easy to build up, you know, or it's easy to tear down a good relationship with Mean Tweet. And we've all seen it happen that, you know, it's harder to build it up. So let's all do it.

[Megan Romer] 15:56:32

Okay.

[Luisa Martinez] 15:56:48

Yeah, I was going to say that I'm not sure that it's ever been like especially when it comes to corporate media that things have ever been fair for us.

[Luisa Martinez] 15:56:57

So like, you know, that it's not like all of a sudden everything changed recently you know so i don't see like Trump coming back or I just don't see as that sufficient enough of an excuse for us to get off of it. I feel like

[Luisa Martinez] 15:57:13

If our goal is communications we use the channels that are most popular. And that could include facebook like i you know I'm a union staffer. I'm union.

[Luisa Martinez] 15:57:25

Most union members are on Facebook. They're not on Twitter having fights with each other.

[Luisa Martinez] 15:57:31

I just don't feel like that would be a good strategy. I think it's sort of like, I mean, I feel like we're having a chicken and egg kind of conversation that We focus on Twitter.

[Luisa Martinez] 15:57:41

And maybe Instagram and Instagram majority of active members at least are young.

[Luisa Martinez] 15:57:46

And that's the communication platforms that are chosen.

[Luisa Martinez] 15:57:52

And then changing that, I'm not sure if that would create more age variety in our membership.

[Luisa Martinez] 15:57:58

I think that that's... I guess I struggle with that logic but I mean, I agree. I feel like we are at consensus here, but I would not support um Just us jumping off Twitter.

[Megan Romer] 15:58:17

Okay, thank you so much to everyone for your input. Thanks for everybody doing lots of hard work today.

[Megan Romer] 15:58:24

Do we have, I have a couple of next steps. Does everybody feel like convention chair, you have a bunch of next steps um Does anyone have any questions about what they should be doing next?

[Megan Romer] 15:58:43

Rashid, did you have any wrap-up stuff? All right. We'll go ahead and take our two minutes because we ain't going to fix Trump in that time. So I'd say we log off.

[Megan Romer] 15:58:54

And go, you know, catch the last three rays of daylight.

[Megan Romer] 15:58:58

Thank you, everybody, for a long day.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:19:58

So we are out of executive session. All right. So... We'll see what's next.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:20:08

Okay, so next item of business is resolution to assess one year of paid co-chairs Colleen, would you like to motivate that?

[Colleen Johnston] 13:20:16

Yeah, totally. I'll try to keep it quick. Basically, this is just like, I think, a pretty straightforward kind of good governance resolution, we, as you all are aware, implemented a pretty major structural change to our organization in terms of having paid elected co-chairs.

[Colleen Johnston] 13:20:35

It's a good opportunity now that we've had that structure in place for about a year to do an assessment and understand like what has having those positions in place made possible for us, what are the pain points, what are the things from like the originally intended

[Colleen Johnston] 13:20:52

And stated like goals, you know, how have we, how, how's the work measured up to that in reality and what are things that we can continue to do and think about to make it different?

[Colleen Johnston] 13:21:01

For going forward and continuing to approve it. This is pretty broad. So this is basically just like outlining a process that would get this moving through the personnel committee because I think it makes the most sense for them to kind of hold that given that these are paid positions and develop a more finely tuned process by which we can collect information and do an assessment and have a discussion.

[Colleen Johnston] 13:21:24

So, you know, trying to keep in mind, one, I think there's interesting information that we could have here that could be shared with bodies like the Democracy Commission who are also investigating organizational structure.

[Colleen Johnston] 13:21:36

I wanted to make sure that we tried to meet a timeline where we would be able to gather that information and then be able to kind of have an assessment and discussion and, you know, conclusions in place that could then be shared with those bodies and have them participate if they were so interested, but it's not mandated in stone because I know the Democracy Commission has a lot of other work that they're doing.

[Colleen Johnston] 13:21:56

That's kind of the idea. It seems like the March NPC meeting where we're going to be together for, you know.

[Colleen Johnston] 13:22:03

16 hours or so would be a good place to make sure we carved out time to discuss that.

[Colleen Johnston] 13:22:09

Having the data collection process sort of ready to go to to go digest and discuss at that meeting is what I'm aiming for. So that's about it.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:22:24

Thank you. Does this have a second?

[Colleen Johnston] 13:22:30

I believe Amy seconded already.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:22:31

Okay, great. Thanks. All right, stack is open.

[Megan Romer] 13:22:38

Yeah, I am really actually excited about this. I think that I don't want to speak for Ashik, but I personally have definitely wanted felt like I wanted more guidance. Like we're kind of making up this job as we go. And having some sort of structure where

[Megan Romer] 13:22:56

We can get some direct feedback. I feel like the membership is our boss and I want to make sure that there are like some different avenues for membership to to have their say in how our time is directed and how

[Megan Romer] 13:23:11

And to do some of an assessment on like what the job description looks like. Obviously, lots has changed over the last year. But yeah, I think it's great. I actually look forward to doing it and Yay, reports. No, but I like doing them. So yeah, just enthusiastically in favor um

[Megan Romer] 13:23:32

Definitely bringing in different bodies like Like the Democracy Commission, like National Working Group chairs, chapter chairs, I think is great because it just there's lots of different avenues for for members to say what they think. And I think there are pain points and I think there are things that I'm like, dang, I wish we did more of this that maybe sort of clarifying it and looking at kind of how much time a week we're spending

[Megan Romer] 13:23:57

Can help not just us, but the committees that we work with, like comms committee or fundraising committee or whatever, better direct our time and use us.

[Megan Romer] 13:24:06

Thanks for

[Ashik Siddique] 13:24:10

Yeah, just putting myself on stack. I agree. I mean, definitely could use more review or scrutiny or whatever. There's just a lot on our plates and um We're making up a lot as we go along. So I think we could definitely use, I mean, just going forward, whoever's in these roles could use more

[Ashik Siddique] 13:24:29

Clarity and structure than we've had because there's a lot i think a lot of the kinds of reforms that might be made are related to how co-chairs would operate going forward.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:24:39

So yeah, I know just speaking for myself, a lot of what we set out to do at the beginning, like we just haven't been able to because there's just so much all the time.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:24:47

So more clearly structuring our work would be helpful. For how people in these roles move forward.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:24:58

Go ahead, Amy?

[Amy Wilhelm] 13:25:00

Yeah, I don't want to waste time on another stack in favor. But yeah, I spoke with colleen earlier this week about this.

[Amy Wilhelm] 13:25:07

This is very similar to an initiative we kind of started on in personnel. It expands it a little bit and gives us a timeline. And I think that's a useful thing. I think it's realistic.

[Amy Wilhelm] 13:25:21

And yeah, I'm all in favor.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:25:28

All right. Thank you. Any further stacks, especially is there anyone opposed?

[Ashik Siddique] 13:25:38

All right, if none, we can take it by anonymous consent. Are there any objections?

[Ashik Siddique] 13:25:46

All right. That passes with unanimous consent. So next item, Francis.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:25:52

Always be cruden too.

[Frances Gill] 13:25:56

Yeah, this one is, I think, pretty straightforward. Basically, you know, we're in a moment where we Where people are a little bit looking for some political leadership and a new political home.

[Frances Gill] 13:26:09

Feeling frightened about the Trump administration and energized to engage in political work. And we've seen a, you know.

[Frances Gill] 13:26:18

Moderate uptick in new members over since Inauguration Day. And I think, you know, we have a lot of non-members who are on our various email lists and such.

[Frances Gill] 13:26:28

And so I think we should do a mass spoke text out to a segment of those folks and ask them to join GSA.

[Frances Gill] 13:26:36

So yeah, that's it. And I know that Colleen had some amendments, which are definitely friendly and um in my In my view. And I think we can bring some new folks into DSA and it's a pretty like low level light ask. And so I hope that folks will support it.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:26:57

Thank you. It's been seconded. All right. Colleen has an amendment. Go ahead.

[Colleen Johnston] 13:27:04

Yeah, so I, you know, like Frances was saying, really agree with the idea here. We should be capitalizing on another membership bump that we're seeing and really trying to make the most of the energy that people have.

[Colleen Johnston] 13:27:14

The amendments here are pretty straightforward. It's just really making sure that we as the NPC are encouraging National bodies and chapters to do like a mass text email or phone outreach to their specific lists of non-members that they might have that's separate from the list that we have and is referenced in the

[Colleen Johnston] 13:27:30

The target universe that we're doing there. And then there's other stuff that like the GDC has developed through our four month program anticipating this membership bump in November and then again in January.

[Colleen Johnston] 13:27:42

So making sure that we rebump that chapters and committees can have their own and should be using their unique join links when they send out that communication so we can track that and get a sense of like, how are people coming in? What's the work that's

[Colleen Johnston] 13:27:56

You know bearing fruit. And there's just some other kind of general resources now that we're sort of winding down in the month of January, some of our intensive trainings that we've been doing every single month.

[Colleen Johnston] 13:28:07

For the past four or five months on recruitment and onboarding to just like rebump some of the guides and other resources that we have that are around this type of rapid response recruitment.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:28:20

All right, thank you. And that's been seconded. Stack is open.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:28:25

For or against or otherwise?

[Ashik Siddique] 13:28:32

All right. Seeing none and with no objections, we can take that by unanimous consent.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:28:40

So that is amended. So Stack is open on... the proposal as amended.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:28:47

For against, or otherwise?

[Ashik Siddique] 13:28:53

Go ahead, Tiff

[Tiffany Gong] 13:28:54

This is just information. So I am already working with Glenn and Colleen is aware about this. We are trying to put together the materials for a mini free convention recruitment drive that would be you know I feel like would be, you know, part of this just in terms of repurposing a lot of the materials that we already had from 2023 that Beth Wang made in that

[Tiffany Gong] 13:29:21

Lead up to convention, basically the apportionment date for convention is around March 17th. So we are going to just, you know, re resend out those materials for recruitment and ask chapters to you know really push on that in the lead up to apportionment, see if they can get their membership numbers up

[Tiffany Gong] 13:29:45

And increase their delegate counts and one take advantage of this very unique political moment, which I do think there is closing window of opportunity for and also our internal political moment leading up to convention. So I just wanted to give you guys a heads up. We're starting to get those materials together and I'll have

[Tiffany Gong] 13:30:06

Something more built out to present to you guys in a week or two.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:30:14

Thank you. All right.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:30:18

Any objections?

[Ashik Siddique] 13:30:24

If none, we can pass that with the anonymous consent. All right, let's keep cruising.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:30:33

Okay, so that is it for the new business section. So now we are moving into NPC replacement process. And actually, we're just on time.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:30:43

Okay, so for this one. So the steering committee passed the steering committee the first piece, which is we've sent out the application So I guess are we... Should we start by moving the amendment that's been proposed to the process?

[Ashik Siddique] 13:31:02

Chair, question.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:31:11

Okay, I guess I'll just ask. Megan, John, or Sam to motivate.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:31:17

The change to the timeline. And then we go from there.

[Megan Romer] 13:31:23

Yeah, that's fine with me. I'm happy to motivate it. Yeah, it's um I know, I never know when I'm like, I'm the chair also. This is me. Okay. The, uh.

[Megan Romer] 13:31:36

It's a pretty simple change to the timeline, I think. It just pushes it back a little bit to to extend, we extended just sort of on agreement about um about extending the application period, but it just gives us a little more time to read it. I just think, I think we're all

[Megan Romer] 13:31:57

I'm pretty swamped. I agree that we need to like move on this. It's not something we want to drag our feet on, but just a little more time so that we can read through applications.

[Megan Romer] 13:32:10

It also adds some sort of public Q&A, whether it's a forum or whether it's a just discussion or something, and we can figure out what the format of that looks like. I left a pretty vague intentionally.

[Megan Romer] 13:32:23

Because if only two people apply, that potentially looks very different than if like 17 people apply or something.

[Megan Romer] 13:32:29

I don't know what what is going to happen. So I left it vague so that we can adjust to realities when that happens. I think it's really important specifically It's important that like members know us. I know most of them don't. I know probably your average DSA member could not name an NPC member. But I think that it's still important to keep trying to kind of build that

[Megan Romer] 13:32:56

Build that knowledge, that face face recognition, that idea recognition. And so the people who are interested in it should be able to like hear a voice, say the words about what they're interested in doing and what their take is.

[Megan Romer] 13:33:09

I think helps build trust. I think it helps buy in for the membership to see leadership. I know it's a pain in the ass, but I think it's important.

[Megan Romer] 13:33:18

And then the last bit is the last bit Instead of the steering committee narrowing it down to one candidate.

[Megan Romer] 13:33:25

Narrow it down to qualified candidates, people who they believe sort of meet a certain threshold. And again, that may depend on how many people apply, what it looks like.

[Megan Romer] 13:33:35

If we're getting like a bunch of really good applications and maybe a longer list, it doesn't say specifically what that would be.

[Megan Romer] 13:33:40

And then move it to a special NPC meeting where we will take a vote or we'll discuss our votes.

[Megan Romer] 13:33:49

And then we'll use Opavote or whatever so that it can do the because i don't think normal humans can make STV happen in real time but Yeah, that's the general gist. I just want to add a little bit of transparency to the process. I want member buy-in and I'm hoping that just

[Megan Romer] 13:34:08

Kind of keeping it outward facing lets them see that we're trying to make this decision in good faith and not not just lightly and not just to fill a pair of shoes because it's a big pair of shoes so

[Ashik Siddique] 13:34:27

Thank you. So stack is open for or against or otherwise.

[Alex Pellitteri] 13:34:36

Yeah, we did submit an amendment to this amendment last night. So I don't know if I should motivate that now or.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:34:42

Go ahead, Alex.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:34:43

Yeah, go ahead.

[Alex Pellitteri] 13:34:45

Okay, yeah, I started to do an amendment to an amendment. This does make some small changes. Essentially.

[Alex Pellitteri] 13:34:52

It would say it would change the date of this special meeting to Thursday, February 20th.

[Alex Pellitteri] 13:34:58

And then it would also just clarify that the election would be held via OPA vote, be open for three days. It keeps in that it would use the STV method, but also just states that our votes would how we or who we vote for would be made public.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:35:16

Thank you. That's been seconded. And also, can you drop the link to that in

[Ashik Siddique] 13:35:36

All right, thank you.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:35:43

Okay, so that's been seconded. Stack is open on this amendment.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:35:55

So I just have a clarifying question, actually. Are we suggesting basically that all of the proposed meetings be part of or replacing our steering meetings on Thursdays?

[Alex Pellitteri] 13:36:11

I think I envision that that would be up to the discretion of the chairs.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:36:15

Okay. So we're saying it's okay if we choose to do that.

[Alex Pellitteri] 13:36:21

Yeah, I think that's fine.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:36:22

Because I'm all for consolidating existing meetings. All right.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:36:28

Okay, so stack is open.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:36:41

Go ahead, Kara.

[Cara Tobe] 13:36:45

Yeah, I just want to stack in favor of this. I think it makes a lot of sense to use OPA vote if we're using STV and that it'll be open for a few days.

[Cara Tobe] 13:37:00

Especially because that weekend is going to be a busy weekend. Beforehand, we probably want to think through everything.

[Cara Tobe] 13:37:09

There are multiple candidates also like I'm going to be that person too and just say like doing STV like over, like, I don't know. I don't know about you all, but I would rather just have Opavote do it. And then we just get it figured out because trying to figure out STV like on a call sounds like a nightmare. So I think let's use our trusty OPA vote. It's there for a reason. And gives us some time.

[Cara Tobe] 13:37:38

As we are all very busy. Shit hits the fan almost every other hour at this point with this Trump administration. So I would like to have a little bit of flexibility there. So thank you, BNR, for bringing this forward. I'm personally in favor.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:37:58

Thank you. I have another question. I guess when we say a short list of qualified candidates.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:38:05

Does that mean we're asking NPC members to what? Like nominate people for that list or do we have some other criteria for deciding who is qualified.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:38:15

Because I will say in the past when we've done NPC vacancy appointments, there were basic things done like a membership check.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:38:21

Of the list. I think we did a grievance check just to see if there are any major grievances in the works or having passed or something.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:38:30

So we could do stuff like that from the outset, but is there anything else that you all are thinking.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:38:39

Yeah, go ahead.

[Megan Romer] 13:38:41

Yeah, that was my basic idea to make sure the steering committee talks through. And I think it's actually also like, it kind of leaves it to the discretion of the steering committee, but I think it would be fine, you know, if we have like Somebody joined last week. And yeah, they're remembering good standing. They don't have a grievance but we can say like

[Megan Romer] 13:38:56

This isn't really an entry-level job. And I think it's fine to narrow down based on broadly agreed upon parameters for what that might look like i mean i You never know, but there's often like somebody who's like, I'm here i want to

[Megan Romer] 13:39:13

Be in charge. And you're like, whoa, okay. I... I honestly have no idea like if we'll get a zillion We might just get two and it might be totally irrelevant, but I just kind of wanted to... put that on the steering committee to kind of do that round of filtration to make sure that it's

[Megan Romer] 13:39:33

You know, it's reasonable and we're not having broad discussions on people who we consensus no are not going to be the ones who are in the role.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:39:43

Okay, thank you.

[Colleen Johnston] 13:39:46

Yeah, I guess I just want to say you know, we just had a conversation recently where there were concerns about like capacity and being able to move forward on some pretty like time sensitive critical things.

[Colleen Johnston] 13:40:00

I do agree in theory with the principle like we want to have open processes for something like our national elected leadership replacement for the next six months and also like I really don't want to spend a ton of time like

[Colleen Johnston] 13:40:12

Debating this sort of like procedural stuff when like with the big picture of things there are so many things that are really deserving of all of our collective time and capacity and also to be like funneling member attention to. So I just really urge everybody, like, let's not lose the forest for the trees here.

[Colleen Johnston] 13:40:30

We have a lot of work to do. So I'm going to just, I'm agnostic. I don't really care about the process here.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:40:37

All right. Thank you. Go ahead, Renee.

[Renée Paradis] 13:40:40

Yeah, I mean, I am similarly a little agnostic about the process. I just wanted to get on stack to say, you know, at the beginning of the new business, we had a conversation where a bunch of people said, like, we have to acknowledge we're in a political organization and our staff can't be apolitical.

[Renée Paradis] 13:40:58

The replacement of the MPC members who have resigned has always essentially been a political settlement. I imagine that whatever ends up happening this time will be a political settlement. I doubt we're going to get like a new applicant whose politics we don't know who's going to get on.

[Renée Paradis] 13:41:14

Instead of somebody who's brokered between the various political groups on the NPC. And I don't know that like having theater of open candidate forum is really necessary.

[Renée Paradis] 13:41:26

To put together that political settlement, but I'm going to end up abstaining on both of these. Like Colleen said, I don't really have a particular dog in the fight around what particular kind of process we use for this. Thank you.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:41:41

Thank you. Stack is open. We're still on the amendment moved by Alex so for against or otherwise. Okay, go ahead, Francis.

[Frances Gill] 13:41:53

Yeah, yeah. It just occurs to me that the If we're going to come up with a short list, we should probably do the forum after we do the short list. So we should come up with a short list and then schedule the forum. So I can write up language real quick to like clarify that on the timeline.

[Frances Gill] 13:42:11

But yeah, just wanted to

[Ashik Siddique] 13:42:15

Okay, thank you. That's been seconded and just For clarification, you're saying the short list of qualified candidates that's proposed for February 13th happened before Or at one.

[Frances Gill] 13:42:31

I think that maybe it would make sense to do, I got to honestly look at the doc real quick and also a calendar and come up with it. But I think there's probably some way that we can just swap a couple of things and do the The short me, come up with the short list.

[Frances Gill] 13:42:46

Have the forum and then do the meeting where we start the open vote.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:42:52

Okay, thank you. Yeah, can you just... write that and then we can... Debate it.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:43:06

So I think what I heard is moving shortlist of qualified candidates that is So that would be what's currently week of 6th to 13th. That would be what Allow a short list of qualified candidates to Give a short speech.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:43:26

Etc.

[Frances Gill] 13:43:29

Yeah, so I think if we're closing applications on the 5th, we would normally do steering committee on the So at that steering committee on the sixth, we could have our discuss NPC applications and nomination, come up with the short list of qualified candidates.

[Frances Gill] 13:43:44

Then we do the forum between the 6th and the 13th as it's written.

[Frances Gill] 13:43:49

And then, you know, we could still do the 20th as our special meeting where we then do the OPA vote after that.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:44:02

I'm just making a suggestion in the doc of what I thought I heard.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:44:06

As an amendment. So sorry, if there's a better way to do it.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:44:11

But does that sound right?

[Frances Gill] 13:44:14

Yeah, that looks right to me.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:44:17

Okay, so stack is open on this amendment to the amendment.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:44:23

Go ahead, Rashad. Point of order.

