



Democratic Socialists of America New Orleans Chapter

23 February 2024, 12-2PM

General Meeting

Nora Nova Library / [Zoom Link](#)

1. Welcome + Introduction to DSA (*Aspen W, 3 min*)
2. Land Acknowledgement (*Wash F, 3 min*)
3. Guidelines For Respectful Discussion (*Benjamin H, 3 min*)
4. Approve Agenda (*Wash F, 3 min*)
5. Approve Minutes of January General Meeting (*Meredyth K, 1 min*)
6. Campaign/Working Group Update Gallery Walk (All, 10 min)
 - Make Entergy Pay (Sarah B 312-860-2462)
 - Fuck Entergy! Working toward a Debt Strike of 10,000 New Orleanians
 - Voter Reg (Pat D 908-347-8792)
 - Let's talk to our neighbors! Working to develop a regular Voter Registration Canvass.
 - Communications (Wash F 225-402-6885)
 - Our socials are poppin'! Come be a part of our team!
 - Worker Power Louisiana (Aspen W 303-478-7022 and Manny S 985-502-0164)
 - Helping New Orleans DSA'ers form unions at their workplaces
 - Health Justice & Direct Action (Ali K 917 -628-7256)
 - Best known for our ever-improving Brake Light Clinic & Health Fairs!
 - Housing (Wash F 225-402-6885, Patrick D 908-347-8792)
 - Join the fight for affordable housing as a human right and help our unhoused community members!
 - Pro-Palestine Organizing (Hope P 504-338-5714)
 - None of us are liberated until Palestine is. Fight genocide and demand justice for Tawfic Abdeljabbar and Samaher Esmail.
 - Poli Ed (John N 504-338-5714)
 - Focused on educational events on topics related to socialism and navigating the hellscape of late-stage capitalism.
 - Membership Chair Update (Andy L 504-677-6112)
 - New members, admin work, and Andy...oh my!
 - Local Council (Wash F 225-402-6885 or Aspen W 303-478-7022)
 - Keep the ship floating!
 - Municipal Action Committee (Bob M on Slack or 504-417-4121)
 - We're best known for our New Orleans DSA Voter Guide! (see DSCC Campaign)
 - DSCC Endorsement Campaign Group (Bob M on Slack or 504-417-4121)
 - Electing our New Orleans DSA candidates for DSCC on March 23rd
7. Campaign/Working Group Breakout Session #1 (All, 20 min)
8. Recess (*20 min*)
9. New Business

- [Resolution for the Transition of Political Education from a Working Group to a Committee](#) (John N, 5 mins)
 - [Make Entergy Pay Timeline Renewal](#) — [Resolution](#) (Sarah B, 7 mins)
 - [Resolution to Recommend for DSCC/DPEC](#) (Bob M, 20 mins)
10. Campaign/Working Group Breakout Session #2 (All, 20 min)
 11. Closing (*Wash F & Aspen W, 7 min*)
 12. Adjourn General Meeting
 13. Next Steps
 - Email hello@dsaneworleans.org to get added to Slack!
 - Join DSA [here](#)! And check out New Member Resources [here](#)!
 - Find our entire chapter events calendar [here](#)!

Standards for Evaluating Chapter Work

In July 2020, we held our annual chapter convention, and we passed these standard guidelines that can be used to evaluate potential chapter work.

- How is this work socialist?
- Does this work present opportunities to struggle alongside the BIPOC working class?
 - Which workers are most directly affected by this campaign, and how do we organize with them?
- How does this work build power for the working class?
- What other community support will be necessary to win? (Churches, politicians, activist groups, labor unions, parents, etc.)
- What is the history of this work in New Orleans, and do we have the capacity to power map our organizing conditions?
- What does victory look like?
 - What are some benchmarks and escalation opportunities?
 - What are our red lines, or non-negotiable positions?
- Does this campaign grow the chapter?
 - Is it something that will be identified with New Orleans DSA, to raise our visibility among the city's working class and create an incentive for people to join?
 - Does this work actively recruit new members through a structured campaign, or rely on activist interest and passive recruitment?
- Is this campaign scalable?
 - Are there opportunities for members of all levels of chapter involvement to participate in this work?
 - Is it something dozens of members can participate in at one point or another?
- Who will lead this campaign? How many leaders will need to be elected from the general membership? What will the terms be?
- What are the capacity needs from the membership and from established Committees and/or working groups?
- What chapter resources will this work require?
- Will this work involve working in coalition with other New Orleans organizations?
 - Are we in a position to lead and/or pull the strategy left?
 - Which organization/s? How do our principles align/where do our principles deviate?
 - Do we have an established relationship with these organizations?
- What training, political education, and membership development will be a part of this campaign?
- What is our plan to debrief? How will we evaluate and integrate these lessons into our institutional knowledge?