

2022 YDSA CONVENTION

Final Results

July 22-24, 2022

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Convention Timeline

Monday, March 14

- Primary submissions open
- NCC nominations open

Sunday, May 8

- Deadline for updates to membership lists

Mid may

- First convention bulletin
- Secondary submissions open
- Third convention info call
- Info call on running for NCC

Monday, June 13

- Deadline for chapters to submit the results of their delegate elections
- Secondary submissions close

Saturday, June 20

- NCC nominations close

Sunday, June 26

- Deadline for NCC candidate questionnaires

Friday, June 24

- Final convention bulletin

First two weeks of July

- Convention registration deadline closes

First two weeks of July

- NCC Candidate forums

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Draft Convention Rules

Delegate Apportionment and Credentials

1. YDSA members (hereafter referred to as “members” or “membership”) shall be determined on the basis of meeting all of the following criteria:
 - a. That they are dues paying DSA members in good standing as of April 24, 2022 and for the duration of the convention.
 - b. That they are listed on the YDSA chapter’s most current membership list as recorded by the national office by April 24, 2022
 - c. Their chapter has received a formal charter from the National Coordinating Committee (NCC), and that this charter has not expired or been otherwise nullified as of April 24, 2022
2. Voting at the 2022 YDSA Annual Convention (hereafter referred to as the “Convention”) shall be apportioned on a ratio of one (1) delegate per every seven (7) members in their chapter. Each chapter may elect no more than one (1) alternate for every two (2) apportioned delegates. No chapter shall have less than one (1) delegate and one (1) non-voting alternate. (E.g. a chapter with 10 members would receive 2 delegates and 1 alternate, a chapter with 16 members would receive 3 delegates and 1 alternate, etc.) If a chapter is found to have fewer than three (3) members they will not be apportioned any delegates or alternates.
3. Beginning April 27, 2022 the national office will provide YDSA chapters (hereafter referred to as “chapters”) with the number of delegates and alternates they have been allocated. A chapter’s members are dues-paying or dues-waived members of DSA in good standing who have affiliated with their specific YDSA chapter in the national membership database through the Chapter Affiliation Form, or who declared their affiliation upon joining DSA by using the join YDSA form. No updates to membership lists will be accepted for the purposes of the Convention after April 24, 2022, except in cases specified in Rule 3 Section a. No applications for chapter recognition will be accepted for the purposes of the Convention after April 10, 2022, unless granted an extension by a YDSA National Organizer.
4. Chapters shall conduct and supervise their own elections of Convention delegates and alternate delegates in accordance with the applicable provisions of the YDSA constitution. Only dues-paying/dues-waived members are eligible to be elected as delegates or alternates.
5. Each local must report the result of its elections in writing to the national office no later than June 13, 2022. The report must include full contact information, including an email address and phone number, for all delegates. If any of the names submitted are found not to be members by the national office, that person will be issued a credential upon joining DSA before May 30, 2021, however these members will not be counted when determining their chapter’s delegate apportionment. If they fail to join DSA before May 30, 2021 they will not be issued credentials and the chapter will be responsible for determining a replacement before the registration deadline on June 5, 2021. All official chapters receive weekly membership lists.
6. Each Local delegation shall designate a chair who shall be responsible for official communications with the Convention Secretary.