[Rashad X] 13:44:26

Yeah, so we already are on the amendment to the amendment. So we would need to exhaust that business and then exhaust come back to this, whether like as amended or as Not amended.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:44:43

That's a good point, I guess as... This would be a secondary amendment?

[Ashik Siddique] 13:44:51

I feel like that's where we are.

[Megan Romer] 13:44:53

I think we're a tertiary, which is not actually a real thing. So we may have to just, you may need to enter Sadiq's rules and try to do some sort of consensus process here to try to get us to something to vote on maybe.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:44:57

Okay.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:45:08

Okay. Can I suggest maybe like, can we do, what's it called? God. Um... Committee of the Whole? Is that acceptable?

[Megan Romer] 13:45:17

I'll second that.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:45:19

Okay. Any objections to moving into Committee of the whole?

[Ashik Siddique] 13:45:26

Okay. Hearing none. So, okay. That is a proposed amendment to Alex's amendment. Is that acceptable or

[Alex Pellitteri] 13:45:35

Yeah, I would accept that as friendly and we can just vote on it as one thing.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:45:40

Okay. Are there any further suggestions people would like to make while we're in Committee of the Whole on Alex's amendment.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:45:54

Okay, I'll just go to Amy and then Louisa.

[Amy Wilhelm] 13:45:59

Yeah, briefly, I'm going to be a little annoying about this.

[Amy Wilhelm] 13:46:03

Stv doesn't select STP can't select a single candidate, it functions basically identically to San Francisco RCV, which would be appropriate for a single

[Amy Wilhelm] 13:46:20

A single result. So my result is my amendment would be to change STV to San Francisco RCV. That's what OpoVote would force us to do anyway. I just want to You know...

[Ashik Siddique] 13:46:44

Okay, while we're on Committee of the whole do people have questions about what Amy just proposed. Okay, Kara.

[Cara Tobe] 13:46:50

Can you briefly explain, like I'm five years old, what this is

[Amy Wilhelm] 13:46:58

Yeah. Oh, sorry, I didn't type. Yeah.

[Amy Wilhelm] 13:47:05

Stv, single transferable vote is specifically a multi-winner method It doesn't exactly translate to single winner.

[Amy Wilhelm] 13:47:14

The single winner equivalent is San Francisco RCV. I think if you select single winner on opa vote, it would actually force you into that.

[Amy Wilhelm] 13:47:27

So I just want to make sure that we're like, you know, being clear. It functions basically the same way. It just only has a single winner.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:47:37

Okay, thank you. I assume a bunch of us are Googling right now. I myself haven't heard this before, but I'll defer to the body.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:47:50

Okay, any other suggestions or anything while we're here? Oh, sorry. Lisa was unstuck.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:47:57

Okay. Sam, do you want to read out your comment in the chat?

[Sam Heft-Luthy] 13:48:05

Oh yeah, I was just going to say STV, the thing that makes it different is that STV has a system for saying once a first winner is elected If there's over votes, how those go to other people, et cetera. But because the quota is a majority, it just does rank choice voting by once a candidate is eliminated going to the next candidate.

[Sam Heft-Luthy] 13:48:26

All those votes are allocated one-to-one. So I think it is fine to say San Francisco RCV because it is the same impact. It is not basically the same impact. It is the same approach for voting. It is just one candidate versus multiple candidates.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:48:44

Okay, thanks for clarifying. I'm sure all our voting nerds across the org are going to have a lot of new material from this.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:48:51

Discussion um okay so any further discussion on this or Yeah, same, Kristen.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:49:02

Anything else while we're in Committee of the Whole?

[Ashik Siddique] 13:49:14

Okay. Um...

[Ashik Siddique] 13:49:21

If nothing else, are we ready to exit Committee of the Whole?

[Ashik Siddique] 13:49:35

All right. Motion taxes. Seconded. Any objections?

[Ashik Siddique] 13:49:44

Okay. All right. So we're back to voting on this. Stack is open for against or otherwise on the amendment.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:49:52

As amended.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:50:04

All right. If no further stacks, we can take this by unanimous consent.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:50:10

Any objections?

[Ashik Siddique] 13:50:23

Okay, with no objections, that amendment passes, so we're back to voting on the process as amended. So still in the same doc.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:50:32

Stack is open for against or otherwise.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:50:40

Oh, and thank you for... dropping that up a vote link, that is helpful.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:50:52

All right. Any objections? Or I think somebody said they did object. So stack is still open, but we can also just go to a vote.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:51:07

Okay, so this is a vote on the main motion as amended. So Rashad, can you take the vote?

[Rashad X] 13:51:18

Yeah. All right. Okay, all those in favor, raise your hands, please.

[Rashad X] 13:51:49

You're going to upload. Alex.

[Rashad X] 13:51:54

Amy Shik. Not Karen.

[Rashad X] 13:52:01

I don't see coming. Oh, no. Yes, to Kara.

[Rashad X] 13:52:12

John is a yes. Kristen's a yes. Laura's a yes. Lisa, yes.

[Rashad X] 13:52:20

Megan, yes. Rochelle, yes. Sam, yes. Carlos, yes.

[Rashad X] 13:52:26

All right, cool. You can look. Actually, I can lower the hands now, I think.

[Rashad X] 13:52:34

All right, all those opposed, raise your hand.

[Rashad X] 13:52:44

Right, I see none opposed i assume so that's Colleen and Renee, y'all are abstaining.

[Rashad X] 13:52:50

All right, cool. All right. That carries 13 and a half to none opposed.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:52:57

All right. Thank you. So that passes. So that is it for this piece. And we're 10 minutes ahead of the break almost so I would adjourn and take a break.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:53:13

For 15 minutes? So we would come back.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:53:20

Can we just say 310? 3.10 Eastern. All right.

[Ashik Siddique] 13:53:28

See you all then.

[Megan Romer] 14:10:26

Okay, y'all, it is 310. I am speaking quietly inviting everyone to return.

[Megan Romer] 14:11:26

Okay, I'm speaking at a normal volume now, telling everybody come back if you haven't already. I think I see almost everybody checking in in the chat.

[Megan Romer] 14:11:34

But if you're not here. I'm just going to pretend you are because your name is on my little zoom window and you are there for present for quorum.

[Megan Romer] 14:11:46

Okay, I see Sam. Okay, great. I think that's everybody, but I didn't actually count. All right. I have a hot cup of coffee. That's very, very bad. And a dream in my heart. So let's rock.

[Megan Romer] 14:11:58

I hereby call us back to order. And let's get into convention stuff. All right.

[Megan Romer] 14:12:06

Is yes we have Laura. Laura, as Convention Planning Committee Chair, would you like to get us started and give us an update.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:12:13

Yeah, thank you. I'm trying to track the progress we've made on the monthly reports. Thank you so much for linking that in the agenda.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:12:25

We have lots of subcommittees. So, you know. I'll try to wrangle up the chairs and get them to put in two sentences about what they did.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:12:34

For the previous month. But at the end of the month, I will go ahead and put in everything we did for that month. So January, almost over. You'll be able to see that soon. And I'll make sure to post that on the forums.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:12:47

We're doing a lot, like making decisions all the time, subcommittees are just going through so many different decision items all the time. It's really a whirlwind. So, you know.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:12:57

Apologies if there's a lot to get caught up on with that.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:13:03

But the thing that we should probably get into discussing right now is our process for drafting NPC recommendations so The resolution subcommittee is intending that is intending The NPC will be bound to the same timeline as other as delegates regularly so like regularly

[Laura Wadlin] 14:13:28

For example, if there's a deadline to submit resolutions in, I don't know what, May or something.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:13:34

Then that same day that the NPC cannot submit resolutions after that date like that's what the rules or sorry, I forget if it's rules or resolutions but anyway that's what is the intent.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:13:45

So if we don't agree with that, we need to make that clear. Like if we want a special timeline for our stuff.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:13:51

That we need to make that clear. Ahead of time.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:13:55

And beyond just like the rules, we need to figure out what we want to do to actually generate the recommendations so um I don't know if that means... a committee or just saying maybe in the month of whatever, like in the month of

[Laura Wadlin] 14:14:18

March and the month of April you know maybe we say, okay, at that At that NPC meeting, we're going to all come with proposals And we'll maybe take a first look and then we'll do final approval and in April or whatever, I don't know.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:14:36

I don't know what people want or how much consensus we want for those But anyway, would love to hear people's thoughts on that first piece.

[Megan Romer] 14:14:47

I will begin, which is that I think that that would be really good use of our March in-person time. It may be that we want to You know, like do some vision boarding, have some little post-its on the wall or whatever. And sort of sketch out some ideas for what we want to draft and then approve in April. That sort of makes sense to me. But if anybody else would like to start to

[Megan Romer] 14:15:09

Suggest a different or amended or more complicated process than that i think I would love to hear that.

[Megan Romer] 14:15:27

Ashik, go for it.

[Ashik Siddique] 14:15:29

Yeah, that sounds fine to me. In the past, yeah, like as some of you probably know, the process just got delayed or dragged out from NPC. So there are... there's at least one convention where at the NPC recommendations came in so late that

[Ashik Siddique] 14:15:43

They just weren't considered. So a bunch of things just never made it to the floor because members objected.

[Ashik Siddique] 14:15:49

So the sooner we can get it started with a clear timeline, the better off we will be as a body and the members have time to engage or propose their own amendments or whatever, because if they come in late, then that can

[Ashik Siddique] 14:16:01

Just delay consideration of a lot of things that the body might have a lot of

[Megan Romer] 14:16:09

Yeah, Renee, go for it.

[Renée Paradis] 14:16:11

Yeah, just to clarify, in our Constitution, there's a specific timeline for what we recommend in terms of I believe it's bylaws and constitutional changes that can get agendized and then are subject to a particular rule. General recommendations do not have the same deadline. So you may remember last term, the Res 8 got added, Rec 8 got added late.

[Renée Paradis] 14:16:39

Later than the rest of them. So if there are specifically our bylaws and constitution changes, those we should work on sooner rather than later for that exact reason. So I just wanted to note that there are two different rules things around that.

[Megan Romer] 14:16:59

Laura, do you know... I'm not, I'm on operations, so not on resolutions or rules, but I I'm pretty sure that just in the meetings, like rules and resolutions have both been like This is what it says in the Constitution. So I'm assuming they have taken that into account to some degree. Is that correct?

[Laura Wadlin] 14:17:19

That didn't come up in our last meeting. Like a separate timeline for NPC to submit bylaws amendments.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:17:28

And I wasn't aware of that. So I'll make sure to mention that to our

[Megan Romer] 14:17:35

And we do have somebody in the audience who is has been sent by the resolutions subcommittee to speak and answer questions. Do we have any objections to letting that comrade answer that question about whether that has been considered or have recommendations.

[Megan Romer] 14:17:58

Okay, I'm going to... I'm going to, we'll go through stack in order, but then I'm going to ask Comrade Richard to uh help clarify this. So Kristen, you're up.

[Kristin Schall] 14:18:13

I just want to just suggest and chime in that actually I think that we should have an earlier deadline than the general membership because I think what has happened in the past that I makes convention feel very confusing is everything kind of gets bundled all together and nobody knows like

[Kristin Schall] 14:18:36

What the committees who are closest to making these decisions like are doing. So it would be really great if actually the NPC and Democracy Commission could have our proposals in earlier So then the general membership who's making decisions about what proposals to put forward can see that.

[Kristin Schall] 14:18:58

And then not like have five proposals that do the same do the same thing when they're already going to get privileged because they're coming from bodies like the NPC or Democracy Commission.

[Megan Romer] 14:19:16

Okay, I'm going to keep going on through in order on stock, but Renee, I do see that you have a direct response there. So hold that thought just for a minute. John, go ahead.

[John Lewis] 14:19:25

Yeah, I want to throw in two, while we are on the topic of like thinking about some of these rules recommendations and other things, just wanted to note as well from the budget and finance committee meetings that there likely will be some, there may be some recommendations that we have that may uh we may send to the NPC as part of the NPC recommendation process.

[John Lewis] 14:19:39

So I just wanted to get that out there as well.

[Megan Romer] 14:19:43

Thank you. And I do just want to say like, if we are saying At the March NPC meeting, which is an in-person meeting, so we have a lot more time than usual. If we work on that and then we can approve in April, that would put us

[Megan Romer] 14:19:56

I'm looking at this deadline. It says June 28th so that would put us significantly ahead. So if like members are waiting to see if the NPC recommends something, they will have plenty of time to bring stuff. Okay, Richard, could you answer our

[Megan Romer] 14:20:10

Question thus far on whether y'all have been watching the Constitution and such as you're making these decisions.

[Richard Soucy] 14:20:20

Yeah, so first off, I'm apologizing for background noise. I'm in the middle of a coffee shop right now. I'm going to try and be loud enough so you all can hear me. Let me know if it's really bad and I can step outside.

[Richard Soucy] 14:20:31

So yes, we have been aware of the timelines for all for all of the dates that are like the last day that can be submitted for resolutions and stuff. So everything is within that time frame I just do want to go over a few

[Richard Soucy] 14:20:47

Quick things because there are some differences from previous years that in case you didn't comb through the document, you might have missed.

[Richard Soucy] 14:20:53

So I want to go over that real quick because I feel like that's important information for you all to have as the NPC.

[Richard Soucy] 14:21:00

So... One thing is that we are asking for signatures from all

[Richard Soucy] 14:21:10

I mean, it's a convention, including NPCU recommendations and consensus resolutions. Going off of like the guiding principle that every DSA member is equal before convention, we wanted to make... as a way of getting that broad array of support for all of that.

[Richard Soucy] 14:21:28

Also, amendments to resolutions will be able to go on the consent agenda. We're still working out details of that.

[Richard Soucy] 14:21:35

But on how exactly that's going to be structured, but amendments will be able to go on the consent agenda.

[Richard Soucy] 14:21:41

And so our primary submission deadline for base resolutions is on April 28th.

[Richard Soucy] 14:21:50

Our amendments are amendments. Two main motions close on June 28th.

[Richard Soucy] 14:21:57

Amendments can also be submitted before the primary submission deadline as well in case somebody gets their signatures in quickly for our primary motion.

[Richard Soucy] 14:22:10

And we're going to be asking for electoral Labor Green New Deal, housing, IC, DEMCOM, and YDSA for providing their consensus resolutions. We've made templates.

[Richard Soucy] 14:22:23

But yeah, we recognize that like we can't really make we can't really bind the NPC exactly. The NPC is the highest body between conventions. But... We are saying that if the MPC doesn't follow procedures that are set ahead of time and like add stuff in after the fact.

[Richard Soucy] 14:22:49

Which you are technically able to do, but the convention might choose to vote it off the agenda.

[Richard Soucy] 14:22:55

Is that that would be delineated clearly within the um within the convention compendium, this was added outside of the regular process.

[Richard Soucy] 14:23:05

Just so that that is clear to membership, let's redo that.

[Richard Soucy] 14:23:09

But, um. Hopefully the answer is that question and several other questions that you might be asking later, but I'll be here in case if there are other questions that people have about the process. Because I understand that's a bit of a

[Richard Soucy] 14:23:21

Substantial divergent from some previous practice in some cases. So just wanted to make sure that everyone was on the same page.

[Megan Romer] 14:23:29

Thank you, Comrade Richard. So just to um To clarify, Renee is saying that both the Constitution and bylaws, they can only be amended of 30 days notice. But what I'm seeing in the deadline for constitutional bylaws amendments puts it

[Megan Romer] 14:23:46

Well ahead of those 30 days here. So I think we're clear either way but But if there is further concern, I think I imagine I declare the resolutions committee will happily see a memo from us to ask for further clarity on that point.

[Megan Romer] 14:24:07

If we have concerns. But yeah, Renee, if you want to jump on, please feel free.

[Renée Paradis] 14:24:12

Yeah, I was just pasting that to clarify what I had earlier said where I was vaguely remembering what the rule was and felt that people would be potentially interested in knowing what the rule actually was.

[Renée Paradis] 14:24:23

But the reason that I got on Stack is to say that there is no power on earth that will prevent our membership from submitting multiple resolutions on the same issue.

[Renée Paradis] 14:24:33

Even when, like I served on the resolutions committee for the past two years to two conventions and on the Rules Committee the year before that, even when we would reach out to members who had submitted substantially similar subject matter resolutions. They would often refuse to figure something out between them.

[Renée Paradis] 14:24:56

I would also note that a lot of what the MPC has put on the agenda in prior years and the reason that I would oppose requiring us to get signatures for everything is like stuff from our lawyers that are like.

[Renée Paradis] 14:25:09

This is what you should do for your affiliate agreements, right? Like things that are like.

[Renée Paradis] 14:25:15

The business of the organization that speaking of somebody again who's brought resolutions trying to do very boring things that are legally driven that um it can be very hard to get signatures for those.

[Renée Paradis] 14:25:31

Obviously everyone's going to do what they're going to do, but I would just say these are not new problems. And I think binding ourselves might end up being something we have to overturn if there ends up being like an organizational thing.

[Renée Paradis] 14:25:48

That we think is like direly important that comes up in You know, after these deadlines and you know given the subject of our executive session. I'm foreseeing some of those things. I don't think we should obviously use it, you know, abuse that privilege to

[Renée Paradis] 14:26:07

Put on things that are different from that. But I do think leaving that option open to ourselves is going to be important from

[Megan Romer] 14:26:16

Thanks, Renee. I have Laura next.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:26:21

I would like to suggest that we actually maybe move up our own timeline.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:26:30

To maybe we should plan to come to the February NPC meeting with initial thoughts.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:26:37

And like have that like maybe group brainstorming conversation And then try to hash things out at our March meeting, like get you know um get concrete votes on that Just so that people can see ahead of time what the NPC is recommending and so they don't have to put forward their own things. I do think that

[Laura Wadlin] 14:27:00

Like sometimes people submit things just because they think, well, no one else is dealing with this. So at least if they can see in February, oh, the NPC is talking about this.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:27:08

Like, I don't need to spend time on that. So, and I will say like, it's not really June. June is the deadline for amendment.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:27:17

The actual deadline for proposals, both bylaws and resolutions, is April 28th.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:27:23

So I think we should... Actually, yeah, I would like to propose that we would like to come to the February meeting with our initial proposals, like take the next month.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:27:34

Talk to our comrades and various tendencies about what we want to see have that initial conversation, see what agreement we can get and then work on getting concrete stuff to be passed in March. That is what I would like to

[Laura Wadlin] 14:27:48

Actually, I'm gonna i'm gonna make emotion to that effect.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:27:52

That that is our that's what we're going to That's our goal.

[Megan Romer] 14:27:58

Okay, so we have a motion on the floor, which I just want to note there are some stacks kicking around. So I will come back to stacks.

[Megan Romer] 14:28:06

Because now we have entered the Roberts rule zone. So Laura has made a motion that made a motion that has the NPC bringing initial suggestions, initial brainstorming ideas to the February meeting and then use our March in-person time to concretize those

[Megan Romer] 14:28:25

Figure out language, et cetera, so that we are ready to move them to committee.

[Megan Romer] 14:28:32

That point. There is no such thing as in Robert's rules. In Robert's rules um has a method for everybody getting up at the microphone and yelling.

[Megan Romer] 14:28:43

And whoever raises their hand first. But no, motion supersedes just general discussion So do we have a second for that motion?

[Megan Romer] 14:28:55

Okay, Kristen has seconded and now I have some POIs

[Ashik Siddique] 14:28:59

Yeah, so this was in the chairs update that we moved to the end. But according to the NPC scheduler, there wasn't Like basically every weekend in February has a bunch of NPC member conflicts. So we were proposing skipping a February NPC meeting

[Ashik Siddique] 14:29:15

We do have a bunch of steering meetings throughout the month on Thursdays, but... Yeah, there was just no Sunday when like They're just a bunch of people who have conflicts each weekend.

[Ashik Siddique] 14:29:26

So just

[Megan Romer] 14:29:29

Okay, I have Rashad with a point of information, would remind comrades a point of information is a question.

[Megan Romer] 14:29:35

Go ahead

[Rashad X] 14:29:38

Yes. Am I correct for the minutes that the motion was to bring initial ideas to the February MPC meeting then make final decisions at the March MPC meeting.

[Megan Romer] 14:29:49

That is the motion on the table, yes, for the minutes.

[Rashad X] 14:29:51

Cool.

[Megan Romer] 14:29:54

Okay, so this motion is on the floor. Laura, would you like to motivate further or You've...

[Laura Wadlin] 14:30:01

Yeah, just to address Ashik's concern. I think because we're not making decisions at the February meeting, that means that like it's okay if a few more people than normal can't be there for this discussion, just because again, it's like bringing

[Laura Wadlin] 14:30:18

It's bringing ideas like letting other people on the body know what we all want to see out of MPC recommendations.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:30:28

And if we decide if we decide oh, we need more time. We can always like delay it then. But I think we should challenge ourselves to move quickly on this and be ready to make decisions in March.

