

Las Vegas DSA Electoral Working Group

The Electoral Working Group will focus on gaining electoral power for Democratic Socialists through strategic campaigning, candidate training, and recruitment.

Mission Statement

As socialists, we understand that there are multiple paths to working class power. While the bourgeoisie have organized into a democratic state, electoral politics remains one of the avenues that socialists can achieve state power. Nationally, DSA's political presence is one of our best recruitment tools and has led to gains in both membership and political power.

As socialists, we understand the concept of doing the most good with what is available, however we also know that pro-capitalist legislators will never challenge the power structures in a way that makes a meaningful difference to the working class. That is why our main goal will be to recruit and train socialist candidates to run as LVDSA-endorsed candidates. While we do so, we will engage in politics in ways that support strategic working class issues such as rent control or higher wages. The electoral group will aim to increase membership and member participation through electoral programs.

Bylaws

Membership & Participation

Membership in the Electoral Working Group is open to all Las Vegas DSA chapter members in good standing.

To be considered a member of the Electoral Working Group, a Las Vegas DSA chapter member must also:

- i. Fill out the [Electoral Working Group Signup Form](#)
- ii. Attend at least one WG event/meeting quarterly to remain in good standing to vote on WG business

Leadership

Election

The Electoral Working Group will be led and represented by two elected Stewards. Candidates must be a member in good standing of Las Vegas DSA for at least 30 days before running for Steward.

The term of office for Section Stewards shall be one year, and shall run from August 1st to July 31st or until their successor is elected. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Steward, the working group will hold a special election to elect a replacement for the remainder of the term.

Elections will be conducted by a system of single transferable vote (STV) voting. If a position is uncontested, the nominee will be declared elected by acclamation.

Responsibilities

The Stewards will serve as official points of contact for the working group and fulfill the responsibilities laid out in Las Vegas DSA's chapter bylaws. Stewards will also ensure the following duties are maintained:

- Taking roll for all working group meetings through the use of a sign-in sheet or other method and keeping the records organized and accessible to the LVDSA Steering Committee
- Submitting names of all official members quarterly to the LVDSA Steering Committee
- Appointing a notetaker for each meeting to take notes during the meeting and to summarize key points and action items in the working group's Slack channel after the meeting

Amendments

Amendments to these working group bylaws may be made at any time. Amendments will need to be submitted to the Stewards and a majority vote of the working group will be required for proposed changes to take effect.

Dissolution

Any section may be dissolved by the following mechanisms: a majority vote of its members, failure to maintain five active dues-paying members, inactivity for more than one year, or a two-thirds vote of the members present at a general body meeting.

Scope

The Las Vegas DSA chapter bylaws always take precedence over the Electoral Working Group bylaws.