Convention Organization

Committees

7. The Convention committees shall consist of the following:

- a. a Resolutions Committee, to be appointed by the NCC, to manage all submitted constitutional amendments and resolutions. They shall work to reconcile any submissions that are out of order or beyond the scope or powers outlined in the YDSA constitution. (E.g. amendments that attempt to define powers outlined in the DSA constitution or resolutions that attempt to prescribe actions to DSA, both of which would be outside of the powers of the Convention.) The Resolutions Committee shall also work with sponsor(s) who submit similar or overlapping submissions in the interest of developing a single mutually agreeable submission for all sponsors. The Resolutions Committee may propose steps to facilitate consideration of resolutions, including but not limited to appointing small groups to redraft or combine resolutions, preferably in advance of the convention, and in consultation with the sponsors. The Resolutions Committee will structure the order in which resolutions are to be considered, the time allotted to each, and the number of speakers pro and con, taking into account the priorities expressed by the delegates in the poll (see Rule 24). They shall also submit a Consent Agenda to the convention based on the results of the poll, consisting of resolutions for immediate adoption and to be deferred to the NCC in the interest of time. A vote of 20% or more of the full delegated strength of the Convention may bring to the plenary for discussion and vote any resolution or amendment submitted by the deadlines specified in rules 19 and 23, but not recommended to the convention by the Resolutions Committee.
- b. a Credentials Committee, appointed by the NCC. They will finalize the list of delegates for the convention and make sure that all delegates submitted by chapters are eligible to attend. The Credentials Committee will work with national staff to confirm the membership statuses of each delegate and alternate and will communicate this information to chapter delegation chairs, and will work with them to bring any non-eligible delegates and alternates into good standing by the deadlines laid out elsewhere in these rules. At the opening of the convention the Credentials Committee will provide a Temporary Roster of Delegates for approval by the convention.
 - i. The Credentials Committee will also oversee any credentials challenges. Any challenges to credentials must be submitted to the national office no later than Sunday, June 19, 2022 and will be forwarded to the Credentials Committee for consideration. At the opening of the convention the Credentials Committee will report on any credentials challenges and provide their recommendation concerning them. There shall be no more than one speaker for and one speaker against each credentials challenge. The delegates listed on the Temporary Roster of Delegates shall vote on the Credentials Committee's recommendations, except that no delegate may vote on a challenge to their own credentials. Upon acceptance of the Credentials Committee those persons listed on the Temporary Roster of Delegates who are not subject to successful credentials challenge shall become the Permanent Roster of Delegates.
- c. a Convention Planning Team, appointed by the NCC, which is responsible for coordinating with the national office, the DSA Convention Planning Team, and Resolutions Committee

around logistics and developing a final schedule for the Convention, pending approval from the Convention itself. This includes developing the programming around plenary sessions, workshops, and strategy sessions.

- d. a Presidium, to be confirmed by the Convention, whose duties shall include interpreting the the rules of the convention (see Rule 26 and 27), designating chairs for each Convention session, conducting the elections of members to the National Coordinating Committee and all other elections requiring a written ballot, and for making recommendations to the Convention on any challenges made to any election. The outgoing NCC may propose a slate for the Presidium for the Convention. The Convention Secretary shall be an ex-officio member of the Presidium.
- e. a Styles Committee, to be elected by Convention, to meet after the Convention is concluded which shall be responsible for compiling all adopted constitutional amendments and drafting them into a revised copy of the YDSA Constitution as amended by the Convention. This committee's aim is to incorporate the language of adopted amendments into the constitution in the interest of consistency and clarity. They will submit their draft to the NCC within six weeks of the conclusion of the Convention for the NCC to review and adopt. The Presidium may propose a slate for the Styles Committee for the Convention to adopt.

Recording

- 8. The NCC shall appoint rotating notetakers responsible for keeping the official record of the Convention.
- 9. The National YDSA Organizers and the Conventions and Conferences Organizer shall be responsible for convening Convention committees and act as a liaison between all Convention committees and the national office.

Voting

- 10. A quorum of the Convention shall consist of fifty percent plus one of the registered delegates and seated alternate delegates.
- 11. An accredited alternate delegate may be seated for a delegate temporarily or permanently. The permanent seating of an alternate must be reported immediately to the Credentials Committee.
- 12. Each delegate and seated alternate shall be entitled to one (1) vote on all questions coming before the Convention, except that each chapter delegation may vote its full strength provided that no individual casts more than three votes unless authorized to do so by the Convention.
- 13. All questions to the Convention shall be decided by majority vote of the delegates and seated alternate delegates present and voting, except where a specified super-majority vote is required by the Constitution. A motion to suspend rules will require a two-thirds majority vote. All other procedural motions shall require a majority vote, except where otherwise provided in the Rules.
- 14. At the chair's discretion, unanimous consent may be used to expedite business. Such motions will be considered adopted unless there is an objection by a minimum of 10 seated delegates.
- 15. No secret ballot shall be conducted. All votes other than election of officers shall be by hand with Voting Cards. The Chair of the Convention session shall determine the results of hand votes and report

the results to the Convention Secretary as well as announcing it to the convention session. A vote will be recounted at the request of one-third of delegates or seated alternates, or if in the judgment of the Chair it is warranted due to closeness of the initial count. The Chair reserves the right to exercise discretion in the event of a recount. The Chair shall appoint such tellers as needed to assist in the counting of the vote.