[Megan Romer] 14:30:43

Okay, thanks, Laura. I have Kara with a

[Cara Tobe] 14:30:48

Yeah, so I'm against this, not because I don't think that we should be challenging ourselves to be thinking very proactively and try to get things done a little bit more quickly.

[Cara Tobe] 14:31:02

I will say though. We're talking about at some point in February or I mean, it's already January 26th.

[Cara Tobe] 14:31:13

We just had a discussion earlier about the NPC replacement and not having enough time between now and then to really think through and look at all the replacements and figure out who would be a good option there.

[Cara Tobe] 14:31:30

And also, honestly, there's a lot of work that the organization needs to be doing right now. And every single one of us on the NPC need to be doing in regards to recruitment, in regards to preparing our organization for the Trump administration and not just preparing, but actually combating anything that happens with the Trump administration.

[Cara Tobe] 14:31:51

Organizing our members and our committees to be able to organize in their chapters. The onslaught of things that are coming from the Trump administration. And then in addition just to all the other work that we need to be doing. I will say on the comms committee front, I have been absolutely swamped with work.

[Cara Tobe] 14:32:16

In terms of getting things through from the inauguration day, I personally am behind on a lot of stuff.

[Cara Tobe] 14:32:22

I just don't see in any world in which that we're going to be able to really effectively have good recommendations if we are all also, every single one of us contributing in the way that we should be contributing as leaders of the organization at this point in time, which is a really, really critical point in time in American history and the history of this organization.

[Cara Tobe] 14:32:43

So that's why I'm opposed to this. But it also doesn't mean that like if.

[Cara Tobe] 14:32:50

Npc members do have more time on their hands that they can't be thinking about it themselves. But I think to put At this point, I think that's, it's just it's a very short timeline.

[Megan Romer] 14:33:10

Okay, do we have any further stacks on the motion, which is to have a meeting in February.

[Megan Romer] 14:33:18

Probably it sounds like just just chairs editorializing here. It would be a meeting that was really just kind of a cult brainstorm for everybody who could make it.

[Megan Romer] 14:33:27

So have that in February. And also talk amongst ourselves. We all got phones as my father likes to remind me, they ring both ways.

[Megan Romer] 14:33:38

And then, um, and then march have at our in-person meeting.

[Megan Romer] 14:33:45

Come up with more solid concrete passable resolutions at that point. So that is what I'm understanding is on the floor. If we have further

[Megan Romer] 14:34:00

Debate I would welcome it.

[Megan Romer] 14:34:06

Okay, then let's go ahead and just do a vote here.

[Megan Romer] 14:34:09

Comrade Rashad, would you call the vote on this question of this specific timeline? So a February brainstorming meeting and then at our March in-person meeting, we come up with uh language and documents and such.

[Rashad X] 14:34:22

Gotcha. Cool. All right. Roll call everybody who's four, raise your hands, please.

[Rashad X] 14:34:42

All right. Ahmed, Alex. Oh.

[Rashad X] 14:34:50

Okay, those not Amy, not Kara. Perfect.

[Rashad X] 14:34:57

We got John. Kristen, Laura.

[Rashad X] 14:35:03

Louisa, Megan, myself. And Sam and Carlos.

[Rashad X] 14:35:12

All right, let me lower those. All right. All those in favor, raise your hands.

[Rashad X] 14:35:21

Sorry, all those opposed. Raise your hands, my bad.

[Rashad X] 14:35:30

All right. I got a chic. Kara Colleen, Frances.

[Rashad X] 14:35:39

And Renee. All right, let me lower those.

[Rashad X] 14:35:46

Amy... Did you abstain or did Amy drop off?

[Rashad X] 14:35:53

No, Amy Sierra. Okay, cool. Amy is going to abstain. All right, that passes nine and a half, four, five against.

[Megan Romer] 14:36:04

Thank you, comrade. All right. Sorry, I was just unmuted if you heard me clacking my thumbs, welcome to ADHD.

[Megan Romer] 14:36:13

Okay, so that motion is passed. There were some stocks that I may have missed. Kristen, did you still have a stack?

[Kristin Schall] 14:36:24

Yeah, I briefly have it. I'll take my stack. I just wanted to register in opposition to requiring national bodies to um get the same number of signatures as individuals i think national bodies have like have buy-in and democratic

[Kristin Schall] 14:36:48

Support from the organization broadly And I think that they should like the NPC and Democracy Commission in particular should not have a signature requirement for putting forward proposals to convention.

[Megan Romer] 14:37:09

Thank you, Kristen. Okay. And Richard... I have Laura on stack to continue the agenda. Do you have something on this specific item and is it something we need to hear.

[Richard Soucy] 14:37:22

Yeah, it's specifically about the asking signatures for um directly in response to what Kristen said.

[Megan Romer] 14:37:30

Okay, go ahead.

[Richard Soucy] 14:37:32

Yeah, I'll be brief. Yeah, so part of that is we don't anticipate it being particularly difficult for these bodies to breach their signatures we think that it's important as like a kind of like... background philosophy on this whole kind of thing that everything that is brought forward for convention

[Richard Soucy] 14:37:59

Will be required to go through that same process going off of the kind of thing that convention is the highest body of DSA.

[Richard Soucy] 14:38:08

And trying to make that process more uniform.

[Richard Soucy] 14:38:15

And it also make ensures that more people are reading these resolutions before convention And people are talking about these more. So it also has that practical effect besides that that um idea that people should uh that everything should be going through a similar process.

[Richard Soucy] 14:38:35

So that was kind of like the rationale behind that. But of course, the NPC is free to change those those rules for that.

[Richard Soucy] 14:38:46

Before the process opens through.

[Megan Romer] 14:38:48

Thank you, comrade. Okay, we'll go to Laura with a stack on the next thing on the agenda. Is that right?

[Laura Wadlin] 14:38:55

But yeah, just on timeline. The Convention Planning Committee has not yet approved a draft of the rules So we will address these concerns at our next meeting on February 6th.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:39:11

Where we will approve a full rules draft. So if people have more thoughts, please make that known before the 6th.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:39:20

Then between the sixth Well, then we're probably going to have to have The steering committee approve the rules draft or maybe do a Lumia vote or something because we're not going to have an NBC meeting. So I just want to flag that for people that

[Laura Wadlin] 14:39:33

We're going to have, and we need to pass those rules like very quickly After we approve them to be able to launch the timeline online and everything. So I just want people to be aware of that.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:39:45

Before the sixth, look at the rules. Make it known if you disagree with something.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:39:49

Because then the steering committee is going to have to approve it or we'll do a Lumia vote very, very soon after the sixth.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:39:54

I just want to make sure everyone's aware of that. Um... Okay, I'm going to move on from the rules draft.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:40:06

And since we're not voting on that right now. The next thing that we need to vote on is the guest organization plan.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:40:15

So there's three documents linked in the agenda. Also, I want to say I'm so sorry I, when we made changes to the guest list.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:40:27

At the CBC meeting, I accidentally put them in a copy of it because I had like multiple copies going for like hypotheticals.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:40:37

So I'm so sorry that it didn't include every single change we made but a chic put them in just now. So I just want to make sure everyone is aware of what was changed between the time that I first sent the list and now.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:40:53

So... We added a seat for a seat North Star.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:41:01

Justice stems. Psl.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:41:06

Pym, actually Ashik, I don't think we I'm so sorry. I can't remember if we added Liberation Road or not.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:41:15

Fuck. Sorry, I need to go and check the minutes. Of our meeting to make sure about that one.

[Ashik Siddique] 14:41:23

I believe they were proposed as a joint amendment.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:41:26

They were, okay, I believe you. That's fine Okay, so one North Star, one Liberation Road, one Justice Dems, one PSL, one PYM.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:41:35

Those five are the only changes that were made between when I first sent the guest list and now.

[Megan Romer] 14:41:42

Sorry, can I just interrupt one second? I just want to double check. There are two things called North Star. There's the North Star Socialist Organization and there's a North Star Caucus and DSA. Obviously, North Star Caucus are members and can run, but this is the socialist organization, right?

[Megan Romer] 14:41:56

Thank you.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:41:57

Nsso. I'm going to call it NSSL.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:42:02

Thank you for clarifying. Okay, so... I don't know if you want me to make three separate motions or just move them all together I guess I'll move them all together. And if people want to divide the question that's fine. I'm going to quickly just explain what this all is. I think most of you understand this because we've been talking about it for a while, but

[Laura Wadlin] 14:42:26

So the guest list is not the list of all the organizations we'll invite to convention. It is the list of organizations that we will invite for the specific purpose of doing cross-organizational political exchange as an agenda item at convention.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:42:42

So on the guest list, you will a number of representatives proposed.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:42:48

That is the number of people we are asking these organizations to send who will have speaking rights.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:42:54

During this three-hour section of convention.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:43:00

And some organizations have more than others. That's based on a lot of factors like How big is the organization? How aligned are they with us? How strategic are they?

[Laura Wadlin] 14:43:12

How much have they said about May Day 2028? Because that's one of the big topics we'll discuss.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:43:16

All that kind of stuff. And if people have any particular questions about like who's included or whatever, it's mostly or it's the majority is unions, but there's also international like organizations and parties and national committees of GSA were asked to contribute to this list so like

[Laura Wadlin] 14:43:37

Trans rights from bodily autonomy, housing. International Committee, NEC, and NLC were all all contributed to the making of this list

[Laura Wadlin] 14:43:51

So you can see on the plan Document.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:43:56

That is the first document LinkedIn convention. The plan describes what we're actually going to do.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:44:03

So... If the organization has a membership structure, we're going to ask them to send actual members not paid staff, but of course, not all organizations we're inviting are like that.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:44:17

And when we After we invite them and they give us the initial like, yeah, okay, we're interested We will send them a survey.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:44:26

That basically pre-games some of the topics of discussion that will come up during our political exchange and convention.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:44:33

And we make it really clear in the survey that if you can't answer any of these questions or don't want to, that's completely fine.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:44:40

But if you do at least participate in the survey at least a little bit.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:44:45

You will get to see the results of the survey that other organizations send in.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:44:49

So it's like an opt-in, like you get to see the results. And this really helps us develop because this is like very experimental. I don't know what organizations are going to say. I don't think anything like this has really been done on a national level.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:45:01

So it would be really helpful to go into the conversation feeling a little more confident about how we need to frame our arguments as DSA members.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:45:09

And for other people, other organizations participating like Who else is here? What did they believe? What common ground do I have? It's really important that we have at least some shared ground beforehand.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:45:18

So we'll ask someone to complete the survey. And submit that to us. And then after June we will submit that we will like share the results with everyone who participated.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:45:30

So like all DSA delegates will get to see it. And... that will lead into the actual agenda item at convention.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:45:39

Which will be three hours on like saturday like early evening or evening you know might need to make some slight changes to that as we figure out the programming. But so far it's planned for evening.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:45:53

And we'll rotate like we'll wait it so that we get four outside guest

[Laura Wadlin] 14:46:01

Per one dsa delegate. So we're not only hearing from ourselves And we'll try to root the discussion in the compendium question. So, you know, things about democracy, like coalitions and party building, Mayday 2028, working class liberation, like all that kind of thematic stuff.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:46:20

It's not that much time to do it, but we're going to try.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:46:22

And then at the end, we'll have basically what is a performative non-binding vote.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:46:30

Which will... be about whether we should meet again. So I want to be really clear This is not a convention vote in the sense that we have to do what this vote says.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:46:42

It is merely a merely an organizing like political legitimacy building exercise to say to everyone who's there participating like basically was this good? Should we keep going?

[Laura Wadlin] 14:46:57

What should we do next? And the reason that I included that, which I know is like kind of Weird. I totally understand why people might be like, oh, I didn't expect that.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:47:07

The reason for that is because I talked to multiple people who had coalitional meetings locally, one in Detroit and one at the University of Oregon who said that one of the big downsides of doing this was that they had the convention or the, you know.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:47:20

Conference or whatever. And then everyone just kind of left and no one knew what what was going to happen next. And it was actually deflating.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:47:28

Instead of uplifting. So the goal is to be able to leave the experience saying we did this. We know what's coming next. We're excited. Everyone's bought in.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:47:42

But of course, it's non-binding like we can all reflect on it later and decide it was a disaster. I don't know.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:47:51

And then, of course, you can see the survey is linked. So the survey has like these are the specific questions we're going to ask

[Laura Wadlin] 14:48:03

And I suspect that like maybe even the majority of organizations will just say, we don't have a position on this. And that's fine.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:48:08

It just helps us get an idea of where we're all at.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:48:11

Okay, that's a lot. That's all I have.

[Megan Romer] 14:48:17

Okay, I see the motion to divide vote. First, we need to second the motion that Laura has just put on the floor and then we can divide it. Do we have a second. John is seconded. Great. So I see... Renee has moved to Divide. I see John seconding.

[Megan Romer] 14:48:32

Let's see, can we do this by unanimous consent? Does anybody object to dividing this question?

[Megan Romer] 14:48:41

You don't even have to speak on it. You can just object.

[Megan Romer] 14:48:47

Okay, super. So we're going to do this piecemeal um so We'll just go ahead and do it in order, I think, if that makes sense so uh So let's start with the plan. So the plan is on the floor.

[Megan Romer] 14:49:06

Would anybody like to debate for or against the plan as presented?

[Megan Romer] 14:49:18

Okay, I have Renee with a motion to amend. Go ahead with your motion, Renee.

[Renée Paradis] 14:49:22

Yeah, I think it's totally reasonable to want some sort of thing coming out of this. I think having an hour of weather this group should meet again with a list that stretches like really far in all directions. A lot of groups who have like nothing in common with one another other than that they know us. I think it's not necessarily like

[Renée Paradis] 14:49:48

It doesn't make a huge amount of sense to me. And so, you know, I am all for inviting groups to our convention.

[Renée Paradis] 14:49:57

It's been done for, I think, like every prior convention, we don't necessarily have the turnout we might like. I'm not sure who's going to end up showing up this time, given everything, but.

[Renée Paradis] 14:50:08

I think that that part of it, I'm not comfortable sort of saying, yes, we should do that now because I think that, you know, especially because I believe that it sort of calls for a full hour.

[Renée Paradis] 14:50:19

I think that might be um like something that might even sort of make people a little gun shy about coming if they're sort of expected to act as a collective with a lot of groups they may have some concerns about.

[Renée Paradis] 14:50:34

So I would... omit that for now. I would actually at this point be most comfortable going ahead and starting to send out invitations. And as we see how people respond to that, I think developing a plan based on who's coming may make a lot more sense than sort of prefiguring what we are going to do based on what we hope happens.

[Megan Romer] 14:50:58

Okay, so... then is your motion to strike a portion of the language or is your motion to send this back to committee for further consideration. Okay, it's to strike.

[Megan Romer] 14:51:13

That portion. So the full After part three agenda is that so one and two are okay but three is the struck bit

[Laura Wadlin] 14:51:24

I... Renee, were you wanting to strike E?

[Megan Romer] 14:51:40

Give Carmel Renee just a second.

[Renée Paradis] 14:51:42

Yeah, sorry. I put in the chat that I lost the window and was trying

[Megan Romer] 14:51:47

Yeah, yeah. All good. 3e. Okay, so this strikes 3E. Ashik has seconded.

[Megan Romer] 14:51:55

And is on stack for striking 3E. Go ahead, Ashik.

[Ashik Siddique] 14:52:00

Yeah, so this is, so first of all, like I support the whole proposal and I'm glad we're moving forward something this ambitious. I'll say on the convention committee, when there was discussion about the proposal, this was something that The representative from the Democracy Commission proposed striking, Aaron.

[Ashik Siddique] 14:52:19

Mostly like for some of the reasons Renee shared And I, yeah, basically like I wasn't sure about this. Like, this is the one piece that Mostly just because there's such a wide range of organizations and like some of the organizations that were proposed adding.

[Ashik Siddique] 14:52:37

At the last convention committee meeting, there just was a lot of debate about like, are these orgs aligned with DSA like convention I thought that convention based on the will of members, could go in any number of directions that could

[Ashik Siddique] 14:52:52

Support or preclude working with some of these organizations. So even if it is like a non-binding thing, it still seems like it might be setting up like a very wide divergence of expectations, like both among our own DSA members at convention, but then also from some of these orgs

[Ashik Siddique] 14:53:10

That might come. So I... I just have reservations about spending this much time on the agenda.

[Ashik Siddique] 14:53:16

On this question, unlimited time when so many of the other questions that are listed here are like very substantial and worth a lot of discussion so Yeah, just based on like the basic democracy question of like convention could decide on

[Ashik Siddique] 14:53:30

A lot of different things that could impact how we work with organizations. I feel a little bit iffy about predetermining that from this body.

[Megan Romer] 14:53:38

Thanks, Ashik. I have Kristen against. Go ahead, Chris.

[Kristin Schall] 14:53:43

So I'm against striking this because I think that it is important for there to be some kind of culminating act in this meeting where we're bringing all of these groups together. I've been in lots of coalitional meetings in my 20 years of

[Kristin Schall] 14:54:02

Socialist organizing and most of them don't go anywhere because it's a lot of bringing questions and talking and then no definitive discussion on action and then things kind of peter out. I don't know that it necessarily needs to take an hour. I don't know that it necessarily needs to be this question, but if people are trying to strike this section

[Kristin Schall] 14:54:27

Because there's an opposition to taking any votes at all or making any decisions at all, then I really oppose striking this section. I think it's important that if we are meeting with the goal trying to build bonds and a way forward and thinking through how to work with other organizations

[Kristin Schall] 14:54:52

That there needs to be some kind of decision that's made at the end of this meeting rather than just like, it was so nice everyone's here. So nice to meet you. Now this is the end. There needs to be some next steps.

[Kristin Schall] 14:55:07

And I think making it be a non-binding poll that people, the NPC to be works on from there, I think is fine, but I don't think that we should just have a meeting with no i don't think having a meeting with no outcome expected

[Kristin Schall] 14:55:28

Is as useful as having some kind of unifying piece at the end.

[Megan Romer] 14:55:35

Thanks, Kristen. I have Colleen with a stack four.

[Colleen Johnston] 14:55:39

Yeah, I mean, I think there's a lot of potential with this proposal generally, but I do think there are some significant parts of it that need to be kind of like thought through a little bit more. I mean, just on this

[Colleen Johnston] 14:55:50

I don't think it's worth having a an hour of our convention time for like a symbolic vote and even thinking about like if the intention is to have like real democratic buy-in from these organizations, they're probably not going to be empowered to make a decision like that that would have any real weight anyway, because I imagine the next step would be, we want to bring this back to our bodies and report back and discuss and maybe we'll have backup questions. So there should be

[Colleen Johnston] 14:56:17

A next step, but I don't think that like the last hour of this event is the place to do it. And again, like the central purpose of this convening is convention. We know that there's always like a struggle to make sure that we get through everything that we need to get through as a deliberative body as the highest decision-making body.

[Colleen Johnston] 14:56:37

So I just want us to really get crystal clear on what are we trying to do and why and how does the structure help us

[Megan Romer] 14:56:48

Thanks, Colleen.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:56:59

I meant that we... instead of striking E.

[Laura Wadlin] 14:57:04

Send it back to programming subcommittee to work on addressing some of these concerns.

[Megan Romer] 14:57:14

I would say that technically the programming committee can just do that and bring us a new proposal but um But we can do it via amendment if we want to.

[Megan Romer] 14:57:25

Ask that they specifically do it. So it would still Strike E in the text.

[Megan Romer] 14:57:33

But with the understanding that programming committee will look this over and bring us clarified. So do we have a second on that?

[Megan Romer] 14:57:44

Okay, Alex is seconded. Sam has seconded. Okay. John is like, oh, okay, we're on fourths. Okay. Do we have any... debate on this amendment.

[Megan Romer] 14:58:02

Renee, go ahead.

[Renée Paradis] 14:58:05

Sorry. This is just to formally tell the committee that they can come back to us with something else, but we're still striking E.

[Megan Romer] 14:58:16

Yes, exactly. So this will strike e And maybe add an F and the f says the NPC has requested that the committee come back with uh more comprehensive E.

[Renée Paradis] 14:58:33

More comprehensive or differently formulated i mean Just to be...

[Megan Romer] 14:58:37

Whatever. More words that have whatever it is, like bring us a different plan.

[Renée Paradis] 14:58:44

Different. Okay. Yeah, that's...

[Megan Romer] 14:58:49

Okay, so that is what we are debating. So the amendment is that E has been struck, which we'll get back to that official amendment but this amends the striking with an addition of asking programming to come back to us with a different plan.

[Megan Romer] 14:59:11

Do we have any debate on this? Let's see if we can unanimously consent it. Do we have any objections to Adding an F line that says the NPC has requested.

