Resolution to Prepare for an Electoral & Political Director Election

Sponsor: Electoral Working Group

Summary: This resolution allows the chapter to prepare for the possibility an Electoral & Political Director (E&P) position on the Steering Committee may be created and then immediately elected at the 2026 Local Convention. This resolution does not create an E&P Director position itself.

Whereas:

- Adding, removing or amending Steering Committee positions requires a bylaw amendment
- The bylaws may only be amended by resolution that is passed at two consecutive General Body Meetings or passed a single time at a Local Convention
- It takes time and energy to administer elections, but administering an election for multiple positions simultaneously is more efficient than administering an election for multiple positions separately
- The first month after Steering Committee is newly elected at a Local Convention is a critical time because the Steering Committee is required to develop a policy to address interpersonal conflict within the chapter and establish full portfolios of to describe their distribution of work; electing a member to the Steering Committee outside of this window would exclude them from this process

Therefore, be it resolved:

- The Local Convention Committee is instructed to prepare to administer an election for a E&P Director position during the 2026 Local Convention; this includes receiving nominations, administering a candidate questionnaire, and any other action in the same way that the committee prepares for an election for the other Steering Committee positions
- Should the bylaws be amended at the 2026 Local Convention to create a E&P Director position, the election will be administered at that convention
- The following description may be used where needed for the recruitment of the position:

  The E&P Director will:

  - Oversee an Electoral and Political Committee that houses and coordinates all state political organizing work within the chapter
  - Manages Committee strategic and pressure campaigns
  - Manages candidate recruitment, training, endorsement process
  - Oversees policy research and development
  - Maintains relational and co-governance with socialists in office

  The E&P Director must have been a member of DSA for 1 year, must have been a Chapter electoral work member for 1 year, and have completed a minimum of 12 electoral actions.

- Nominees for the E&P Director position must include a description of how they meet the minimum experience requirement on their candidate questionnaire or another place the Local Convention Committee deems appropriate and accessible for members.