16. Roll call votes shall be conducted at the request of thirty percent of the delegates and seated alternates present and voting, and shall consist of a recorded vote by delegation.

Plenary Procedure

17. Only delegates, seated alternate delegates, 2021-2022 NCC members, and DSA staff members may speak on questions coming before the Convention in plenary session. Speakers on all motions shall be limited to three minutes, unless the convention accepts a different limit.
18. No additional amendments will be accepted from the floor of the Convention. Only primary and secondary amendments submitted and distributed in advance will be heard.

Procedural Authority

19. Except as provided in these Rules, or the Constitution, the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the proceedings of the Convention.
20. Presidium shall be the sole interpreter of the Convention Rules.
21. Any delegate or seated alternate may appeal any ruling of the Presidium. In such instance, the person making the appeal may speak for up to two minutes to advocate the appeal and the Chair may speak for up to two minutes to defend the ruling. No other debate shall be permitted. The ruling of the Chair may be overturned by a vote in favor of the appeal by a majority of delegates and seated alternates present and voting.

Submissions

22. The national office will hold at least one (1) informational call open to all members conducted over Zoom about the submissions process and NCC elections before May 1, 2022..
23. All proposed amendments to the constitution and resolutions shall have a sponsor and at least four(4) additional cosponsors. All sponsors and cosponsors must be members. Proposed amendments and resolutions shall be submitted via a digital form to the Resolutions Committee no later than June 13, 2022. The national office shall make the digital form for submissions available through the national website.
24. Resolutions should consist primarily of statements of policy or outlines for organizational activity. This may include campaign initiatives, the formation of national bodies, direction for local activity or structure, or statements of support that may help guide the NCC in their direction of the affairs of the organization.
25. All constitutional amendments and resolutions shall be submitted electronically to the Resolutions Committee.
26. The Resolutions Committee shall submit a report to the national office containing all primary submissions in time for their inclusion in the May Members' Bulletin.

27. Amendments to submissions shall be submitted digitally no later than June 13, 2022. The Resolutions Committee shall work to reconcile any out of order or overlapping submissions as it sees fit under the same guidelines enumerated in Rule 7, Section A. Sponsors of the original submission may decide whether or not they consider an amendment to their submission to be friendly.
28. After June 13, 2022, the national office shall distribute to all Convention delegates an online form listing all constitutional amendments and all resolutions, each resolution grouped together with its proposed amendments as a single item. The delegates will be allowed at least 48 hours to rank the items in terms of which should be allotted the most time for debate. The Convention Planning Team will allot greater time for debate and earlier scheduling to those with higher priority, unless a logical need to vote on some item before another demands different ordering. The Resolutions Committee shall submit a report to the National Office containing all primary and secondary submissions no later than June 21st for their inclusion in the Final Member's Bulletin to be distributed at the Convention.

NCC Elections

29. In order to be considered an eligible candidate for the NCC, a candidate must:
- a. Be a member (as defined in Rule 1)
 - b. Receive no fewer than five (5) nominations from individual members with at least one (1) being from outside of their chapter.
 - c. Be 29 years of age or younger.
 - d. Review and agree to the YDSA Collective Accountability Agreement.
 - e. Accept their nomination by submitting the NCC Candidate Questionnaire
30. All candidates for NCC are expected to comply with the rules outlined in the YDSA and DSA constitutions and bylaws and publicly disclose any past or current political affiliations upon acceptance of their nomination that may be reasonably considered pertinent to the conditions of their election.
31. Candidates who are eligible for nomination and receive the adequate number of nominations will be asked to accept their nomination in the form of a digital candidate questionnaire submitted to the national office. Eligible candidates for NCC will be asked to report how they self-identify for the purposes of parity. All information collected via this digital form will be made available to the membership. This questionnaire will also ask candidates to declare either for the office of "Co-Chair" or "At-Large".
32. The deadline for submission of nominations for the NCC shall be the end of Monday, June 13, 2022.
33. The names of all candidates, along with their answers to the candidate questionnaire, will be published and distributed in the final Convention Bulletin, along with their nominations. If their nominations exceed five (5), only the first five (5) nominations chronologically will be published.
34. The national office will be responsible for confirming eligible candidates and their inclusion in the Convention Bulletin.

