Unionwide General Meetings

Decisions about Chicago Union of Tenants (CUT) organization structure, membership, political direction, proposed agreements, and coordinator elections are made by CUT members at general meetings, which are held five times a year, in January, March, May, August, and October. The January retreat is an annual space for education, socialization, training, food-sharing, and the building of unionwide camaraderie. The March general meeting is where each branch presents its strategic perspective on the organizing approach it plans to take for the year. The May general meeting is a mid-year check in on how each branch's strategy is going. The August general meeting is for the election of CUT coordinator positions. The October general meeting is a year-end time for reflection, branch evaluation, and the development of CUT overall strategy. All general meetings are spaces for reflection on past organizing and socializing among union members.

Branch Meetings

All CUT branches will hold regularly scheduled, in-person meetings at least twice a month. Branches should have at least one in-person event or action (branch meeting, canvassing or tabling, direct action, etc.) most weeks of the year.

Coordinator Meetings

CUT coordinators meet once a month and otherwise communicate and carry out their responsibilities over WhatsApp chat. This is not a primary decision-making body, but rather the connective tissue of CUT's animating parts: regional branches, general meetings, and development committees. The purpose of their monthly meetings are to plan general meetings, refine onboarding and training, check in on the progress of development committees and branches, and touch base about other union issues as they arise.