



Metro D.C. Democratic Socialists of America

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Working Group, Priority Campaign, and Section Quarterly Report

Per sections [6.2](#), [6.3](#), and [6.6](#) of our bylaws, passed in December 2020, working groups, priority campaigns, and sections are expected by the chapter to submit standard reports ahead of quarterly joint meetings between the Steering Committee and the Campaign Council. These reports will be posted by the Administrative Committee on a public forum accessible to all members and may be discussed at the aforementioned joint meeting. The purpose of this report is to provide the general body, the Steering Committee, and other working groups, priority campaigns, and sections with an understanding of the strategic direction of formations within the chapter. This report will be due to the acting Campaign Coordinator no later than one week prior to the quarterly joint meeting (6/22).

Formation Name: Internationalism Working Group

Formation Type (Priority Campaign, Working Group, or Section): Working Group

Stewards Submitting: Eliot B and Don C

Date: June 27, 2021

1. What has the formation done over the last quarter?

- a. What are the specific victories of your formation in the last quarter (can be material gains, legislative victories, community engagement, recruitment to DSA, etc.)
 - First working group meeting since May 2020 (May 13, 2021)
 - 15-20 people turned out to March for Palestine on May 29, 2021
 - Moved all contact information to chapter Action Network and used it to set up events and send emails on coalition actions in the DC area
 - Identified a mobilizer from AdCom (Diego J.) to take point on mobilizing IWG members
- b. What are areas of improvement for the formation and what is the plan to execute those improvements?
 - Establish recurring working group meeting
 - Work with mobilizer to organize people to contribute to Internationalism work, especially on supporting administrative tasks and leading shared subject-based work
 - Community outreach/engagement

2. What is the formation's plan for the next quarter?

- a. What are the formation's specific goals?
 - Identify primary topic of shared work for the working group to coalesce around (e.g. Repeal AUMF campaign, continued collaboration with BDS-Palestine Solidarity, etc.)
 - Mobilize five new regular members



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- Identify point person (or several) for social media, task tracking, and administrative/scheduling work
- Solicit and decide on shared work for the WG
- b. How does the formation intend to increase the capacity of DSA (recruitment and/or leadership development)?
 - Need to identify and begin development of additional leaders, especially among members that are less experienced or active
 - Many of the members who have volunteered to help are often very active elsewhere in the chapter, so they have limited bandwidth to help with long-term building for the IWG
 - Highlight the opportunities for getting involved and making an impact for less experienced or newer members
- c. How does the formation intend to increase connections and impact within the community?
 - Build around identified shared work, so it is specific and can be grounded in local concerns and communities
 - Partner with the branches and the ongoing work that members are doing in their VA/MD communities
- d. If appropriate, how does the formation intend to work with the branches of the chapter?
 - We have spoken with both NoVa and MoCo about creating liaison positions so there is regular communication and a point person for helping to inform members and mobilize them when appropriate
- 3. **How many active members does your formation have (estimate is acceptable)?**
 - 10-15
- 4. **What does the formation need to carry out the work they hope to accomplish within the next quarter?**
 - Support on how to identify and build leaders and on how to begin community outreach/impact that is specific and valuable rather than performative/obligatory