35. Contested elections for office shall be conducted by online ballots.
36. The election for the NCC Co-Chairs shall be conducted by Borda ranked-choice voting and the election for the NCC At-Large Members shall be conducted by Scottish single transferable vote. Votes shall be conducted through and counted by OpaVote. All ballots from which the voter's preference can be clearly determined shall be counted. The candidate(s) with the highest scores, after the application of all parity requirements as stipulated by YDSA constitution have been applied, shall be declared elected. Ballots are not secret.
37. Co-Chair and At-Large candidate elections will be held separately. Candidates who run for election as Co-Chair who are not elected may be added to the pool of At-Large candidates if they so choose.

Resolutions Committee

Sumter Alton, Atlanta DSA

Michelle Fisher, Madison DSA

Shawn Hogan, Philadelphia DSA

Griffin Mahon, At-Large

Diego Morales, Chicago DSA

Autumn Pickett, At-Large

Presidium

Griffin Mahon, At-Large

Diego Morales, Chicago DSA

Autumn Pickett, At-Large

NCC Candidates

Co-Chair Candidates

Jake Colosa, New York University *Elected by Acclamation*

Self-identified White Nonbinary Person

Nominations (5 total)

Sayeh Jafari, *University of San Francisco*

Cyn Huang, *University of California Berkeley*

Winnie Marion, *New York University*

Alexandra Chan, *New York University*

Karishma Chari, *New York University*

Please describe your involvement with YDSA:

I joined YDSA as a freshman. I wasn't a socialist then, but through political education and organizing I realized that socialism was the only way we could build a just and sustainable world. For the next 2 years I served on my chapter's Organizing Committee, where I helped organize our COVID relief campaign and strike solidarity efforts for our graduate student union. Those campaigns engaged thousands of students on our campus, recruited dozens of new YDSA members, and developed the current generation of leaders in our chapter. I also gained invaluable experience and political education from my comrades as the YDSA representative on NYC-DSA's Steering Committee and as a member of Bread & Roses.

For the past year I have served as a member of YDSA's NCC. On the NCC I played an integral role in organizing the 2021 Fall Drive, the 2022 YDSA Conference, the YDSA Dues Drive, and Red Hot Summer. I also spearheaded the creation of the YDSA Mentorship Coordinating Committee and have worked to support and expand YDSA mentorship. These projects have helped grow YDSA's size and deepen the political and organizational skills of our members and I hope to expand on this work next year.

What do you see as YDSA's role in the broader socialist movement:

YDSA's primary role is to recruit and develop future generations of socialist and labor organizers. As a student organization, YDSA reaches people at a point in their lives when they are most amenable to socialist politics. High school and college students often find themselves with newfound independence, are curious about the world, and have a strong sense of right and wrong. It is crucial that an organization like YDSA exists to meet them at this point in their lives and introduce them to socialism to channel their energy towards building a better world. Furthermore, many students are unsure of or willing to change their future career plans. By introducing students to the labor movement, we can encourage them to take jobs in strategic sectors, where their organizing will have a greater impact on the economy, or give them the skills, knowledge, and connections to organize their workplaces after they graduate. As we recruit and develop members, we must fight to improve the material conditions for students and workers on our campuses. Organizing to improve our campuses will help us build strong coalitions with campus unions and organizations, and help YDSA members develop the skills they will need for future organizing.

How do you think the new NCC should prioritize national work:

The past few months have shown the importance of being flexible and meeting the political moment. Through the NCC's pivot to prioritizing labor organizing (through Red Hot Summer) and the fight for abortion rights (through the NOC), we have reached hundreds of students and are getting chapters ready to fight for the rights we deserve. Thus, above all, the NCC must prioritize flexibility and have regular discussions about the state of the student, labor, and socialist movements so we can best meet the energy of young people across the country.

Outside of meeting shifting political conditions, the NCC must continue to prioritize labor organizing. Labor is not one issue among many that we want to focus on, but the method by which students (and socialists) can build and wield power. A strong labor movement is imperative to our ability to win abortion rights, a green new deal, and all of the other issues we are fighting for. The NCC should also continue to support YDSA chapter campaigns and organizing through the NOC, cohorts, and mentorship program, as well as supporting political education at the national level. Through this work, we must prioritize recruiting and developing YDSA members as well.