[Megan Romer] 14:59:23

That programming come back to us with a different plan.

[Megan Romer] 14:59:29

Super. Okay, so we're back up to the... original, the amended amendment, which strikes E and adds the request for a different plan.

[Megan Romer] 14:59:40

Yep. Okay. So if folks are... I lost stock. So if you want to stack on the amendment As Sam just did, please jump back on.

[Megan Romer] 14:59:52

Stack now.

[Megan Romer] 14:59:57

Okay, I see Sam with a stack four. Go ahead, Sam.

[Sam Heft-Luthy] 15:00:01

Yeah, I want to say I think generally at first blush I don't share the same concerns here. I do that Colleen had shared i do think that a declaration is a reasonable approach here. I do want a little bit more consideration. And so I'm fine having this plan not finalize it.

[Sam Heft-Luthy] 15:00:20

If it isn't a different plan, but we get a little bit more specific around how that would actually happen and how we would manage the process.

[Sam Heft-Luthy] 15:00:26

I think that would be the best approach here. So I'm in favor of striking this as our official plan.

[Sam Heft-Luthy] 15:00:30

Let's send out invitations and see what comes through and then figure out the way to make it work based on who we're seeing come through.

[Sam Heft-Luthy] 15:00:38

But I do think a declaration is a reasonable approach for giving people something to actually do as part

[Megan Romer] 15:00:46

Okay, thank you, Sam. All right. So I see no further stacks on the amended amendment. So let's go ahead and move to a vote on it. So what we are voting to do is to strike E is to e

[Megan Romer] 15:01:02

With the addition of an F, which sends this back to committee.

[Megan Romer] 15:01:06

That portion back to committee. Yeah, Rashad, go for it.

[Rashad X] 15:01:12

Yep. All right. All those in favor, raise your hands, please.

[Rashad X] 15:01:21

All right.

[Rashad X] 15:01:27

All right. All right. So. We got... Ashik, yes.

[Rashad X] 15:01:39

Asheicus, Amy, yes. Ahmed, yes.

[Rashad X] 15:01:48

Yes, Colleen, yes. Francis, yes. John, yes.

[Rashad X] 15:01:57

Okay, Louisa, yes. Megan, yes.

[Rashad X] 15:02:02

Renee, yes. Sorry, not Renee. Yeah, Renee. Yes.

[Rashad X] 15:02:10

Sam. Yes, Carlos.

[Rashad X] 15:02:15

Not following. Okay, Colleen, you're, yes, sorry, I missed you. All right. I'll lower hands.

[Rashad X] 15:02:25

All right. All those opposed, raise your hands, please.

[Rashad X] 15:02:32

All right. We got... Alex, Kristen, Laura.

[Rashad X] 15:02:41

And Carlos, and I'm going to upstatement. So that passes 11 to three and a half.

[Megan Romer] 15:02:52

So we're back up to the main motion The motion has been amended. E has been struck. F has been added that adds request for committee to come back with a different plan.

[Megan Romer] 15:03:05

And yeah, that's where we are. So if we have any debate on this, please jump on stack for or against now.

[Megan Romer] 15:03:23

Right. I'm not seeing any debate. Let's see if we can unanimously consent it if you are wanting to, okay, you're wanting to abstain. So let's go ahead and take a vote.

[Megan Romer] 15:03:34

If you don't mind, comrade Secretary.

[Rashad X] 15:03:37

Yep. All right. All those in favor, raise your hands, please.

[Rashad X] 15:03:58

I'm on mute. Yes, Alex. Yes.

[Rashad X] 15:04:08

Amy, yes. Sheikas, Kara, yes.

[Rashad X] 15:04:15

Where's Colleen? Okay. Francis, yes.

[Rashad X] 15:04:20

Kristen, yes. Laura, yes. Louisa, yes. Megan, yes. Rashad, yes. Sam, yes.

[Rashad X] 15:04:29

Carlos. Yes.

[Rashad X] 15:04:35

All right. Making sure I didn't miss anybody. Francis, yes. Okay. L'oreal's hands.

[Rashad X] 15:04:45

All those opposed, please raise your hands.

[Rashad X] 15:04:53

All right. And then I got Colleen and Renee as of stage.

[Rashad X] 15:05:01

Which means that Carrie's 13 and a half to zero.

[Megan Romer] 15:05:04

Thank you so much. All right, on to the next thing.

[Megan Romer] 15:05:11

Okay, we have a guest list. It is long. So that is what is now on the floor.

[Megan Romer] 15:05:21

Do we have debate for or against? Or amendments.

[Megan Romer] 15:05:30

Speak of the devil. All right. John, you got an amendment.

[John Lewis] 15:05:37

Amendment would just be to add Black Alliance for Peace to the list.

[John Lewis] 15:05:40

I can talk more on motivation in a second.

[Megan Romer] 15:05:45

That's right. John is inviting the devil. Again and then and then, yep, yep danger uh do we have a second on John's motion to add uh Is it BAP, right? That's the abbreviation they use. Yeah.

[Megan Romer] 15:05:59

I seconded. Okay. Joan, go ahead.

[Megan Romer] 15:06:02

Oh, and John, could you clarify how many seats?

[John Lewis] 15:06:05

This one. Yeah, just one. Yeah, I mentioned this at our CPC convention planning committee meeting uh that thinking about maybe inviting a Black Alliance for peace um had some conversations with some folks. I think it could be a worthwhile endeavor. I think they're a mass organization for folks who don't know.

[John Lewis] 15:06:26

They're a mass organization they just started building out their membership around the same time we did around 2020, 2021.

[John Lewis] 15:06:31

They're working on getting citywide alliances together. They're bringing together a lot of like black community groups, other things of that nature as well so could be a good potential ally in the fight. They're socialists, they're internationalists. A lot of things align there and they have a national scope as well.

[John Lewis] 15:06:48

They're for American political and socialist advocacy groups that aren't dsa They're on the larger side of like having in the range of a thousand plus members and expanding, but their support network is larger than that so figured they'd be a good ally in this too.

[Megan Romer] 15:07:06

Okay. Do we have any debate on that addition?

[Megan Romer] 15:07:19

Okay, would anybody like to object or abstain or shall we unanimously consent?

[Megan Romer] 15:07:30

All right. I would ask comrade Convention Chair Laura to please uh add BAP with one seat to the list.

[Megan Romer] 15:07:42

Okay, do we have anybody else who is looking to add or strike? Okay. Ahmed, go ahead.

[Ahmed Husain] 15:07:51

Yeah, I'd like to amend then the International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines.

[Ahmed Husain] 15:07:58

That's the text I can motivate. Ishrp.

[Megan Romer] 15:08:03

Thank you. I need my letters so that I can take my own notes. Do we have a second on in inviting. Okay, we have John. Okay, go ahead and motivate Ahmed

[Ahmed Husain] 15:08:04

One seat.

[Ahmed Husain] 15:08:17

Yeah, it's a group we've worked with before. We've endorsed the Philippines Human Rights Act with them.

[Ahmed Husain] 15:08:24

The coalition itself has um Lots of organizations or chapters have worked with them before.

[Ahmed Husain] 15:08:31

I know from talking with international partners, there's a lot of interest in meeting them and talking with them.

[Ahmed Husain] 15:08:37

And I know for some of the international parties coming over.

[Ahmed Husain] 15:08:40

It will be like a very great affair if they get to meet at our convention And maybe, you know, talk, have panels together, whatnot.

[Ahmed Husain] 15:08:51

I think it would be a great addition.

[Megan Romer] 15:08:57

Okay, thank you, Lisa. Okay, do we have any debate on adding Do they say I chirp? They should. It's very cute.

[Megan Romer] 15:09:10

Ichrp. Okay, I have Colle

[Colleen Johnston] 15:09:14

Yeah, I'm just curious if this was brought to the IC for consideration and if they was voted on or why it wasn't brought to them if it wasn't, etc.

[Megan Romer] 15:09:27

Laura, could you go ahead and answer?

[Laura Wadlin] 15:09:32

The representative from the ic submitted it.

[Laura Wadlin] 15:09:37

It didn't get included in my initial proposal because We originally were trying to stop at 225.

[Laura Wadlin] 15:09:43

And so I just didn't prioritize them.

[Megan Romer] 15:09:51

Thank you, Laura. Okay. So yeah, debate is open or further questions if anybody has any.

[Megan Romer] 15:10:03

Okay, not seeing any questions. Do we have any objections or abstentions?

[Megan Romer] 15:10:11

On this one. Okay, let's last call. Let's see if we can pass this by unanimous consent.

[Megan Romer] 15:10:22

Seeing no objections, no abstentions. Okay, so Conrad, convention committee chair, please add I trip to the list with their new nickname that I gave them if they don't use it already.

[Megan Romer] 15:10:35

Okay, anybody else looking to add? Subtract.

[Megan Romer] 15:10:41

Multiply i don't know.

[Megan Romer] 15:10:46

Okay, seeing no further additions Let's make sure, does anybody have any debate on the list itself?

[Megan Romer] 15:10:56

Just general debate or questions or comments.

[Megan Romer] 15:11:05

Okay, cool. Do we have any objections or abstentions on the list? Otherwise, we'll take it by unanimous consent.

[Megan Romer] 15:11:12

Again, you're welcome to just put object in the chat if you just want us to have a vote.

[Megan Romer] 15:11:23

Okay, seeing none, we're going to call that passed by unanimous consent. Hooray. We have so many friends from all over the world, from unions.

[Megan Romer] 15:11:30

Love to see it. I will editorialize that I really like this list. I like that it's folks kind of in all directions and with specific tasks. I'm a big the more the merrier type. And I think For those orgs that are maybe not a Democratic member org, I hope they get to see it and see that it's really cool and

[Megan Romer] 15:11:49

For those orgs who are Democratic member orgs, I hope they bring us some good ideas and we have uh Yeah, that... Mayday 2028 on the skyline uh looking forward to hearing more about it okay Cool. And thanks to that. That was a huge lift. So especially thanks to the programming committee who I know y'all like.

[Megan Romer] 15:12:10

Did it into all of the committees who submitted It was a lot. So for folks who brought suggestions, that's huge and very awesome. So thank you to everybody.

[Megan Romer] 15:12:23

It's kind of exciting. Okay, last bit is the survey. Do we have any... debate on the survey itself.

[Megan Romer] 15:12:35

Or stacks for against or any questions.

[Renée Paradis] 15:12:45

Yeah, so I guess... My concern about the survey is that we're asking people sort of how they're getting funded and then we're going to share it with all of our convention delegates and members and um I'm concerned that if what we want people to fill it out and to look like we're sort of people who understand the delicate stuff that people are dealing with, that that question in particular, I guess what I would say is like for a lot of these groups, this may be the first thing that they're sort of doing on the national level with us.

[Renée Paradis] 15:13:23

And I think it might behoove us to think a little bit about what are the questions that like if we were being asked by, you know, the group on this list that you personally hate the least most, if they asked

us to go to a convention of theirs and wanted us to answer a survey, what would you feel comfortable asking, not asking? I think answering, not answering.

[Renée Paradis] 15:13:47

So I'll just say, I think that this would benefit from another round of thinking through like what what do we think is sort of appropriate to ask of people who we may or may not have really strong relationships with?

[Renée Paradis] 15:14:02

But I'm fine with, how should I put it? I'm not going to make a motion to amend because I think that this probably has support enough to pass. And so I don't want to take everyone's time up with it, but I wanted to explain why I will be abstaining or voting against. Thank you.

[Megan Romer] 15:14:19

Thanks, Renee. Okay, do we have further... stacks for against Otherwise, we shall move to, oh, Colleen, go ahead.

[Colleen Johnston] 15:14:33

Yeah, I mean, just to add on a little bit to what Renee is saying, I do think like in particular how the survey relates to the programming piece is just like good to think through a little bit more. I think that there are ways that we can like draw out discussion about questions of

[Colleen Johnston] 15:14:48

Organizational structure and democracy and how that works and how it doesn't in these different types of contexts. I think that's a cool opportunity that we'll have.

[Colleen Johnston] 15:14:56

I think having discussion around plans for 2028 and concretizing that for Mayday is really important.

[Colleen Johnston] 15:15:01

I think there are also ways we could be talking about things like, how are you orienting to this moment of like rising fascism this fascist takeover of the state you know all of those things are pretty critical and we have a real opportunity to be doing that.

[Colleen Johnston] 15:15:15

I'm not sure that having everybody fill out a survey and then having Like, I mean, think of how long this document's going to be. Is that really like the best way to kind of draw out all of that information and engage in all of that? Or are there ways that we could

[Colleen Johnston] 15:15:30

Retool this and work this to get it a little more pointed at what is it that we're trying to like draw out from this opportunity.

[Megan Romer] 15:15:40

Thank you, Colleen. Okay, seeing no further stacks, let's go ahead and move to a vote here.

[Megan Romer] 15:15:48

Comrade Rashad, would you take the role?

[Rashad X] 15:15:52

You know all right All those in favor, please raise your hands, please.

[Rashad X] 15:16:08

All right. We got... Alex, yes.

[Rashad X] 15:16:14

Amy, yes. Ahmed, yes.

[Rashad X] 15:16:23

You got John, yes. Christian, yes.

[Rashad X] 15:16:28

Laura, yes, Louisa, yes. Megan, yes. Rashad, yes.

[Rashad X] 15:16:34

And Sam, yes. Oh, give me one second. I missed Carlos. Okay, I did not.

[Rashad X] 15:16:42

All right. Y'all can lower. Or I can lower, actually. All those opposed, raise your hand, please.

[Rashad X] 15:16:57

All right. Seeing none, looks like everyone else is abstaining, so that passes.

[Megan Romer] 15:17:04

Okay, that is all three of the motions under the convention.

[Megan Romer] 15:17:10

Bit is that, did we have anything else, Comrade Convention Chair?

[Laura Wadlin] 15:17:14

That's all. Thank you guys so much.

[Megan Romer] 15:17:17

All right. Thanks, everybody. Appreciate it. Folks attention to this.

[Megan Romer] 15:17:23

Okay, so now we're moving into chair updates. So we have entered the yapping portion.

[Megan Romer] 15:17:29

So I will give you my quick update. For anybody, yeah, I think other folks have to go so um Sheikh and I are both on the road right now. We were both in DC. And then I went to Tidewater DSA in Charlottesville DSA.

[Megan Romer] 15:17:45

And then it was so wild. We saw each other in the train station. We were on the same train. Ashik going to Richmond and me coming to Triangle DSA, which is Raleigh-Durham, where we both, I think I spoke yesterday, you spoke yesterday too, I think, right?

[Megan Romer] 15:18:00

For their chapter conventions, which were very well attended and really exciting. I was excited to get to meet a lot of triangle members, also a bunch of their electeds. They had a really good conversation about their electoral program yesterday, which I sat in on.

[Megan Romer] 15:18:15

So yeah, Ashik, any other? Oh, also, you know, DC was wild and really excellent and special thanks to the Metro DC comrades for throwing down so hard on all those events because that was a huge, enormous lift and they did lots of stuff and it was really very easy for us to kind of, or for me.

[Megan Romer] 15:18:32

Ashik was also helping with the planning, but I just kind of plugged in and showed up and held a sign. So thank you.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:18:39

Yeah, I'll just add, I mean, the DC events went really well as far as the DSA planned portions of it. And we can say more in debrief if we have time this hour.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:18:49

I put in the agenda one of our media hits that came out so far. Megan and I got to talk to Triumph, the insult comic dog.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:18:56

Which I think we both learned was still a thing happening because we saw Robert Smigel on the ground with the puppet.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:19:03

So it's a fun clip, some YSA comrades also get roasted in the video.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:19:08

So yeah, I think this is our first daily show hit since Maria Svart and Eric Blank were on a decade ago.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:19:15

So, yeah, also just being in Richmond, DSA was great. Chapters that have conventions planned on this timeline are doing a lot as far as I've seen. Richmond just elected a city council member for the first time.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:19:26

In November, so they're very hyped to get moving on a lot of things.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:19:31

Yeah, in this new period. So that's exciting. There's a ton of new energy

[Megan Romer] 15:19:38

Yeah, one takeaway from visiting chapters is how many new people are at everything. So that's awesome. And any chapters who are watching, I encourage you like do things that are new people friendly.

[Megan Romer] 15:19:51

It's great that there was like a new guy at Triangle convention yesterday and it was like, Ooh, that's a lot for a new person, like four hours of debate. Okay. But He was game for it, which was awesome. But there were also like at the socials with chapters and at the marches.

[Megan Romer] 15:20:06

Those are really good kind of first events for new people. So yeah, definitely get out there, get people moving, get people moving in unison, get people meeting people.

[Megan Romer] 15:20:17

They want it And yes, I would like to note for the record that Kara would not allow us to go storm the coffee shop with Triumph the insult comic dog. If you watch the full clip We were told we weren't allowed to. But we did get our interview at least.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:20:35

Yeah, and props to Kara for getting us a bunch of media hits on the ground, like both Megan and I were pretty bewildered just amid events. It was great just to have like somebody wrangling press and getting them to us and getting them to us

[Ashik Siddique] 15:20:49

Yeah, appreciate having that presence.

[Megan Romer] 15:20:52

Yeah, she's fearless. Just running up to people with a camera like, hey, who are you? And here's my people. Well, Ashik and I... notably do wander a little and we're actually weirdly worse together than we are alone, I think.

[Megan Romer] 15:21:06

Like, oh no, we lost the co-chairs again. But yeah, we were actually pretty useful i thought on the ground on Inauguration Day because Ashik went up and did a speech and I stood at the table and press was coming up to the table where I was and press was going up to the front. So it was actually kind of a good divide and conquer moment.

[Megan Romer] 15:21:25

That said, I haven't actually seen a lot of the hits but um here's hoping some of them come through. That's kind of how it works you do 30 interviews and a couple actually make it in.

[Megan Romer] 15:21:38

Okay. Upcoming meeting dates, please, please, please fill out your scheduler. We really rock to be able to just schedule the rest of the meetings for the term up through August. And then we all just know them. So please do it if you can.

[Megan Romer] 15:21:56

February, we discussed this earlier. There's no good Sunday. It's not just like one or two people out. It's like five or six people out every Sunday. So... We'll try to figure out a time where we can have some of that discussion that we agreed to have, some brainstorming sessions. But remember again, phone rings both ways. So call your comrades, talk about stuff.

[Megan Romer] 15:22:23

The March in-person meeting, please, you got a thing in the email that you're supposed to fill out a thing that Like, do you need a hotel room, et cetera?

[Megan Romer] 15:22:32

I believe there are going to be some New York comrades who are going to be able to provide some solidarity housing, but it's New York, right? So it's not like everybody's got like three spare bedrooms.

[Megan Romer] 15:22:42
Louisa, go ahead.

[Luisa Martinez] 15:22:45
Can we just, it's not a motion or anything like that. Can we just informally agree that people fill out the schedule or schedule or don't like in the next week and then we can schedule out the rest of the NPC meetings

[Luisa Martinez] 15:22:57
I'm not going to make a motion, but I would suggest to the the co-chairs that you guys consider that So just give everybody a week and if not then

[Megan Romer] 15:23:10
Sounds good to me. And we can announce that in the chat for those who have um who have exited early. Okay.

[Megan Romer] 15:23:20
At-large member organizing fair update There is, oh, I didn't actually paste it in here But Comrade Sebastian, who was leading the organizing fair and who gets a shout out for being in Triangle and picking me up at the train station at 1130 at night because our train was like four hours late and driving me to Durham.

[Megan Romer] 15:23:42
But gets another shout out for writing this sort of compendium. He talked to a bunch of the people who had organizing fairs and had had some ideas. And it's a good little read.

[Megan Romer] 15:23:53
I love a debrief. So I will make sure I link it or send it around in email so everybody can look at it.

[Megan Romer] 15:24:02
And I think that there may be a push from that same committee to do another round of fairs coming into the summer.

[Megan Romer] 15:24:09
Which is cool. I have pretty universally heard very successful things about New Orleans apparently had one yesterday. John, I think, was there. I saw a picture.

[Megan Romer] 15:24:21

And it was, they had so many organizations sign up that they had to do two rounds of tables, a three hour tables, then three hour table.

[Megan Romer] 15:24:29

John, go

[John Lewis] 15:24:31

Yeah, we have like, so we had 400 name cards and then we had a whole other stack of like 100 DSA name cards. We got through the whole stack.

[John Lewis] 15:24:39

And that's not counting people who just kind of came and fell through.

[John Lewis] 15:24:42

I think it was like we were expecting like 120 people. We got easily four to five times that amount.

[John Lewis] 15:24:48

Connected with all types of socialist orgs, other groups across the city, community orgs, you name it.

[John Lewis] 15:24:54

I think it was absolutely a good thing for us. We got to talk to some folks who were interested, share stuff, connect with other organizers, build some of that clout, build some rapport, you know, do some diplomacy a little bit.