What do you hope to accomplish as a member of the NCC:

On the NCC I hope to continue and expand on the work I started this year. This includes building out YDSA's mentorship program and integrating it more within our national committees and supporting labor organizing at the national and local level. I would also love to support projects that recruit and develop YDSA members, such as the Fall Drive and Winter Conference. These events are integral parts of YDSA and I hope to use my experiences planning them last year to make them bigger and better this year.

Furthermore, I would like to continue advocating for YDSA within DSA. YDSA received its first ever budget last year, but using these funds has been a confusing and at times difficult process. I want to fight to expand our budget so we can support chapter organizing work and provide stipends to national leaders to make the position more accessible to working class students and anyone that needs to work to put themselves through college. Fighting for a stronger YDSA is one of the main reasons I decided to run for Co-Chair, and I am excited to work with the NPC to support YDSA's crucial organizing and expand our organization next year.

Leena Yumeen, Columbia University *Elected by Acclamation*

Self-identified Woman of Color

Nominations (12 total)

James E-T, *University of Minnesota - Twin Cities*

Willem Morris, *Columbia University*

Bryan Chong, *Wesleyan University*

Kaya Colakoglu, *Dartmouth College*

Sheen Kim, *Dartmouth College*

Please describe your involvement with YDSA:

I joined YDSA in 2020 to co-organize the Columbia tuition strike, which mobilized 4,400 community members to support and strike for tuition reduction, fair bargaining with the SWC-UAW, and divestment from campus police, fossil fuels, and Israeli apartheid.

As an NCC member this year, I helped build the National Strategic Campaign Cohort program, which engaged over 70 chapters running campaigns for workers' rights, divestment, abolition, tuition reduction, and student service expansion. To support Dartmouth & Kenyon's union drives, I published two interviews with their campaign leaders in the spring. To support healthcare rank and file organizing, I presented about postgraduate salting opportunities to four chapters in the spring term. In March, I co-organized and spoke on a call with UK Young Labor and Australian Young Labor Left on the importance of socialist internationalism.

This summer, I have helped the NCC mobilize chapters for abortion by co-organizing a mass call and a chapter toolkit. I have also pushed YDSA organizers to consider the relationship between abortion organizing and reproductive labor through the Red Hot Summer program. Finally, I helped create the CURA Collective, a largely non-male and femme group of Resident Advisors advocating for fair pay and workplace democracy at Columbia.

What do you see as YDSA's role in the broader socialist movement:

To support the socialist movement, YDSA must build life-long organizers and engage those organizers in national projects that (1) build worker power and (2) support liberation for those oppressed on the axes of race, class, and gender.

To build life-long organizers, YDSA must create an intensive political education program that informs new members of the fundamentals of community and labor organizing. This includes training on 1-1 organizing conversations, mapping campus workplaces, establishing diverse chapter leadership, building coalition with on-campus and community organizations, and publishing political propaganda/writings that tie local conditions to a systemic analysis of the US elite and the working class.

To build worker power and support intersectional organizing, YDSA must build a coalition of undergraduate student worker unions and use those unions as vehicles to end the exploitation of FGLI and POC students on campuses, secure healthcare rights like abortion, commit to the internationalist struggle and BDS, divest from on-campus police units, stop the gentrification of local communities, and more. By doing this work, YDSA can both minimize the exploitation of young American workers and provide a model for radical class struggle after students graduate.

How do you think the new NCC should prioritize national work:

The NCC should prioritize national work by coordinating collective action across chapters in pursuit of common, national demands. To do this, NCC members should conduct 1-1s with leaders of strong campaigns over the past year, recruit them to national committees, and help coordinate the timing and messaging of their local actions to create an intersectional labor movement that fights for (1) a \$15 minimum wage, (2) undergraduate unionization, (3) fair contracts for unions, (4) divestment from police, fossil fuels, and Israeli apartheid, and (5) the expansion of reproductive services and abortion on campuses.

The next NCC must also work with DSA's NPC to advocate for views held by YDSA membership and create space for open political discussion about organizational priorities and ideologies. In this vein, caucus leaders should debate and discuss platforms publicly. Moreover, major controversies in the organization (such as the dissolution of the BDS working group) should be addressed before NCC & NPC members vote through informative statements from leadership and forums wherein all YDSA members can voice their opinions or make demands of national leadership.