[John Lewis] 15:25:04

So, you know, I think it was just good that it was something that came out of our chapter as the center of it and kind of like letting people get familiar with us and learn about us as we kind of go through this together.

[John Lewis] 15:25:14

Looking forward to see what comes of it over the year.

[Megan Romer] 15:25:17

Yeah, DSA can throw down and it's good that other orgs know it.

[Megan Romer] 15:25:21

Kara

[Cara Tobe] 15:25:24

Yeah, I just wanted to say I know that that little committee on the org fairs did do a report. Is it possible to get that report like a PDF of that sent to the NPC by email? Because I don't know if I've seen that yet. And I don't know if the rest of us are going to see that either. And I think that would be really good for us as a body to read through and then also to hold and have archived if we can.

[Megan Romer] 15:25:53

Yep, I will absolutely send it via email. I think it might just be a forum post, but I can post it into a doc and send it around doc style so that we can have it in the archives.

[Megan Romer] 15:26:12

Okay, that's all. So, okay. Director updates. Michael, do we still have you?

[Michael] 15:26:24

I'm here, but this is Tiffany.

[Megan Romer] 15:26:24

Or Tiffany. Okay, sorry.

[Megan Romer] 15:26:29

Yeah, Tiffany, go for it.

[Tiffany Gong] 15:26:33

Oh, I'm sorry. I think it was just basically You know, we just want you to fill up the form, which is what I think you just asked everybody to do. So yes, just a reminder, please get us your form and we're organizing our the logistics.

[Tiffany Gong] 15:26:50

Of the meeting. And that's basically it.

[Megan Romer] 15:26:55

You cannot say enough times. To anyone that they have to fill out a form.

[Tiffany Gong] 15:27:01

But yeah, thank you for saying it before. And just again, yes, please fill out the form as soon as possible so we can book the hotel block. I mean, Maura's in the process of getting some hotel rates. And if you do have solidarity housing.

[Megan Romer] 15:27:02

Almost.

[Tiffany Gong] 15:27:14

To that or a comrade in New York, you're already planning on staying with, let us know. Otherwise, we are going to try to move on that as fast as possible.

[Megan Romer] 15:27:23

Awesome. And Tiffany, it may be Alex, who I think is still here. Yes.

[Megan Romer] 15:27:29

Has offered to help kind of drum up some solidarity housing maybe so um if we can maybe connect, maybe we can connect offline. We don't need to do this right now.

[Megan Romer] 15:27:41

We'll lean on the people who are in New York to see if we can't.

[Megan Romer] 15:27:45

Find spaces fill out the form. Okay.

[Megan Romer] 15:27:51

All right. So discussion. Okay, we're a little over time, but it's not that bad. We have half an hour to discuss. So Ashik, do you want to kick us off with an inauguration debrief?

[Ashik Siddique] 15:28:05

Sure. Yeah, I hope to write something up, but it's been a crazy week since it happened. So Just starting with the DC events. So we had organized with the Metro DC chapter to be part of the two sets of actions that we nationally endorsed. So there was the People's March organized on Saturday, the 18th.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:28:24

And then the we fight back actions on Monday on Inauguration day. So we nationally endorsed them. So a bunch of chapters did either or both, which is great.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:28:34

And then in DC, we had an event that was organized by the DSA chapter on Sunday. That was kind of like a town hall style thing and like a little bit of an organizing fair.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:28:43

Where there were some other organizations or local partners of the chapter that just laid out kind of like movement training analysis of the moment, mass organizing And a bunch of the chapters featured work.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:28:57

So all of the events that we helped organize, I thought went well and like our parts of it went more or less as planned. Just speaking from the experience of the DC chapter? It seemed like they did really well in recruitment. The Saturday event, like they had tabling, like they had like posters and flyers printed, like workers deserve more literature. So that all went really well. And I think shout out to

[Ashik Siddique] 15:29:19

The Louisville chapter that had like one sheets printed of the workers deserve more platform. So we had like glossy color printed versions of that. So that went really well So yeah, as far as like DSA's physical presence and being visible, like we did really well, like better than at least any action that I've been part of in DC, just like comparing it to 2017.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:29:41

When the DCDSA chapter showed up to a lot of the protests and stuff like you know, we had red flags and stuff, but nobody had DSA lit printed we were just kind of like blending into the crowd a lot. So this time just things were very visibly DSA, which was good.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:29:56

And then the Saturday event led to a lot of new people, including some people in the pink hats and stuff, just like taking our literature and posters. And then a bunch of them came to our DSA event the next day, which is great, especially because it was freezing.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:30:10

There was snow on the ground. So, you know, turnout was somewhat lower than RSVPs but it was still You know, like probably hundreds of people showed up.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:30:20

So yeah, that was good. So that was a pretty clear recruitment pipeline from You know, this big liberal action to a DSA thing And then we showed up to the more like left thing on The next day. So yeah, just I'm happy overall with

[Ashik Siddique] 15:30:38

Our participation in these coalition actions, but then just having a very visible and distinct DSA presence to absorb people into our organization. So I haven't followed up too much yet with a range of other chapters, but like, you know, like I've been in Richmond this weekend in Virginia so they

[Ashik Siddique] 15:30:56

Seem to have similarly have had a good experience like participating in the actions with other organizations but then um Yeah, just like the fact of them having a chapter convention a week after

that, like they got huge turnout like a ton of people are new members, some of whom were activated through the inauguration actions.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:31:14

So yeah, overall, I'm happy with us participating in all of that.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:31:19

Those are the positive things. But I guess like, you know, just to be real, like participation across the board It's definitely lower than it was eight years ago. And like we expected that like in a lot of these coalitions

[Ashik Siddique] 15:31:30

I'm in the planning meetings we were in, there was kind of a gradual adjusting down of expectations So like the People's March for One, which was organized by the Women's March organization um In 2017, they had like half a million people out on the streets in DC. The final number they reported was 75,000.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:31:51

In D.C. But yeah, like, you know, just when you think about like the aerial shots of the National Mall, like on the ground, there was maybe like I don't know, just looking around a third of the National Mall was occupied maybe

[Ashik Siddique] 15:32:02

Granted, again, it was snowing. It was very cold. So yeah, there are just those physical reasons why turnout was lower. But overall, yeah, just the appetite is not as high for At least mass protests and rallies as a tactic.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:32:18

And similarly at the We Fight Back action in DC, it was at Malcolm X Park, which is like further uptown and like historically is like where the more lefty orgs congregate for things.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:32:29

And that was even smaller, you know, like there was probably maybe a few hundred people out And it was the coldest day. So again, that was a big reason But yeah, yeah.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:32:42

And I'll add to like DSA made the decision to kind of dip after the rally like they had a march downtown to the White House after that.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:32:51

But we just didn't really hear much about the security plan and you know, just... risk assessments and stuff like that. So we just made the executive decision before it to just To have DSA members not encouraged to join that. There were some people who did anyway and like reported back in a very anxious signal group chat.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:33:11

But yeah, so I guess just overall, like my initial debrief is kind of just like across the board. It seems like with a lot of these orgs, there's just a collective sense that the tactic of mass protests like rallies, marches is

[Ashik Siddique] 15:33:27

You know, has had diminishing returns over the past year, like through Gaza organizing And now, especially after this election, it just seems like, okay, we did it. People are Mostly glad to have done it.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:33:40

But going forward, yeah, it just kind of feels like... there's not a huge appetite to keep doing this as a tactic, at least in the near term.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:33:49

Or midterm. And there was a lot of discussion about like, okay, how are we absorbing people into organizations What are our organizations doing?

[Ashik Siddique] 15:33:58

But yeah, generally across the board, this kind of feels like the last big time that a lot of people want to like do big rallies and marches.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:34:07

And I will add also the people's march was talking a lot about absorption in particular and invited us to DSA things to a toolkit, which they did at us too. So I'll share the link to that. So that's nice.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:34:23

That's the difference from eight years ago at the Women's March did not put out materials with join DSA. So this time they did. So that's nice.

[Megan Romer] 15:34:33

Also, it's nice that People's March now, men, you're finally included. Congratulations. You've made it. Kara, go ahead.

[Cara Tobe] 15:34:45

Yeah, I agree with a lot of what she said. It was really great. I definitely think that We could have been a little bit more prepared for certain things, but also generally I'm really happy with the turnout that we did do.

[Cara Tobe] 15:35:05

And the actions that we did take. What I'm really excited about, though, is that we do have some good resources now for chapters to use, like the Socialism beats fascism signs and the cards and I guess like protest signs.

[Cara Tobe] 15:35:22

That I saw a lot of chapters use. We also have the one-sheeters that my chapter created, which I'm really excited about, Louisville DSA. We have the beanies, which Megan is showcasing right now, which are awesome that are from New York City DSA that are really cool.

[Cara Tobe] 15:35:44

And a lot of these graphics and things like that, this is actually a little project that I'm taking on myself as a comms co-chairs to add these to our member design resources guide. So other chapters can use that orchestras are more one-sheeter as well. So it's really exciting that we have these moments

[Cara Tobe] 15:36:10

Not only just to like activate and get DSA out there, but also it's a good moment in time for us to, you know.

[Cara Tobe] 15:36:19

Get some new materials and get some new tools. And then the other thing from the comm side as well, one thing that was really amazing to see, not just in DC, but realistically across the board is just the all the amazing content and the actions that took place across the country.

[Cara Tobe] 15:36:41

Chapters everywhere really, really showed out and did an amazing job with their actions over the weekend and even over this weekend as well and throughout the week.

[Cara Tobe] 15:36:51

I have been on Instagram and Twitter and Blue Sky. Like reposting like crazy and accepting collab requests. There's been some really great reels and photos and it's just been really exciting to see a chapters put out some good stuff. And there's chapters big and small too. And in all of the states. So really, really amazing to see. And I think we got

[Cara Tobe] 15:37:19

Lots of good social content and good media content as well across the country. So I know chapters were highlighted in local media in their areas as well for the actions that they organized. I know Cincinnati, they got a big shout out in their local newspaper, I believe.

[Cara Tobe] 15:37:40

I believe a chapter in Florida did as well. There's a few others that got some good local media hits. Yeah, Chicago's co-chair Elena was on the big local news that we got a clip of and is on our social. There's some really, really good hits.

[Cara Tobe] 15:37:58

So moments like this are really great. And it's really awesome to see that our social media game is kind of coming together where we're able to highlight the work that chapters are doing.

[Cara Tobe] 15:38:09

On the national accounts. So if you are a local leader and you're listening to this, please continue to do that. Do collab requests, send us messages to boost things. We want to do that.

[Cara Tobe] 15:38:21

Yeah, that's all I've got.

[Megan Romer] 15:38:24

Thanks, Kara. And I put myself on stack. Not for this reason, but I do want to say, Ashik very bravely wore this hat in Union Station on the day that the March for Life had happened. And the place was just like crawling with teenage chuds. So I was very impressed.

[Megan Romer] 15:38:41

Well, I was also hot, so I didn't want a hat on at all, but probably would not have worn mine.

[Megan Romer] 15:38:47

It was like literally like thousands of teenagers in like creepy Brooks Brothers outfits. It was, it was a scene.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:38:59

I will add it did start a few good conversations. Like on the one hand, there were like, you know, more liberal types who were just like, oh, red hat, what? But then some of them were like, oh, but it says democratic or socialist. And then one of them heard my DSA pitch and it's like, oh, I'll check it out

[Ashik Siddique] 15:39:15

And on the other hand, the right wing people initially were like, oh, a brown person in a red hat Oh, wait, no, it's a socialist. And then anyway, so... I feel like we're making a strong choice with our red hats. That's ADSA.

[Ashik Siddique] 15:39:30

And yeah. It'll be interesting in the next few years.

[Megan Romer] 15:39:36

Yeah, wear your hats loudly and proudly even when shuds are afoot. Though, you know, be careful also because they're kind of scary. But But what I was going to say is that I thought it was really... The margins were great in DC and I appreciated that we were there, but I really liked the day of the breakout

[Megan Romer] 15:39:57

Organizing training thing. And I think it really spoke to people. There were a lot of people there And like being able, people are like, I want to do something. And you're like, okay, well, like, here's some events. But like going and like learning some skills

[Megan Romer] 15:40:09

I also know that yesterday, I guess... maybe right before the convention or something, triangle or I don't anyway there was a an ice watch training that was apparently overflowing at like the other lefty community center um So, you know, especially chapters who've like

[Megan Romer] 15:40:30

Made some connections through the organizing fairs. Like, all right, now take those connections and like have an organizing training day. People are desperate for it. They really want it. They really want the tools.

[Megan Romer] 15:40:42

They want a deeper level of figuring out what to do so Yeah, excited to see it happening. I think our chapters are kind of running with this anyway. I don't know that anybody needs to tell me that, but it may be that we want to provide some guidance on

[Megan Romer] 15:40:57

A deeper thing than just a tabling fair, but really a training fair or something like that.

[Megan Romer] 15:41:03

Okay. Oops, now I'm the window loser. Okay. Next steps regarding Trump executive order.

[Megan Romer] 15:41:16

Do we want to do this conversation now? Do we want to hold off on it?

[Megan Romer] 15:41:23

Any... input on because we've got two more discussion topics. The other one is the Twitter question, which is also going to be a discussion.

[Megan Romer] 15:41:31

To have for a bit. But we only have 20 minutes.

[Megan Romer] 15:41:35

Any strong feelings one way or the other? I feel like we kind of covered some of this stuff in the executive session when we were talking about that I also think that it's a bottomless well of things to talk about because it just kind of keeps coming.

[Megan Romer] 15:41:54

So you can always do more. All right, let's talk about Twitter then, just because I think it'll fit better in this time. I think we'll get started on a longer Trump conversation. Yeah.

[Megan Romer] 15:42:06

Kara, you want to kick us off?

[Cara Tobe] 15:42:07

Yeah, absolutely. So this conversation started in the comms committee via chat initially because, well, um.

[Cara Tobe] 15:42:22

Elon Musk did two Nazi salutes on television and then

[Cara Tobe] 15:42:32

He owns Twitter. I refuse to call it X, but he owns Twitter and is also in the Trump administration.

[Cara Tobe] 15:42:43

So we were talking a little bit about that and then talking about as well that the, you know, the algorithm generally is really just not working at all for us. Then there was also just a conversation because I noticed that the French left newspaper the second, I believe it's the second largest newspaper in France called the Brazi.

[Cara Tobe] 15:43:07

Which is a left-leaning newspaper, primarily kind of based out of the Socialist Party, is they decided very publicly to stop using the platform altogether.

[Cara Tobe] 15:43:22

Not deleting their account, but just walking away from it. And so that kind of prompted just discourse around, well, like what if we did this? What if we kind of walked away from it and made a political statement about it? And I believe the Guardian did something like this too. So we just were talking about it. And then we did decided to bring it up again in the comms committee.

[Cara Tobe] 15:43:48

As again, just an idea, something to float by and just as discussion. So during the conversation in the committee, a lot of us were thinking this could be a good opportunity to politicize around the fact that Elon Musk is terrible. We are being, you know, the algorithm is actively working against us at this point. We do not have, you know, we're not even really seeing as much of what our chapters are doing nowadays on Twitter because we just aren't even seeing it. People aren't even seeing what we're doing. Our posts aren't getting as much of a reach.

[Cara Tobe] 15:44:29

As they have, we're not really getting RSVPs or follows from things that we're doing. And frankly, if you've been on that platform in the past week or so, they really have unleashed the fascists on all of the, they've really just gone no you know like no holds barred on the trolls and the cranks and the fascists and all of of comments and the follow-ups. In addition to that, we thought, well, we could um

[Cara Tobe] 15:44:59

Encourage members to, you know, to organize where it really matters um you know which is in their communities and on the ground.

[Cara Tobe] 15:45:09

So we're having those conversations and thought about maybe doing a statement, wanted to make sure that that was done and brought up through the MPC. But we wanted to have a good, healthy conversation about it too. Now, in that moment, I also wanted to make sure we were getting some other feedback. So I went to my chapter. I think some others went to their locals.

[Cara Tobe] 15:45:34

And reached out to other people, reached out to some people as well. And then further discussion was had in various circles where it's like, well, wait a second.

[Cara Tobe] 15:45:43

Are we seeding ground here like is there enough of a space in blue sky or the other and other social media platform that We're going to be able to reach these other people. Does it really make sense at this point? And so

[Cara Tobe] 15:46:05

Really thought this might be a good opportunity for all of us on the NPC to talk about this. I don't know if we really need to make a decision because I don't really know if I want to make a decision at this point to do this just based off of the conversations that I've had.

[Cara Tobe] 15:46:24

I want to make sure that we have good discussion, especially as social media is playing such a huge role in Our politics, Twitter in particular, has really played a huge role in the world of DSA.

[Cara Tobe] 15:46:42

For better, for worse, I would say for worse. But, you know, that is, you know, it's a huge part of it. So.

[Cara Tobe] 15:46:52

Yeah, I know we started a little bit of a thread on it on the NPC, but figured we'd take a little bit of time here as well to talk about it.

[Cara Tobe] 15:47:00

So I'll

[Megan Romer] 15:47:03

Thanks, Kara.

[Laura Wadlin] 15:47:08

I think the most important thing we can do is investors invest resources like mental resources, time, energy.

[Laura Wadlin] 15:47:18

Staff time into other platforms And I've noticed how difficult it is for me to even change my mindset between like making Twitter our default versus Instagram because it's so it's so much easier to post on Twitter. Like you just type a few words, but Instagram, you have to like make a whole freaking graphic

[Laura Wadlin] 15:47:40

So that's a problem but i think that's a problem Honestly, I really support us moving towards like posting on Reddit more or even Facebook. Are you guys in unions because all the all the union drama like reform Cox and stuff, it's all on Facebook. It's very rich with working class political discussion, actually. I don't know exactly if the algorithm is suited for us but anyway

[Laura Wadlin] 15:48:06

So I want us to spend energy on just thinking like, okay, we need to diversify.

[Laura Wadlin] 15:48:11

In terms of like would leaving Twitter make a valuable political statement?

[Laura Wadlin] 15:48:15

I don't really think so personally. I don't really think a lot of people would see it and things are just really in flux right now.

[Laura Wadlin] 15:48:23

I don't know what the platform is going to look like in a month.

[Laura Wadlin] 15:48:27

I don't want us to make any firm decisions and because we have relied on it so much historically, there still is some value there that we would be losing.

[Laura Wadlin] 15:48:38

So yeah, I just, I don't think we should uh like publicly declare any kind of exit or anything like that at this time.

[Megan Romer] 15:48:51

We're calling it Twixit. No, we're not. Please don't do that. Kristen, go ahead.

[Kristin Schall] 15:48:57

Yeah, I think that we should think about other um places to post and prioritize other mediums But I don't think that we should completely leave like it takes two seconds to like just cross post something there and walk away. I don't think we need to spend a ton of time, but I think that actually this idea that like declaring

[Kristin Schall] 15:49:25

We're not going to use this platform and walking away is a mistake and it's seeding the commons to Nazis like our only commons in society right now is social media unfortunately And completely walking away is saying like Yep, here's the commons. You can have it. And I think the reality is people are still on there

[Kristin Schall] 15:49:51

And we have to be at least a bit of a beacon in the dark for people who might come across our posts, I don't think we need to spend a ton of time investing in it. I don't think that we should primarily invest in it, but I think completely seeding that space

[Kristin Schall] 15:50:08

Is... is a mistake, the kind of social media landscape is in constant flux and I don't know that um anything has yet kind of replaced the role that Twitter has. I think that we should encourage our members as individuals

[Kristin Schall] 15:50:26

Like when we talk to people about this in our chapters and caucuses and other political spaces to like just stop using it as individuals. I don't think there's a use to that.

[Kristin Schall] 15:50:39

And it's doesn't seem like an effective space and that that could be something that We can talk about casually. I also think that we need to There seems to be a thread kind of existing now where people are wanting to move

[Kristin Schall] 15:50:58

Off of social media completely and like begin to think more about what organizing in community looks like and building more social ties and things like that. And I think that's a really good instinct and we should and obviously weren't, this is a little tangential and we're not going to solve this today. I think that as political leaders.

[Kristin Schall] 15:51:20

We should start to think about advice and guidance for like moving away from the virtual world and moving way more into encouraging things happening in-person and directly and in ways in which we're building real social and cultural connections with

[Kristin Schall] 15:51:41

With the people that were organizing i think the online world is a bit of this like, I feel like I'm doing a ton of stuff because I'm posting everywhere, but it's not real.

[Kristin Schall] 15:51:53

Like we can pull people in in ones and twos, but ultimately like nothing replaces person to person interaction in real life.