Finally, the NCC should bolster the Activist as a place for thoughtful discussion on our organizational priorities, strategies, successes, and failures.

What do you hope to accomplish as a member of the NCC:

If elected to serve as the Co-Chair of the NCC, I would hope to:

- (1) Build a democratic relationship between YDSA and DSA by advocating for YDSA funding and membership stances in DSA's NPC meetings and advocating against authoritarian decision-making, such as the dissolution of the BDS WG.
- (2) Connect YDSA chapter leaders with movement mentors in DSA's working groups and coalition organizations (including EWOC, Students for Justice in Palestine, Cops Off Campus, and National Women's Liberation) to force intersectional organizing.
- (3) Support at least 140 chapters in running strategic campaigns. I aim to push at least 100 of these chapters to run disruptive campaigns for increased wages, workplace democracy, and campus worker unionization. I would also help the leaders of union drives coordinate collective action nationally and commit to the fights for abortion rights, healthcare access, BDS (Boycott, Divest, & Sanction Israel), abolition, and other related demands through bargaining.
- (4) Establish at least two intensive, poli-ed and organizing training programs for YDSA's student workers and organizers. These programs, similar to the Fall Drive and Red Hot Summer, would provide participants the skills necessary to have 1-1 conversations, promote diverse chapter leadership, map workplaces, build campus and community coalitions, publish propaganda, and unionize student workers.

At-Large Candidates

Andrew Basta, *University Of Chicago* **Not Elected**

Self-identified White Man

Nominations (6 total)

Niko Johnson-Fuller, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

Gabriel McAdams, *University of California Berkeley*

James E-T, *University of Minnesota - Twin Cities*

Nicholas Woodfin, *Hunter College*

Vivian Dai, *Boston University*

Please describe your involvement with YDSA:

I first joined YDSA at the end of 2018 having joined DSA a few months earlier and starting a chapter at my high school. In High School, our chapter focused mostly on opening spaces for political education as well as campaign work for Bernie in 2020. I had also joined the fledging YDSA Green New Deal Committee. In 2020, I began organizing to found a YDSA chapter at my school which we eventually built into a relatively well functioning chapter by spring quarter. This year we have now continued to build that chapter running our first strategic campaign to shift our academic calendar back to 10 weeks as well as build strong relationships with our local Graduate Students Organizing committee and the University of Chicago Labor Council (an abolitionist group that has representatives from various unions on campus) working together on various initiatives including a teamsters community support petition before contract negotiations and organizing a May Day march. This past year I've also been active in National YDSA as a co-chair of the NOC outreach subcommittee helping to launch the strategic campaign cohorts, and in the International Committee working to execute youth international work.

What do you see as YDSA's role in the broader socialist movement:

The primary task of YDSA should be to develop lifelong socialist organizers dedicated to building DSA. We must achieve this development of leaders through engaging in struggle at our schools and in our communities. Organizing in the workplace and in labor as student workers and in solidarity with campus labor is a prime site of struggle for which we must engage. In the workplace, we must also develop intentionally intersectional class struggle leveraging our power for oppressed and historically marginalized groups. YDSA's should also consider engaging in other terrains of struggle including running student pressure campaigns at the university level, adopting lessons from the BDS movement, as well as working with DSA chapters to organize things like tenants unions. For the carrying out of these struggles to build long term organization of the working class rather than merely campaigns without an end, we must center ourselves as socialists engaged in long-term struggle to build a new world. In this vein, YDSA specifically needs to be both ideologically and structurally integrated with DSA organizing around the same priorities decided by DSA's national convention and the NPC rather than an autonomous group.

How do you think the new NCC should prioritize national work:

Primely, the NCC must of course fulfill the will of convention in prioritizing national work approved by the convention but also must take organizational leadership in responding to our surrounding conditions. Within those constraints, I think the NCC must prioritize work that builds the organization of YDSA Nationally through establishing a grievance process (R6), expanding campaign cohorts (R11), and transforming the NOC into an broad layer of organizers from various sections of YDSA preventing siloes in our work and allowing for more cohesive national work (R12). I also think the NCC must prioritize our work that engages the historically marginalized communities intentionally as exemplified by R16 without structurally creating more siloed organizing spaces in YDSA. Lastly, the NCC should prioritize work that integrates us as a national body and our local chapters into DSA at-large. At the chapter level, R4 gets at this issue, although I believe electing a YDSA representative to serve as a voting member of the chapter steering committee is somewhat undemocratic and await amendments to that resolution. At a national

level, R10 works to integrate YDSA into the International committee in what I think can in the future become a model for connecting YDSA to DSA.