[Kristin Schall] 15:52:02

Off of the computer, not on Zoom, not on email lists. And I think we should be thinking of ways to move towards kind of building a life of the organization that is much more in person.

[Megan Romer] 15:52:19

Thanks, Kristen. I have

[John Lewis] 15:52:23

Yeah, I was going to follow this and say, yeah, like a lot of what y'all are saying is kind of in line with what we talked about of it in comms was like, not necessarily like completely like eating the Twitter account and everything, but more like kind of like thinking about other areas where we could still like pick up our game a little bit kind of like a

[John Lewis] 15:52:42

Like me and Kara spent probably the last week going back and forth about like how popular, if it looks like an oxy And does not see signs or whatever it was, that symbol that we put on Instagram about um

[John Lewis] 15:52:53

The co-president Nazi elon that uh that got like probably the most interactions of anything we posted in a while, I think. So we're thinking about ways to like kind of go about it. And that was part of what we wanted to bring to y'all to kind of hear from.

[John Lewis] 15:53:06

But I am largely aligned in like thinking about like ways to like kind of think about how we can get into spaces, maybe find ways we can create Like, you know, intentional spaces for people to kind of collect, collaborate and everything else. And also I wanted to say I completely agree with Laura because

[John Lewis] 15:53:22

Our local ATU transit union They are the coolest old heads and they help them get their listserv set up They are getting ready to strike, but they try to do their thing. So I completely get what you were saying.

[Megan Romer] 15:53:41

Thank you. Yeah, so I put myself on stack. I have thought about like I like the idea of like the idea the optics of like biggest socialist org in the country leaves this platform, get a bunch of media hits.

[Megan Romer] 15:53:59

I'm not sure it'll actually happen. And if it doesn't, it's kind of a gamble. And then we just lost a connection so So I've come around to like, like, man.

[Megan Romer] 15:54:12

The media will just ignore us possibly Probably more possibly than not. And then we will have kind of lost that. So that's my only. I love the idea of member discourse leaving twitter it's... And I really appreciate that Kristen brought this up and also Sarah, the NLC co-chair brought it up in the

[Megan Romer] 15:54:36

Comms meeting, just this idea of like Obviously, it's important to be doing, you know, these sort of using these external communications platform because people are there and people see things and I don't want to like say let's diminish it. But I do think there is value in thinking about like

[Megan Romer] 15:54:53

How much energy and resource we put into you know crafting the perfect tweet versus making sure that members have the resources they need to to host a thing, to be in a thing, to start a campaign, to do a training.

[Megan Romer] 15:55:12

So it's mostly that's kind of just a reminder for me because I do spend, you know, I have a comms background, so I spend a lot of time thinking about The way we hit the tone and I mean, I brought up tone in this meeting, like the way we hit that perfect

[Megan Romer] 15:55:26

Phrasing is something i've probably overthink a bit.

[Megan Romer] 15:55:31

And it's helpful to me to remember like that's That's the, you know, that's the spaghetti at the wall. But really, I want to serve everybody a whole delicious pizza straight to them.

[Megan Romer] 15:55:44

And it's homemade and I made it in my fancy pizza oven. I don't have one, but I would if this was an option.

[Megan Romer] 15:55:51

But yeah, that that sort of those personal connections, that's where that's Yeah, that's where the really pushing members to and to remember that you can really like Fuck up some really good long personal connections with just one tweet that hurt somebody's feelings. It's easy to

[Megan Romer] 15:56:10

It's easy to build up, you know, or it's easy to tear down a good relationship with Mean Tweet. And we've all seen it happen that, you know, it's harder to build it up. So let's all do it.

[Megan Romer] 15:56:32

Okay.

[Luisa Martinez] 15:56:48

Yeah, I was going to say that I'm not sure that it's ever been like especially when it comes to corporate media that things have ever been fair for us.

[Luisa Martinez] 15:56:57

So like, you know, that it's not like all of a sudden everything changed recently you know so i don't see like Trump coming back or I just don't see as that sufficient enough of an excuse for us to get off of it. I feel like

[Luisa Martinez] 15:57:13

If our goal is communications we use the channels that are most popular. And that could include facebook like i you know I'm a union staffer. I'm union.

[Luisa Martinez] 15:57:25

Most union members are on Facebook. They're not on Twitter having fights with each other.

[Luisa Martinez] 15:57:31

I just don't feel like that would be a good strategy. I think it's sort of like, I mean, I feel like we're having a chicken and egg kind of conversation that We focus on Twitter.

[Luisa Martinez] 15:57:41

And maybe Instagram and Instagram majority of active members at least are young.

[Luisa Martinez] 15:57:46

And that's the communication platforms that are chosen.

[Luisa Martinez] 15:57:52

And then changing that, I'm not sure if that would create more age variety in our membership.

[Luisa Martinez] 15:57:58

I think that that's... I guess I struggle with that logic but I mean, I agree. I feel like we are at consensus here, but I would not support um Just us jumping off Twitter.

[Megan Romer] 15:58:17

Okay, thank you so much to everyone for your input. Thanks for everybody doing lots of hard work today.

[Megan Romer] 15:58:24

Do we have, I have a couple of next steps. Does everybody feel like convention chair, you have a bunch of next steps um Does anyone have any questions about what they should be doing next?

[Megan Romer] 15:58:43

Rashid, did you have any wrap-up stuff? All right. We'll go ahead and take our two minutes because we ain't going to fix Trump in that time. So I'd say we log off.

[Megan Romer] 15:58:54

And go, you know, catch the last three rays of daylight.

[Megan Romer] 15:58:58

Thank you, everybody, for a long day.

December 15, 2024

Attendance:

- Present: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Laura, Megan, Renée, Rose, Aron, Carlos, Sam, Luisa, Kristin
- Absent: Rashad
- **Quorum Met**

Minutes

Motions

- The following consent agenda carries by unanimous consent:
 -  Resolution to Seat Response Committees
- John motions to approve 2024 Q3 Budget Adjustments
 -  [Member Copy]DRAFT 2025 Operating Budget , 2nded by Megan
 - Motion Carries: 13.5-0
- John moves  Resolution to Fund National Body Grants , 2nded by Kristin
 - Motion by Renée to amend - allow NEC to use up to 20% of grant budget for text and phonebanking, at NEC's discretion. 2nd by John.
 - Approved by unanimous consent.
 - As amended: approved by unanimous consent.
- Colleen moves  Public: Resolution to Adjust Phone and Text Banking Costs in 2025 Budget... , 2nd by John
 - Approved by unanimous consent

November 17, 2024

Attendance:

- Present: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Laura, Megan, Rashad, Renée, Rose, Aron, Carlos, Sam, Luisa
- Absent: Kristin
- **Quorum Met**

Minutes

Motions

- The following consent agenda carries by unanimous consent:
 - Personnel committee swap - Renee to replace Cara
 - Request for Decision: The Fundraising Committee has recommended eliminating the One-Time Dues Category. This will hopefully prevent many of the inevitable lapses that come from one-time dues expiring, as well as decrease the volume of recontacting and renewal work that the chapters and the national currently engage in.
- John moves to approve 📄 FINAL DRAFT 2025 Operating Budget , Amy seconds
 - Colleen moves to amend to approve everything but committee budgets. Committee budgets will be provisionally approved at 20% but will be considered comprehensively alongside other budget items at the December meeting. Cara seconds
 - Carries by unanimous consent
 - Motion as amended carries by unanimous consent
- Ashik moves 📄 Resolution: Building United Fronts for Socialist Opposition to Trump's Inaug... , Ahmed seconds
 - Amy moves 📄 Amendment to Resolution: Building United Fronts for Socialist Opposi... , cara seconds
 - Motion to amend carries by unanimous consent
 - Ahmed moves to amend to add themselves as a rep on the inauguration committee as the rep from Red Rabbits, Luisa seconds
 - Ashik motions to amend to remove as a rep of Red Rabbits, Renee seconds
 - Motion to amend amendment carries by unanimous consent
 - Motion, as amended, carries by unanimous consent
 - Motion, as amended, carries 15-0-1
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Rose, Sam, Aron, Carlos
 - Against:
 - Abstain: Renee

- Renee moves  SMC amended Socialism or Barbarism: DSA's Response to Trump's Preside... , Coleen seconds
 - Laura motions to amend to strike third committee to deal with later, cara seconds,
 - Motion to amend carries by unanimous consent
 - The resolution, [as amended](#), carries 8.5-7.5
 - For: Alex, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Laura, Renee, Rose, Carlos
 - Against: Ahmed, Amy, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron
 - Abstain:
- Megan moves  RESOLUTION: Strengthening and Expanding DSA: Navigating the Post-2024... , Sam seconds
 - Sam motion to amend:
 -  [Omnibus amendment] RESOLUTION: Strengthening and Expanding DSA: Navigatin... , Ahmed seconds
 - Rashad motions to amend the following, Amy seconds: revising “To work with the NEC to help nationally endorsed candidates incorporate WDM language into their campaign and the WDM platform into their campaigns” to “*To work with the NEC to help nationally endorsed candidates incorporate WDM language into their campaign and the WDM platform into their campaigns and legislative activities in office*”
 - Motion to amend amendment carries 11-0
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, John, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Same, Carlos, Aron
 - Against:
 - Abstain: Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renee, Rose
 - The Amendment, as amended, carries 15-0-1
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Rose, Sam, Aron, Carlos
 - Against:
 - Abstain: Renee
 - Sam motions to amend to add Frances and Ahmed to lead the rebuild of reb rabbits, john seconds
 - Motion to amend carries by unanimous consent
 - The resolution as amended carries 15-0-1
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Rose, Sam, Aron, Carlos
 - Against:
 - Abstain: Renee
- Luisa motions to defer approval for immigrant rights call, seconded by Sam

- Renee motions to table, Colleen seconds
 - Motion to table carries by unanimous consent
- Laura moves  Working Class Organizations at DSA Convention (NPC Copy) , seconded by Alex
 - Sam motions to amend with
 -  Amendment to Working Class Organizations at DSA Convention , John seconds
 - Motion to amend fails 7.5-8.5
 - For: Ahmed, Amy, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron
 - Against: Alex, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Laura, Renee, Rose, Carlos
 - Abstain:
 - The unamended resolution carries by unanimous consnet

October 20, 2024

Attendance:

- Note: no roll call documentation for this month
- Present:
- Absent:
- **Quorum Met**

Minutes

Motions

Note: no roll call documentation for this month

- Alex moves  Dues Share Adjustment Recommendation , Ashik seconds
 - Motion carries by unanimous consent
- Laura motions to add one YDSA rep (to be selected by the YDSA NCC) to the Convention Planning Committee Steering Committee. (see  Amended Proposal: 2025 Convention Directive for current structure), seconded by carlos
 - Ashik motions to amend to add a representative from DemCom, laura seconds,
 - Motion to amend carries by unanimous consent
 - Motion, as amended, carries by unanimous consent

- Sam motions to adopt [Resolution: Solving the Outstanding Minutes Problem](#) , amy seconds
 - Colleen motions to amend
 - [\[Public\] Amendments to Solving the Outstanding Minutes Problem](#) , renee seconds
 - Motion to amend approved by unanimous consent
 - Resolution as amended carries by unanimous consent
- Rashad nominated as secretary, approved by unanimous consent
- Alex moves statement proposal:
 - [AMENDMENTED VERSION - DSA Statement on the Presidential Race](#) , laura seconds
 - Amendment by Sam: amend “Harris is not the alternative we deserve” to “Harris is no real alternative” 2nd by Ahmed
 - Motion to amend Fails 4.5-5.5
 - Amendment by Sam: replace “If Trump wins, the blame will lie squarely with Kamala Harris and the Democratic Party establishment.” with “If Trump wins, the blame will lie squarely with Kamala Harris and the Democratic Party.” 2nd by Luisa
 - Motion amend Fails 6.5-6.5
 - Motion by Alex to defer to Loomio for 5-day vote. 2nd by Laura.
 - Motion to defer to loomio carries 7.5-4

September 15, 2024

Attendance:

- Present: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Megan, Rashad, Renée, Rose, Aron, Carlos
- Absent: Luisa, Sam
- **Quorum Met**

Minutes

Motions

- Rashad moves [No Votes for Genocide](#), seconded by Amy
 - Motion fails 6-9
 - For: Ahmed, Amy, John, Megan, Rashad, Aron Carlos

- Against: Alex, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Kristin, Laura, Renee, Rose
 - Abstain:
- Alex moves [No Votes for Genocide](#), seconded by Kristin
 - Coleen moves to amend:
 - Public Copy: Amendments to Publicizing DSA Membership Data , Cara seconds
 - Kristin moves to divide the question into struck language and added language separately
 - On added language: carries 15-0
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Kristinm Laura, Megan, Rashad, Renee, Rose, Aron, Carlos
 - Against:
 - Abstain:
 - On struck language: fails 6-9
 - For: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renee, Rose,
 - Against: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, John, Kristin Laura, Megan, Rashad, Aron, Carlos
 - Abstain:
 - Resolution, as amended, carries by unanimous consent
- Cara moves [Comms Committee Restructuring](#), amy seconds
 - Resolution carries 14-0-1
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Megan, Rashad, Rose, Aron, Carlos
 - Against:
 - Abstain: Renée
- Rose moves [Reaffirming the National Statement Policy](#) , Cara seconds
 - John moves amendment:
 - Public Copy: Amended NPC Approval of Statements Resolution , Megan seconds
 - Amy amends to strike the sunset language. 2nd by Megan.
 - Passes with unanimous consent.
 - Motion to amend, as amended, carries 7 -6
 - For: Ahmed, Amy, John, Laura, Megan, Rashad
 - Against: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renee, Rose, Aron, Carlos
 - Abstain: Alex, Kristin,

- Frances motions amendment, Cara 2nds: Add language “statement authors will also be required to email the NPC directly to start the 24-hour period, which won't start until statement is forwarded to full npc”
 - Passes with unanimous consent.
- Resolution as amended carries 11-1-3
 - For: Alex, Amy, Ashik, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Megan, Rashad, Rose, Aron, Carlos
 - Against: Ahmed,
 - Abstain: Cara, Colleen, Renee
- Megan moves [Affirming Organizing Fairs as a National DSA Project](#), cara seconds
 - Motion carries 12-0-3
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Megan, Rashad, Aron, Carlos
 - Against:
 - Abstain: Colleen, Rose, Renee

July 23, 2024

Attendance:

- Present: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Megan, Rashad, Renée, Rose, Aron, Carlos, Sam
- Absent: Luisa
- **Quorum Met**

Minutes

Motions

- Ahmed moves [NPC Copy of The AZ Reso](#) , megan seconds
(Set of amendments from Laura: [Amendments to NPC Copy of The AZ Reso](#))
 - Laura moves Amendment 1, seconded Kristin
 - Ahmed motions to split the question into the first paragraph language striking and the rest
 - Amendment 1 part a: carries 10-6

- For: Alex, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Kristin, Laura, Renee, Rose, Aron, Evan
 - Against: Ahmed, Amy, John, Megan, Rashad, Sam
 - Abstain:
- Amendment 2 part b: carries 9.5-6.5
 - For: Alex, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Kristin, Laura, Renee, Rose, Evan
 - Against: Ahmed, Amy, John, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron
 - Abstain:
- Laura moves amendment 2, seconded by Renee
 - Motion carries 9.5-6.5
 - For: Alex, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Kristin, Laura, Renee, Rose, Evan
 - Against: Ahmed, Amy, John, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron
 - Abstain:
- Laura moves amendment 3, seconded by Alex
 - Amy motions to postpone thi amendment until the next amendment is heard, seconded by Sam
 - Motion carries 6.5-4-5
 - For: Ahmed, Amy, John, Megan, Sam, Aron, Rashad
 - Agaisnt: Ashik, Cara, Frances, Rose
 - Abstain: Alex, Colleen, Laura, Kristin, Renee
- Amy moves  MUG amendments to The AZ Reso , rashad seconds
 - Motion fails 6.5-9.5
 - For: Ahmed, Amy, John, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron
 - Against: Alex, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Kristin, Laura, Renee, Rose, Evan
 - Abstain:
-  SMC/GW amendments to Anti-Zionist Resolution
- Frances moves amendment 4, 2nd by Renee
 - Motion carries 9.5-6.5
 - For: Alex, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Kristin, Laura, Renee, Rose, Evan
 - Against: Ahmed, Amy, John, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron
 - Abstain:
- Frances moves amendment 4, 2nd by Renee
 - Motion carries 9.5-6.5
 - For: Alex, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Kristin, Laura, Renee, Rose, Evan
 - Against: Ahmed, Amy, John, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron
 - Abstain:
- Amy Amendment, seconded by Rashad  floor amendment to The AZ Reso

- Laura motion to amend the amendment - to have clarity for until convention. Add to the resolved clause "Be it resolved, potential candidates who cannot commit to the aforementioned basic expectations will be deemed as ineligible for national endorsement by the DSA until the outcome of the 2025 Convention;" seconded by Kristin
 - Motion to amend amendment carries: 15-0-1
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Megan, Rashad, Rose, Aron, Evan, Sam
 - Against:
 - Abstain: Renée
- Renee amendment seconded by Colleen to strike "and publicly" from #1
 - Motion to amend amendment Fails in favor 6-8-1
 - For: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renee, Rose
 - Against: Amy, John, Kristin, Laura, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron, Carlos
 - Abstain: Alex
- Amy motions for unanimous consent to retract second clause, 2nd by laura, passes by unanimous consent
- Motion to amend, as amended, carries 12-0-3
 - For: Amy, Ashik, Cara, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron, Carlos
 - Against:
 - Abstain: Alex, Colleen, Renee
- Main motion as amended carries 9.5-3.5-2
 - For: Amy, Alex, Ashik, Cara, Frances, Kristin, Laura, Rashad, Carlos
 - Against: John, Megan, Sam, Aron
 - Abstain: Colleen, Renee
- Laura motions to endorse Mike Sigel (District 7) for Austin city council as requested by Austin DSA leadership, Kristin seconds.
 - Motion carries 12.5-0-2
 - For: Alex, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Kristin, Laura, Renee, Carlos, Aron, John, Megan, Sam
 - Against:
 - Abstain: Amy, Rashad, Carlos
- Alex motions to approve  Final FORC Program Edits
 - Rashad motion to amend back to originally passes version, second by Amy
 - Motion fails 5.5-8.5
 - For: Amy, John, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron
 - Against: Alex, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Kristin, Laura, Rose, Carlos
 - Abstain:
 - Sam moves  Amendments to FORC Final Program , seconded by Kristin
 - Motion to amend fails: 5.5-8.5
 - For: Amy, John, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron
 - Against: Alex, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Kristin, Laura, Rose, Carlos

- Abstain:
- Rashad moves to amend, seconded by Language: replace “Universal Suffrage: Extend full voting rights to people with criminal convictions and noncitizen permanent residents and establish statehood for Washington D.C.” with “Extend full voting rights to people with criminal convictions and noncitizens and establish statehood for Washington D.C.”
 - Passes by unanimous consent
- Amendment by Sam, 2nd by Rashad: Language: amend “Establish a multi-party democracy through proportional representation elections. Replace the two-party system with a multi-party democracy through proportional representation elections.” remove first sentence. so as amended "Replace the two-party system with a multi-party democracy through proportional representation elections."
 - Passes by unanimous consent
- Motion to approve Forc program as amended carries 7-4-1
 - For: Alex, Ashik, Cara, Frances, Kristin, Laura, Rose
 - Against: John, Megan, Rashad, Sam
 - Abstain: Amy, Aron, Carlos

June 23, 2024

Attendance:

- Present: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Renée, Rose, Aron, Evan, Sam
- Absent:
- **Quorum Met**

Minutes

Motions

- John moves to Endorse Rashida Tlaib, Amy seconds
 - Motion carries by unanimous consent
- Renee motions to endorse Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Ashik seconds
 - Alex moves [Amendment to NEC Recommendation of Endorsement for AOC](#), seconded by Amy
 - Ahmed moves [Amendment to Amendment to NEC Recommendation of Endorsement for AOC](#)
 - Alex moves to divide the question and consider each item line by line, seconded by Cara
 - Part 1: amending that she commit to the conditions before endorsed - fails 7-10

- For: Ahmed, Amy, John, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam
 - Against: Alex, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Kristin, Laura, Renee, Rose, Evan, Aron
 - Abstain:
- Part 2: adding publicly in front of condition on opposing all funding to Israel including the Iron Dome - carries 13-0-4
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam
 - Against:
 - Abstain: Cara, Colleen, Renee, Rose
- Part 3: adding a condition of "Publicly oppose all criminalization of Anti-Zionism, such as bills advancing the IHRA definition which conflates criticism of Israel with anti-semitism" - carries 15-0-2
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Rose, Sam, Evan, Aron.
 - Against:
 - Abstain: Colleen, Renée
- Part 4: adding a condition of "Publicly support BDS (Boycott, Divest, and Sanction) to end Israeli settler-colonialism" - carries 15-0-2
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Rose, Sam, Evan, Aron.
 - Against:
 - Abstain: Colleen, Renée
- Part 5: adding a condition of "Commit to endorsing all of our nationally endorsed, NYC-DSA's insurgent candidates (Claire Valdez, Eon Tyrell Huntley, Jonathan Soto)" - fails 7-10
 - For: Ahmed, Amy, John, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam
 - Against: Alex, Ashik, Cara, Frances, Colleen, Renée, Kristin, Laura, Rose, Evan, Aron
 - Abstain:
- Part 6: Adding the international committee to the request of collaborating on a public panel with anti-zionist organizers - fails 8-9
 - For: Ahmed, Amy, John, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Evan, Aron
 - Against: Alex, Ashik, Cara, Frances, Colleen, Renée, Kristin, Laura, Rose
 - Abstain:
- The amended resolution, [as amended](#), carries 13-2-2
 - For: Rose, Kristin, Ashik, Evan, Frances, Sam, Megan, Laura, Aron, Alex, Amy, John, Cara, Rashad
 - Against: Ahmed, Luisa

- Abstain: Renée, Colleen
- The resolution as amended carries 10-7
 - For: Alex, Ashik, Cara, Frances, Colleen, Renée, Kristin, Laura, Rose, Evan, Aron
 - Against: Ahmed, Amy, John, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam
 - Abstain
- Cara motions that Michael and whoever he enlists on staff to research broad quotes and average amounts for the following locations for 2025 convention: Atlanta, Chicago, LA, NY, LV, Phoenix, Twin Cities, DC, Philadelphia and any others that he recommends based on his knowledge and expertise, as well as a quote for virtual convention.
 - Carries by unanimous consent
- John moves to adopt: 📋 2025 Convention Directive
 - Amendments referred to loomio, with vote on resolution after that

May 19, 2024

Attendance:

- Present: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Renée, Rose, Aron, Evan, Sam
- Absent:
- **Quorum Met**

Minutes

Motions

- Consent agenda item of [Green Mountain DSA - Central Vermont and Champlain Valley DSA Merger Request](#), passes by unanimous consent
- Kristin motions adopt [the asks of the NLC re supporting the 4811 strike at the university of California](#), evan seconds, passes by unanimous consent

April 28, 2024

Attendance:

- Present: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Renée, Rose, Aron, Evan

- Absent: Sam
- **Quorum Met**

Minutes

Motions

- Ashik moves to adopt the consent agenda, Evan seconds

Ratify Loomio votes

- Endorsement: Evan MacKaye (Boston, MA State House, 25th Middlesex District) - closed 4/26, passed, 14 votes in favor

Chapter pipeline

- [Lancaster, PA chapter approval](#)

National Political Education Committee (NPEC) appointments for 2024-2025 term

- [Appointment list & applications](#)

- Motion carries by unanimous consent

- John moves to adopt [B&F Recommendation Spread Grant Funding](#) , second by Kristin

- Motion carries by unanimous consent

- Rashad moves to adopt [Resolution to create a federal socialist in office committee](#), john seconds

- Renee motions to refer to the NEC, cara seconds

■ Motions fails 6.5-7.5-2

- For: Colleen, Ashik, Renee, Frances, Evan, Rose, Cara
- Against: Kristin, Ahmed, Laura, Alex, John, Aron, Luisa
- Abstain: Amy, Rashad

- Renee motions to amend: [Draft FSiO amendment](#) , seconded by colleen

■ Motion fails 6-9

- For: Ashik, Rose, Renee, Colleen, Frances, Cara
- Against: Evan, Alex, Kristin, Rashad, John, Ahmed, Laura, Aron, Lusia, Amy
- Abstain:

- The unamended resolution carries 14-0-2

- For: Kristin, John, Ashik, Alex, Rashad, Laura, Megan, Evan, Rose, Amy, Frances, Aron, Cara, Ahmed, Luisa

- Against:

- Abstain: Renee, Colleen

- Rashaed moves to adopt [Resolution to establish a strategy for the Democratic National C...](#) , seconded by ashik

- Motion carries by unanimous consent
- Frances moves to adopt Resolution to Initiate a Deliberative Membership Engagement & ..., rose 2nds
 - Rashad motions to amend to remove consideration of Rashida from resolves clauses, lura seconds
 - Motion to amend carries 9.5-6-.5
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Aron
 - Against: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renee, Rose
 - Abstain: Evan
 - Rashad motions to amend to extend the debate period to 60 days, 2nd by luisa
 - Kristin motions to amend to 30 days, frances seconds
 - Motion to amend amendment carries by unanimous consent
 - Motion to amend, as amended, carries by unanimous consent
 - Rashad motions to amend to remove the MIGs referundum from the process, Amy seconds
 - Motion to amend carries: 9-6.5-.5
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Aron
 - Against: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renee, Rose,
 - Abstain: evan
 - Rashad motions to add a resolved clause, Amy seconds: *"Be it resolved, NPC tasks the comms committee with facilitating a prolonged participatory process leading up to the 2025 convention to cohere intentional and structured deliberations amongst the membership to set the convention up to resolve the following political questions: What political expectations should DSA set for endorsements, and how should we respond when those expectations are broken? And Should there be a separate national and local endorsement process?"*
 - Motion to postpone by Kristin, Laura seconds
 - Motion carries by unanimous consent
 - Laura motions to addan additional resolves clause, seconded by Kristin: *"Be it resolved the NPC will encourage members to submit 250 word statements regarding their thoughts on the endorsement of Congressman Ocasio Cortez which will be posted on the forums"*
 - Motion to amend passes by unanimous cosnent
 - Frances motions to amend, cara seconds:

"NPC will facilitate opportunities for members to discuss amongst themselves for at least two weeks following mass all. NPC shall draft and release a discussion guide for chapters to host discussions on this endorsement and to hold votes at the chapter level."

"NPC will use the discussion guide to invite chapters to submit feedback on the endorsement decisions to the NPC. Chapters shall be encouraged to submit minutes, results, and vote counts of their discussions and votes for NPC to consider in our decision making"

- Motion to amend carries by unanimous consent
- Resolution as amended passes: 14-2
 - For: Ahmed, Rashad, Ashik, Kristin, Megan, Aron, John, Rose, Frances, Luisa, Amy, Alex, Laura, Evan
 - Against: Renee, Colleen
- Ashik moves to adopt [Socialism Conference 2024 memo](#) , John seconds
 - Luisa motions to add self to conference planning, John Seconds,
 - carries by unanimous consent
 - Cara motions to add self to conference planning, Alex 2nds,
 - carries by unanimous consent
 - Resolution, as amended, carries by unanimous consent

March 28, 2024

Attendance:

- Present: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Renée, Rose, Sam, Aron, Evan
- Absent:
- **Quorum Met**

Minutes

Motions

- Cara motions to accept the following personnel committee rec pertaining to layoffs, renee seconds: involuntary layoffs of exempt employees follow the CBA in terms of reverse seniority (based on start date and total years on staff in any capacity). Given the turmoil enveloping the staff, this would promote continuity that remaining staff will need.
 - Motion fails: 6-9
 - For: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renee, Rose
 - Against: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, John, Kristin, Laura, Megan, Rashad, Sam
 - Abstain: evan, aron

- Cara motions to accept the following personnel committee rec pertaining to layoffs, colleen seconds: NPC offer staff the option of voluntary departure with full severance benefits. This will allow exempt staff to have a more deliberate process with fewer disruptive departures and transitions.
 - Motion fails 8-8
 - For: Colleen, Renee, Rose, Ashik, Frances, Aron, Ahmed, Evan, Cara
 - Against: Kristin, Megan, Sam, Laura, Rashad, John, Amy, Alex
 - Abstain:
- Renee moves following union hiring freeze proposal, colleen seconds: “We ask that the NPC commits to an extended hiring freeze to last through July 1, 2026. The hiring restrictions would be as follows: the NPC will not create any new paid leadership, stipends, or management positions, and would only create new or re-hire old positions that a laid-off union member could be recalled to fill. This would not prevent you from restoring old positions or systems, but it would keep you from replacing them with new ones. This would also ensure that no new positions would exceed the pay scale of the CBA.”
 - Renee motions to amend from: “the NPC commits to an extended hiring freeze to last through July 1, 2026.” to “the npc commits to an extended hiring freeze through next convention” and to remove “paid leadership, stipends”, aron seconds
 - Motion to amend carries:
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Colleen, Frances, John, Kristin, Megan, Rasad, Renee, Sam, Aron, Evan
 - Against: Cara, Rose
 - Abstain: Laura
 - Motion as amended carries 15-0-1
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Colleen, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Megan, Rashad, Renee, Rose, Sam
 - Against:
 - Abstain: Cara
- Ashik moves the following convention food union recommendation, renee seconds: “following the precedent of conferences like labor notes, cut catering from DSA’s in-person events cost. We also ask that they cut ops venue funds for a staff retreat that we do not intend to have in 2024.”
 - Laura motions to refer this to the convention committee once it’s created, Alex seconds
 - Motion to refer carries: 10-6
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, John, Kristin, Laura, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Evan, Aron
 - Against: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renée, Rose
 - Abstain:

- Renee moves the following national committee grants recommendation by the union, rose seconds: *"NPC revisits previous vote to cut National Committee Grants by 20% and vote to make this cut."*
 - Evan motions to amend to exempt YDSA, renee seconds
 - Motion to amend carries: 9-3-4
 - For: Alex, Amy, Ashik, Renee, Frances, Aron, Rashad, Amy, Laura, Kristin, Evan
 - Against: John, Megan, Sam
 - Abstain: Ahmed, Colleen, Rose, Cara
 - Motion as amended fails 7-9-1:
 - For: Rose, Ashik, Renee, Cara, Evan, Aron, Frances, Colleen
 - Against: Alex, Laura, John, Megan, Kristin, Sam, Ahmed, Rashad, Amy
 - Abstain: Luisa
- Renee moves to adopt union matching funds recommendation, Cara seconds
 - Motion fails: 7-8-2
 - For: Rose Aron Evan Colleen Cara Renee Ashik Frances
 - Against: Sam Megan Kristin Amy Alex Rashad Laura John
 - Abstain: Ahmed Luisa
- Laura moves [updated plan for staff layoffs](#), Rashad seconds
 - Evan moves an amendment to layoffs plan to 5 unit positions, 1 exempt, keeping freeze, seconded by Aron
 - Motion to amend fails 7-10
 - For: Ashik, Evan, Aron, Colleen, Frances, Renee, Rose, Cara
 - Against: Rashad, Megan, Sam, Kristin, John, Laura, Amy, Luisa, Alex, Ahmed,
 - Abstain:
 - Cara motions to amend to remove comms director role from layoff list, Renee seconds
 - Motion to amend fails: 6.5-10.5
 - For: 6.5
 - Against: 10.5
 - Abstain

- Colleen motions to amend to preserve org tools and data & tech engineer positions
 - Motion carries by unanimous consent
- Resolution, as amended, passes: 10.5-6.5
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron
 - Against: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renee, Rose, Evan
 - Abstain:

March 24, 2024

Attendance:

- Present: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renée, Rose, Evan
- Absent: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron
- **Quorum Not Met**

Minutes

Motions

- N/A

March 17, 2024

Attendance:

- Present: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Renée, Rose, Sam, Aron, Evan
- Absent:
- **Quorum Met**

Minutes

Motions

- Frances moves ☰ Resolution for Financial Transparency , cara seconds
 - Sam motions to amend: ☰ Amended: Resolution for Financial Transparency , Megan seconds
 - Renee motions to divide the question into whereas and resolved clauses, Frances seconded

- Motion on whereas amendments carries 13-1-3
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron, Evan
 - Against: Rose
 - Abstain: Colleen, Frances
- Cara motions to further divide the question to split the two amendments in the resolved clauses, seconded by renee
- Motion on resolved amendment about past practice carries: 11-6
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron, Evan
 - Against: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renee, Rose
 - Abstain:
- Motion on resolved amendment about budget and fiance review carries 10.5-6-.5
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron
 - Against: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renee, Rose
 - Abstain: Evan
- The resolution, as amended, carries 16-0-1
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Renee, Rose, Sam, Aron, Evan
 - Against:
 - Abstain: Colleen
- Renee moves a [resolution to balance the budget without significant staff layoffs](#), colleen seconds
 - Motion fails: 6-10-1
 - For: Ashil, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renee, Rose,
 - Against: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron, Evan
 - Abstain: John
- Vote on cutting co-chair salaries from \$69k/year to \$58,458/year or lowest exempt salary for NY:
 - Motion carries: 6-4.5-6.5
 - For: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Rose, Renee
 - Against: Amy, John, Rashad, Sam, Aron
 - Abstain: Ahmed, Alex, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Evan
- Rose motions to cut the co-chair's salary to 0, cara seconds:
 - Motion fails: 6-11
 - For: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renee, Rose

- Against: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, sam, Aron, evan
 - Abstain:
- Vote on cutting 75% to co-chair travel budget, passes with unanimous consent.
- Vote on cutting nlc phone/text banks by 3k
 - Motion carries 9-7
 - For: Ahmed, Cara, Colleen, Frances, luisa, Renee, Rose, Aron, Evan
 - Against: Alex, Amy, John, Kristin, Megan, Rashad, Sam
 - Abstain:
- Vote on cutting nec phonebanks by 5k
 - Motion carries 9-6
 - For: Ahmed, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Luisa, Renee, Rose, Aron, Evan
 - Against: Alex, John, Kristin, Megan, Rashad, Sam
 - Abstain: Amy
- Vote on cutting all committee grants by 20%
 - Evan motions to remove YDSA from list of 20% cuts
 - Motion fails: 5-11
 - For: Alex, Amy, Kristin, Rashad, Aron, Evan
 - Against: Ahmed, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Luisa, Megan, Renee, Rose, Sam
 - Abstain:
 - Unamended motion fails: 8-8.5
 - For: Ahmed, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Luisa, Renee, Rose
 - Against: Alex, Amy, John, Kristin, Laura, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron
 - Abstain: Evan
- Vote on cutting round 2 of gdc matching funds for chapter offices
 - Motion fails: 6.5-8.5
 - For: Ashik, cara, Colleen, Frances, Renee, Rose, Evan
 - Against: Alex, Amy, John, Kristin, Laura, Megan, Rashad, sam, Aron
 - Abstain: Ahmed, Luisa
- Vote on cutting dues share by 10%
 - Motion fails: 6-11
 - For: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renee, Rose
 - Against: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron, Evan

- Abstain:
- Vote on cutting 50% from return request mail
 - Motion carries 13-0-
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Ashik, cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Luisa, Megan, Renee, Rose, Sam, Aron, Evan
 - Against:
 - Abstain: Amy, Kristin, Laura, Rashad
- Vote on approving budget:
 - Motion carries 11-6
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron, Evan
 - Against: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renee, Rose
 - Abstain:
- Vote on Mexico delegation request for 24 hour loomio
 - Motion to amend to 3 day vote with email discussion
 - Motion fails: 6-9.5
 - For: Renee, Colleen, Ashik, Frances, Cara, Rose
 - Against: Sam, Aron, Ahmed, Megan, Amy, Alex, Rashad, Kristin, John
 - Abstain
 - Motion unamended carries: 9.5-0-6
 - For: Ahmed, Kristin, Aron, Megan, Amy Sam, Alex, Luisa, Rashad, John
 - Against: none
 - Abstain: Ashik, Cara, Frances, Renee, Rose, Colleen

March 11, 2024

Attendance:

- Present: Ahmed, Alex, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Renée, Rose, Sam, Aron, Evan
- Absent:
- **Quorum Met**

Minutes

Motions

- Sam moves  Resolution to Achieve Fiscal Sustainability through Staff Layoffs and Union E... - seconded by Amy
 - Frances motions to revise the second resolved clause: “DSA will lay off 12 full-time employees (unit and non-unit) effective 45 days from the passage of this resolution, which is April 25, 2024” to “*DSA will lay off 0 full-time employees (unit and non-unit) effective 45 days from the passage of this resolution, which is April 25, 2024*”
 - Motion fails: 6-11
 - For: Ashik, Renée, Colleen, Rose, Frances, Cara
 - Against: Megan, Alex, Kristin, Amy, Sam, Ahmed, Laura, Rashad, Aron, Evan, Luisa, John
 - Abstain:
 - Cara motions to revise the second resolved clause: “DSA will lay off 12 full-time employees (unit and non-unit) effective 45 days from the passage of this resolution, which is April 25, 2024” to “*DSA will lay off 2 full-time employees (unit and non-unit) effective 45 days from the passage of this resolution, which is April 25, 2024*”
 - Chair Megan considers motion dilatory
 - Rose appeals the ruling of the chair, frances seconds.
 - Motion to overrule fails: 6-11
 - For: Renee, Colleen, Ashik, Rose, Frances, Cara
 - Against: Aron, Sam, Luisa, Laura, Amy, John, Kristin, Megan, Alex, Rashad, Evan, Ahmed
 - Abstain:
 - Evan motions to amend to remove a specific number of layoffs in the second resolved clause and rely on budget deficit targets. Seconded by Renee
 - Chair Megan considers the motion dilatory
 - Frances appeals, Renee seconds
 - Motion to overrule the chair fails: 6.5-9-.5
 - For: Ashik, Renee, Evan, Rose Colleen, Frances
 - Against: Kristin, Ahmed, Megan, Alex, Rashad, Sam, Luisa, Amy, Laura
 - Abstain: Aron
 - Frances motions to refer to B&F, Colleen seconds
 - Motion fails 6-10.5
 - For: Renee, Ashik, Colleen, Rose, Frances, Cara
 - Against: Ahmed, Alex, John, Rashad, Amy, Laura, Aron, Megan, Kristin, Sam, Luisa
 - Abstain: Evan
 - Unamended motion passes 10.5-6-.5
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron
 - Against: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renee, Rose,

- Abstain: Evan
- Renee motions to amend consensus to have slate for all items with a majority in a slate ([+ Consensus Budget Worksheet](#))
 - Motion fails: 6-9
 - For: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renee, Rose
 - Against: Alex, Amy, John, Kristin, Laura, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron, Evan
 - Abstain: Ahmed, Luisa
- Amy moves to exempt Action Network from the spending freeze, renee seconds,
 - Motion carries by unanimous consent
- Renee motions that we fully cut the print editions of DL, seconded by Colleen
 - Sam motions to amend to change 100% to 25%, rashad seconds
 - Motion to amend fails:
 - For: Amy, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron
 - Against: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Ahmed, Luisa, Renee, Evan,
 - Abstain: Alex, Kristin
 - Unamended motion carries:
 - For: Ahmed, Ashik, Colleen, Luisa, Renee, Rose, Evan, Cara, Frances
 - Against: Sam, Rashad, Megan
 - Abstain: Aron, Alex, Amy, Kristin, Laura
- Renee motions to cut 100% of dem left postage, cara seconds
 - Motions carries by unanimous consent
- Rose motions to cut 100% of SC stipends, seconded by colleen
 - Motion passes 8.5-7.5
 - For: Frances, Cara, Rose, Colleen, Luisa, Ahmed, Renee, Ashik, Evan
 - Against: Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron, Kristin, Laura, Amy, Alex

Feb 23-24, 2024

Attendance:

- Present: Alex, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Renée, Rose, Sam, Aron, Evan
- Absent: Ahmed
- **Quorum Met**

Minutes

Motions

- Ashik moves [Reso to Formalize a Broader Network of Priority Campaigns](#)
 - Motion carries: 13.5-0-2.5
 - For: Alex, Amy, Aron, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Same
 - Against: none
 - Abstain: Evan, Renee, Rose
- Motion to approve [Mid-Hudson Valley List Swap](#)
 - Motion carries: 15-0
 - For: Alex, Amy, Aron, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Evan, Frances, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megam, Rashad, Rose, Sam
 - Against: none
 - Abstain: none
- Laura motions to approve [Resolution for Mass Member Input on 2024 Election](#), seconded by Aron
 - Renee motions to Amend, seconded by Colleen: *Therefore, be it resolved, The NPC will engage DSA members in a ~~two to three month~~, national debate period in advance of the April NPC meeting on our position on the 2024 presidential race, including*
 - Motion carries: 9-7
 - For: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Megan, Renee, Rose, Sam,
 - Against: Alex, Amy, Aron, Evan, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Rashad
 - Abstain: none
 - Renee motions to amend: seconded by Coleen
 - Frances moves to divide the question, renee seconds
 - Part 1:
Remove: ~~Therefore, be it resolved, The NPC will engage DSA members in a two to three month national debate period on our position on the 2024 presidential race, including whether DSA should adopt "No Votes for Genocide" resolution or any other resolution NPC members may bring forward on this topic. This debate period will include:~~
Addition: Therefore, be it resolved, The NPC will engage DSA members in a national debate period in advance of the April NPC meeting on whether DSA should take the following position: "Defeating Donald Trump is an important priority for the socialist movement and we unequivocally recognize that his reelection would be disastrous for working people, particularly people of color,

queer people, and immigrants. DSA commits to work to defeat Trump in the 2024 election, without endorsing the Democratic nominee.” This debate period will include:

~~Remove: Be it further resolved, The NPC will plan to take a position on the “No Votes for Genocide” resolution and any alternative resolutions at an NPC meeting no later than the May NPC meeting. The NPC will not take a position on the 2024 presidential election until that has occurred.~~

Addition: Be it further resolved, The NPC will plan to take a position on the above position no later than the May NPC meeting. The NPC will not take a position on the 2024 presidential election until that has occurred.