What do you hope to accomplish as a member of the NCC:

A lot! I think one large focus is to execute YDSA's international work. This past year, for various reasons, the international solidarity resolution passed at last year's convention was slow to be executed, but I believe that Internationalism is key for our work. We must actively learn from advanced socialist movements and mass parties across the world. I also believe the possibilities for radicalization out of internationalist politics and reckoning with the US's role as the imperial core offer possibilities for us as socialists to organize the working class as a collective political subject.

I also look forward to building the mentorship committee of DSA chapter leaders. I have served on my Local Chapter's (LHV DSA) steering committee for years and as a mid-sized chapter leader I think I'll be able to utilize my experience to support chapters in building YDSA capacity and integrating YDSA into DSA at-large.

Lastly, I hope to continue working with the NOC to build a truly inclusive and intentional body capable of developing leaders from across YDSA, supporting chapters engaged in struggle, and running strong campaign cohorts where chapters build relationships with each other building our consciousness as members of a national org.

Aron Ali-McClory, *University Of Florida* Elected

Self-identified Gender Fluid Person of Color

Nominations (6 total)

Sil Gamboa Marty, *University of Florida*

Alexander Quinn, *Santa Fe College*

Alex Franzblau, *Florida International University*

Nicholas Woodfin, *Hunter College*

Margot Grotland, *North Central High School*

Please describe your involvement with YDSA:

In the past year, I've had the pleasure of being a founding member of the University of Florida YDSA chapter, within which I have been very active as a leader, serving currently as Chair, and under our old system as Vice President and Secretary. While I've been a leader of UFYDSA, our chapter has grown from a handful of determined students to a strong organization that is a hundred members strong, fighting our conservative administration on a wide range of issues from academic freedom to reproductive rights.

As a representative of my chapter, I have had the honor of making YDSA a valuable partner to our local Gainesville community, where we are a respected coalition member that helps organize county wide candidate forums, mass protests, and other community oriented actions. Campaigns I've helped lead have engaged hundreds of students and community members, uniting both groups in tandem as we demand accountability from both UF and Gainesville proper.

YDSA has taught me never to back down from a challenge, whether it's speaking truth to power in our corrupt Student Government, or leafleting directly to UF's Board of Trustees, and it's something I'll never forget as I continue fighting for socialism!

What do you see as YDSA's role in the broader socialist movement:

As I see it, YDSA stands at the forefront of the American Left in terms of youth organizing. Both as the youth wing of DSA, and as something of its own in other cases, YDSA has proven not only to be an amazing proving ground for young organizers and future socialist leaders, but also an increasingly powerful force in and of itself. Despite the ways in which YDSA chapters and their members often have to bob and weave around university regulations and unyielding administrations, our movement has won serious victories not just on campuses, but in our communities too, which is a truly remarkable thing.

As DSA marches ever forward into the uncertain future of our country as the biggest socialist organization in the US, YDSA will undoubtedly serve an important role as a producer of proven and experienced organizers, and as its own conduit for change in campuses and the communities which they are intricately entwined to. A better world is possible, and leading us there will be a strong DSA likely led by alumni of change-making YDSA chapters, as well as those YDSA chapters themselves, already training the next generation of socialists to build our movement ever bigger.

How do you think the new NCC should prioritize national work:

Simply put, the NCC should both lead YDSA chapters and be guided by them in terms of the work the NCC prioritizes. What I mean by this is that the national work done by the NCC should be informed by the experience of those elected and the resources national has at its disposal, but should almost entirely be decided democratically based on what chapters need and want to see in terms of national level organizing. A fantastic example, in my opinion, is this year's successful Red Hot Summer program, which addresses the broad chapter level desire for a focus on labor organizing, while utilizing uniquely national level resources and reach for maximum impact.