- Part one fails 10-6-0
 - For: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renee, Rose,
 - Against: Alex, Amy, Aron, Evan, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam
 - Abstain: none

■ Part 2:

Addition: A non-binding full membership email with a poll, at the conclusion of the debate period, with a form for members to submit comments for the NPC to review

- Part 2 fails 8.5-7.5-0
 - For: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Evan, Frances, Luisa,
 - Against: Alex, Amy, Aron, John, Kristin, Laura, Megan, Rashad
 - Abstain:

- Motion, as amended, passes:
 - For: Alex, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Renée, Rose, Sam, Aron, Evan
 - Abstain:

- Frances motions to approve [FORC Program Final Draft](#), seconded by Rashad
 - Frances moves to amend, Colleen seconds:
 - Replace: “Public ownership of all railroads and public utilities,” with “A Green New Deal with a just transition for all workers to an economy of societal and ecological care and public ownership over major infrastructure and resources”
 - Motion carries: 16-0
 - For: Alex, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Renée, Rose, Sam, Aron, Evan
 - Against:
 - Abstain
 - Rashad moves to amend, Renee seconds:

- Revise the end of the paragraph starting with “With our unwavering confidence that a transformation of society is possible, DSA’s mission is to unite workers into a powerful political movement to win the battle for democracy. Our ultimate goal is working-class majority rule, through a democratic” to read: *“Our ultimate goal is working-class majority rule, through a democratic constitution that creates establishes a political system with universal and equal working-class voting rights, proportional representation in a single federal legislature, and ending the role of money in politics. Through this working-class democracy we hope to build a socialist world where people are put before profit, people’s basic needs are taken out of the marketplace, and the largest corporations are put under public and democratic control.”*
- Adds the following chunk to the “What we fight for section”:
 - “A Democracy for the Working Class:
 - Extend full voting rights to people with criminal convictions, and noncitizen permanent residents
 - Statehood for Washington DC
 - Elect representatives to legislatures through proportional representation
 - Support the adoption of the Interstate Popular Vote Mandate in enough states to make the mandate effective
 - Limit the Supreme Court’s jurisdiction to curtail its power of judicial review
 - Expand the number of seats in the House and abolish the filibuster in the Senate”
- Motion carries:
 - For: Alex, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Renée, Rose, Sam, Aron, Evan
 - Against:
 - Abstain:
- Luisa motions to amend, Rashad seconds:
 - Replace “end the embargo on cuba” with *“End economic sanctions that impact the sovereignty of countries such as Cuba, Venezuela, and Iran, that act independently of the United States.”*
 - Motion carries:
 - For: Alex, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Renée, Rose, Sam, Aron, Evan
 - Against:
 - Abstain:
- Resolution, as amended, carries:

- For: Alex, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Renée, Rose, Sam, Aron, Evan
 - Against:
 - Abstain:
- Rose motions to [Approve 2024 Organizing Plan](#), coleen seconds
 - Motion fails: 6.5-9.5
 - For: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Evan, Frances, Renee, Rose,
 - Against: Alex, Amy, Aron, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam
 - Abstain:
- Frances motions to establish a [Consensus Budget Proposal](#), seconded by Renee
 - Sam motions to amend, Aron seconds:

Revises: “The NPC will continue to discuss and amend the FY2024 budget with a goal of reducing the projected deficit to \$500,000 or less shortly after the February NPC meeting and before our March NPC meeting” to “*The NPC will continue to discuss and amend the FY2024 budget with a goal of reducing the projected deficit further*”

Replaces section starting with “The Budget & Finance Committee (B&F) will compile the list of different cut option...” with

 - *The Budget & Finance Committee (B&F) will compile the list of different cut options, not to include staff layoffs.*
 - *B&F will develop a budget cut worksheet (see sample) for NPC members to indicate their preferences for which budget cut options to pursue.*
 - *All NPC will mark ‘yes’ or ‘no’ to each potential cut at each different numerical level (i.e. \$100,000, \$200,000, etc). Cuts with at least 50% approval will be presented to the NPC at the March NPC meeting.*
 - *B&F will present this process for consideration at the next Steering Committee meeting and ask NPC members to complete the budget worksheet within one week, then will go back to the B+F committee to compile the approved cuts into a new draft budget that can be voted on by full NPC at the March NPC meeting. When calculating statistics, the preferences of YDSA Co-Chairs shall be weighted at one-half in accordance with their half vote on the NPC.*
 - Motion carries: 10-6
 - For: Alex, Amy, Aron, Evan, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam
 - Against: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renee, Rose
 - Abstain:
 - Collen motions to amed, sam seconds

Part a: revise "The NPC will continue to discuss and amend the FY2024 budget with a goal of reducing the projected deficit further" to *"The NPC will continue to discuss and amend the FY2024 budget with a goal of reducing the projected deficit to \$250,000 or less shortly after the February NPC meeting and before our March NPC meeting."*

Part b: add language to following section "B&F will develop a budget cut worksheet (see sample) for NPC members to indicate their preferences for which budget cut options to pursue." to *"All NPC members will be required to complete this worksheet such that their preferred cuts sum to at least \$900,000 in deficit (i.e. above the target deficit)."*

- Motion fails: 3.5-11.5-1
 - For: Cara, Colleen, Evan, Renee
 - Against: Alex, Amy, Aron, Ashik, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, sam
 - Abstain: Rose
- Motion to amend by Colleen, Renee seconds: motion adds two resolved clauses:

"Regarding personnel costs, this process will not contravene in any way the previous resolution passed calling for a meeting with the staff union and with the directors to discuss personnel costs before the NPC makes staff related budget decisions. This process seeks to find alignment on a specific numerical goal for cuts across departments but we will work with all relevant stakeholders to identify where and how those cuts should be made."

"The NPC will complete the checklist for budget decisions after meeting with bargaining unit staff and senior staff."
- Motion carries by unanimous consent
- Colleen motions to add the following to first resolved clause, Renee seconds: *"A full expense freeze will be in effect until this process is complete and a decision about the projected deficit goal is reached."*
 - John motions to amend the amendment, Aron seconds:
 - The exceptions would be limited to the following items: YDSA Winter Conference & YDSA Conference, Dues Share, Personnel Expenses, and Overhead Expenses. Titles are referenced from the Incomplete 2024 Budget here
 - Minimally, the following items would be frozen: Dem Left postage and National Committee Expenses.
 - Budget & Finance shall review this proposal by March 1st, 2024 to ensure all externalities are accounted for if adjustments are needed. ...to ensure there are no unintended consequences that impact the basic operation of the organization.
 - Motion fails 6-6-3

- For: Alex, John, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam
 - Against: Aron, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Evan, Frances, Rose
 - Abstain: Amy, Laura, Renee
- Unamended, amendment to the main motion, carries: 13-2
 - For: Alex, Amy, Aron, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Evan, Frances, John, Laura, Luisa, Rashad, Renee, Rose
 - Against: Megan, Sam
 - Abstain:
- Resolution, as amended, carries 12.5-2:
 - For: Alex, Amy, Ashik, cara, colleen, Evan, frances, John, Laura, Luisa, rashad, renee, rose,
 - Against: Megan, sam
 - Abstain
- Laura moves [Resolution for a Report From Christian N](#)
 - Motion carries 12-1-2
 - For: Alex, Amy, Aron, Ashik, Cara, Evan, Frances, John, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam
 - Against: Colleen,
 - Abstain: Renee, Rose
- John moves [Resolution to Begin the Process of Layoffs](#), rashad seconds
 - Colleen moves to amend, Renee seconds:

Remove: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DSA will undertake layoffs to extend the emergency trigger threshold of four months' worth of operational reserves through the end of 2025, ensuring financial stability and sustainability through this NPC term and 6 months into the next NPC term;"

Replace with "BE IT RESOLVED, the NPC shall move forward immediately with the following meetings the Steering Committee voted to convene at its February 1st, 2024 meeting, in advance of determining any specific formula for layoffs:

 - A meeting with the "DSA union for a non-bargaining-related call to meet and confer about several specific topics, which will be provided to all parties in advance. Topics and/or questions to be discussed include:
 - Notifying the union of a potential layoff and providing economic justification
 - The union's proposals for alternatives to a layoff
 - Feasibility of and preliminary plans to move a bargaining unit staffer from the organizing department into the open YDSA organizer role
 - Feasibility of moving a bargaining unit staffer into the yet-to-be-listed NHGO role

- Bargaining unit recommendations (if any) surrounding Director and Management-level layoffs and/or position changes
- Bargaining unit recommendations (if any) surrounding unit-level layoffs
- Bargaining unit requests for information from the NPC on any topics related to reorganization or layoffs.”
- A meeting with “all non-unit staff of DSA” on the same topics as the union meeting
- An “all hands’ meeting to include all members of the NPC and all members of staff, unit and non unit, to discuss and strategize around the collective project of ensuring the growth and sustainability of DSA’s future.”
- Motion to amend fails 6-8.5-.5
 - For: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renee, Rose
 - Against: Alex, Amy, Aron, John, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam
 - Abstain: Evan
- Unamended resolution carries 10-6
 - For: Alex, Amy, Aron, Evan, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam
 - Against: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renee, Rose,
- John moves DSA Exempt Staff Comp-Time 1-1 Resolution , seconded by aron
 - Motion carries by unanimous consent

Jan 21, 2024

Attendance:

- Present: Ahmed, Alex, Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Renée, Rose, Sam, Aron, Evan
- Absent:
- **Quorum Met**

Minutes

Motions

- Sam motions to approve staff hiring freeze, seconded Ashik
 - Evan motions to amend to complete hire of YDSA organizer, seconded by Kristin
 - Motion fails: 8-9-0
 - for: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Rashad, Aron, Evan
 - against: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Megan, Renée, Rose, Sam
 - Abstain: none

- Amy motions to amend to remove data and tech from frozen hires, seconded by Rashad
 - Motions carries 8-4-5
 - for: Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Rashad, Renée, Rose
 - Against: John, Megan, Sam, Aron, Evan
 - Abstain: Ahmed, Alex, Kristin, Laura, Luisa
- Frances motions to amend to exempt part-time YDSA organizers including interns, seconded by Aron
 - Evan motions to divide questions to consider interns and full time separately, seconded by Alex
 - s on freezing interns
 - Passes 13.5-3-.5
 - for: Renée, aron, colleen, frances, sam, ashik, rose, megan, rashad, amy, cara, john, luisa, ahmed
 - against: alex, kristin, laura
 - Abstain: evan
 - on having YDSA organizer at part time
 - fails 6-10-1
 - s for: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renée, Rose
 - against: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron, Evan
 - Abstain: John
 - Sam motions to amend to have the personnel committee investigate the YDSA organizer role: *"Further be it resolved that the Personnel Committee is instructed to investigate reallocation of duties across current staff so that organization goals are minimally impacted during hiring freeze with a priority of full-time (1.0 FTE) allocation for YDSA organizing support. The Personnel Committee is instructed to provide recommendations to the NPC on the highest priority staff positions for unfreezing"*
 - Motion carries: 11-5-1
 - for: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad
 - against: Ashik, Colleen, Frances, Renée
 - Abstain: Cara
- Hiring freeze motion as amended passes: 11-5.5-.5
 - for: Sam, Renée, Megan, John, Rose, Frances, Ahmed, Ashik, Luisa, Colleen, Cara
 - against: Kristin, Laura, Alex, Rashad, Evan, Amy
 - Abstain: Aron
- Motion to reduce tech budget by 6%
 - Colleen motions to amend: "We will aim to reduce the tech budget by \$140,190 and instead allocate \$300,000, or 6% of total budget, pending results of the audit."

- Motion fails 6-11
 - For: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renee, Rose
 - Against: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron, Evan
 - Abstain: none
 - Unamended motion carries 16-0-1
 - For: Ahmed, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Luisa, Megan, John, Rose, Sam, Aron, Evan, Alex, Amy, Kristin, Laura, Rashad
 - Against:
 - Abstain: Renée
- Renée motions to remove NPC steering committee stipends, seconded by Colleen
 - Sam motions to separate the secretary and treasurer, seconded by Alex
 - Motion carries 8-3-6
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Sam, Aron, Evan
 - Against: Colleen, Renée, Rose
 - Abstain: Amy, Ashik, Cara, Frances, John, Rashad
 - Evan motions to exempt YDSA co-chairs from stipend cuts, seconded by Aron
 - Motion carries 11-3-3
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Evan, Aron
 - Against: Colleen, Rose, Renee
 - Abstain: Ashik, Frances, Cara
 - Motion, as amended, carries 11-5-1
 - For: Ahmed, Ashk, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Luisa, Megan, Renee, Rose, Sam, Aron, Evan
 - Against: Alex, Amy, Kristin, Laura, Rashad
 - Abstain: John
- Colleen motions to approve making YDSA convention virtual
 - Amy motions to amend to table until we know how it would cost
 - Motion to amend fails: 6-11
 - For: Alex, Amy, Krsitin, Laura, Rashad, Aron, Evan
 - Against: Ahmed, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Luisa, Megan, Renee, Rose, Sam
 - Abstain: none
 - Unamdnd motion passes: 11-6
 - For: Ahmed, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Luisa, Megan, Renee, Rose, Sam
 - Against: Alex, Amy, Krsitin, Laura, Rashad, Aron, Evan
 - Abstain: none

- John motions to freeze NPC travel for quarterly meeting with quarterly review to explore reinstating later, seconded by Amy
 - Motions carries by unanimous consent
- Colleen motions to end YDSA committee chair stipends & halve NCC stipends, both beginning in July 2024, seconded by Renee
 - Evan motions to divide the question, aron seconds, passes by unanimous consent
 - On cutting YDSA committee chair stipends:
 - Motion carries 9-5-3
 - For: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Megan, Renee, Rose, Sam
 - Against: Alex, Amy, Kristin, Laura, Rashad,
 - Abstain: Ahmed, Luisa, Aron, Evan
 - On cutting YDSA NCC stipends in half
 - Motion 3-11-3
 - For: Renée, Colleen, Rose
 - Against: Ahmed, Evan, Alex, Amy, Aron, Kristin, Sam, Megan, Rashad, Luisa, Laura
 - Abstain: Ashik, Cara, Frances
- Kristin motions to approve three travel budgets, Alex seconds
 - Motions carries 12-1-3
 - For: Alex, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Kristin, Luisa, Megan, Renee, Rose, Sam
 - Against: Ahmed
 - Abstain: Amy, Rashad
- Luisa motions approve IC international conference spending. Seconded by Ahmed
 - Motions fails: 5-9-2
 - For: Ahmed, Amy, Luisa, Rashad, Sam, Aron, Evan
 - Against: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Megan, Renee, Rose
 - Abstain: Alex, Kristin,
- Aron motions to approve YDSA committee fund, evan seconds
 - Motions carries: 10-6-0
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, John, Kristin, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam, Aron, Evan
 - Against: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renee, Rose,
 - Abstain: none
- Amy motions to approve HJC grants, Rashad seconds

- Motion carries: 9-4-3
 - For: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, John, Kristin, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Sam Aron, Evan
 - Against: Colleen, Frances, Renee, Rose,
 - Abstain: Ashik, Cara, Aron, Evan
- Cara motions to approve funding for gndcc zoom upgrade, Rashad seconds
 - Motions fails 7-9-0
 - For: Megan, Alex, Sam, Rashad, John, Aron, Evan, Amy
 - Against: Rose, Kristin, Colleen, Ahmed, Luisa, Renee, Frances, Cara, Ashik
 - Abstain: none

Jan 14, 2024

Attendance:

- Present: Ahmed, Alex, Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Kristin, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Renée, Rose, Sam, Aron, Evan
- Absent:
- **Quorum Met**

Minutes

Reports

- Directors Report: Maria announces resignation. Motion to go into executive session to discuss a transition proposal from Maria, seconded by Evan. Caries by unanimous consent.
- Chairs Report: Ashik and Megan lead the discussion about the [2024 Fundraising and Development Goals](#)

Motions

- Alex moves [Resolution to Close the National Office](#)
 - Renée motions to amend to provide flexibility and make decisions with more info [text unavailable]
 - Amendment passes: 12-5-0
 - for: Ahmed, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Luisa, Megan, Renée, Rose, Sam, Aron, Evan
 - against: Alex, Amy, Kristin, Laura, Rashad
 - Abstain: none
 - Resolution passes as amended: 16-0-1

- for: Ahmed, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Luisa, Megan, Renée, Rose, Sam, Aron, Evan, Alex, Amy, Kristin, Laura, Rashad
 - against: none
 - Abstain: John
- Frances motions [to Form a New NHGO Search Committee](#)
 - Kristin motions to amend to add the additional resolved clause: *The committee will inform PB Work Solutions that we are terminating the contract immediately following the Feb 2024 NPC meeting on Monday Feb 26th making the final day of the contract 30 days thereafter.*
 - Amendment passes: 17-0-0
 - for: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Kristi, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Renée, Rose, Sam, Aron, Evan
 - against: none
 - Abstain: none
 - Resolution to form a new NHGO search committee as amended passes: 17-0-0
 - for: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Kristi, Laura, Luisa, Megan, Rashad, Renée, Rose, Sam, Aron, Evan
 - against: none
 - Abstain: none
- John motions to [temporarily suspend Earmarked Fundraising Initiatives](#), seconded by Ashik
 - Motion to amend from John to replace language in first Resolved paragraph/replace paragraph, seconded by Kristin: ***Therefore be it Resolved, that ~~the DSA shall suspend all earmarked fundraising activities~~ all earmarked fundraising activities for budget line items shall be sent to the NPC for review and approval, with the sole exception of the Labor Solidarity Fund, effective immediately;***
 - Motion carries: 15-0-2
 - for: Alex, Amy, Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Kristi, Laura, Megan, Rashad, Renée, Rose, Sam, Aron, Evan
 - against: none
 - Abstain: Ahmed, Luisa
 - Motion to amend from Colleen to strike language in first resolved paragraph and add two paragraphs, seconded by Renée:
 - ***Therefore be it Resolved, that all earmarked fundraising activities for budget line items shall be sent to the NPC for review and approval, ~~with the sole exception of the Labor Solidarity Fund, effective immediately;~~***
 - ***Resolved, the Labor Solidarity Fund will not be dissolved into the general fund for FY2024 and,***
 - ***Resolved, these funds shall be put toward NLC projects which “grow working class power” as stipulated [on the donation page](#), pending confirmation from compliance.***

- Motion carries: 8-6-3
 - for: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Megan, Renée, Rose, Sam
 - against: Alex, Amy, Kristin, Laura, Rashad, Aron, Evan
 - Abstain: Ahmed, John, Luisa
 - Motion, as amended, carries 9-4-4
 - for: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Megan, Renée
 - against: Alex, Kristin, Laura, Rashad
 - Abstain: Ahmed, Luisa
- Laura moves [Proposal for Salarying NLC Co-Chairs](#), Alex Seconds
 - Motion to amend by Colleen to amend NLC Solidarity fund to go toward paying NLC cochair stipends and once we go back to having 9 months of cash on hand exploring other funding possibilities, seconded by Evan
 - Motion fails 6-9-2
 - for: Ashik, Cara, Colleen, Frances, Renée, Rose
 - against: Ahmed, Alex, Amy, John, Kristin, Laura, Megan, Rashad, Sam
 - Abstain: Luisa, Aron, Evan
 - Unamended motion fails 5-10-2
 - for: Alex, Amy, Kristin, Laura, Rashad,
 - against: Ashk, Cara, Colleen, Frances, John, Megan, Renée, Rose, Sam, Aron, Evan
 - Abstain: Ahmed, Luisa,
- Laura moves to hold a special budget meeting within 1-days and pass the interim budget now. Motion carries 14-0-3
 - For: Renee, Ashik, Megan, Evan, Sam, Cara, Colleen, Rose, Aron, Alex, Frances, Luisa, Ahmed, Amy, John
 - Against: No one
 - Abstention: Kristin, Laura, Rashad
- Interim budget passes by unanimous consent