Additionally, I deeply believe that developing and expanding infrastructure for national work must be heavily prioritized in order to facilitate even more coordinated action across the country on multiple issues according to the desires of the chapters. The National Organizing Committee (NOC) and cohort system have been great examples of how national could construct these new systems. Finally, I do believe that national must take certain steps of its own accord, such as prioritizing leadership development, to ensure that expanded or new infrastructure is used most efficiently.

What do you hope to accomplish as a member of the NCC:

On the NCC, I hope to help make changes to national YDSA to ensure that chapter leaders have the resources they need, on demand, to grow their chapters into the fierce and capable organizing hubs that they can be, regardless of size. Developing organizing kits, investing in basic leadership skills training, and building accessible national-level infrastructure would be part of my agenda to ensure that national is a truly capable resource for any chapter that needs it.

In my experience with YDSA, I have often seen the NCC as a distant body of higher, but relatively unknown, power. As an NCC member, I would work to close that gap between national YDSA and local chapters, increasing transparency and trust, so that any YDSA member knows about and can be involved in national work. Furthermore, I want to build infrastructure to help expand our national capacity and facilitate both regional and national projects.

Simply put, regardless of what the chapters decide should be on the list of national priorities, I want to work on the NCC to ensure that YDSA chapters have the resources they need to succeed, while ensuring national becomes an accessible but powerful tool for coordinating mass action.

Evan Caldwell, *University of Central Florida* *Elected*

Self-identified White Man

Nominations (5 total)

Enrique Escoto, *University of Central Florida*

Evannrue Cox, *University of Central Florida*

Fabian Ramirez Teccsi, *University of Central Florida*

Kevin Kurz, *University of Central Florida*

Jake Colosa, *New York University*

Please describe your involvement with YDSA:

For the past two years I have been a core member of YDSA at the University of Central Florida. My time with YDSA at UCF has been marked by consistent involvement in electoral struggles, strategic campaigns, and recently a large berth of labor actions. As a chapter we have swelled to over 135 dues paying members, and have dedicated ourselves to various programs, such as our clothing drives which distribute clothing to hundreds of queer, trans, nonbinary, and gender nonconforming individuals. I specifically have participated most in our membership outreach and expansion programs (helping to develop list work and dedicated onboarding procedures), our electoral campaign to protect the Florida 'Bright Futures' scholarship, and two recent labor drives – one of which being the Starbucks solidarity efforts that have swept the nation, and have now won in our community as well. My time on the UCF yDSA Steering committee has been invaluable in shaping my political agenda, as well as giving me experience administrating a large and diverse chapter running multiple concurrent campaigns. On the national level I was involved in the execution of the 2022 Winter Conference, specifically in the fundraising support, electoral panel, and electoral workshop track.

What do you see as YDSA's role in the broader socialist movement:

YDSA, as with countless other youth socialist movements throughout history, represents the most driven and committed left wing organizers in the country. This organization serves as an invaluable asset in linking new generations with the socialist movement and in training the organizers that will lead all of DSA in future. That being said, YDSA is not a book club. We are not merely what one does before they can join DSA. In actuality YDSA is a historic arm in the struggle for liberation, with chapters across this nation winning stunning victories despite the inherent limitations that come with student organizing. YDSA chapters routinely punch above their weight both in winning these struggles and in developing the best organizers this movement has to offer. YDSA also allows something fundamentally unique in this movement: as student organizers many of us come out of this organization ready to shape our lives around this struggle. Whether it be as rank and file members in the labor movement, as organizers building community with mutual aid, or as those challenging the state at the ballot box YDSA members can be the bonds that tie the new left together and give it the political will it needs.

How do you think the new NCC should prioritize national work:

The NCC, being empowered by the locals, should focus the effort of national on that which is already being done by chapters. Programs such as the various organizing cohorts and red-hot summer have been, and will continue to be, so successful due to their unprecedented buy in. We need a national body that prioritizes facilitating the work that locals are already doing or want to be doing, not the political agenda of those elected. To that end the National Organizing Committee (NOC) and National Labor Committee

(NLC) are bodies which must be strengthened and used to make a cohesive national infrastructure ready to grow this organization and facilitate its surging demand for coordinated action.

What do you hope to accomplish as a member of the NCC:

As a member of the NCC I hope to make sure that every chapter knows of, trusts in, and benefits from this national body. Especially as a southern organizer I have too often known those who see DSA national not as their political home, as they see their chapter, but some far off entity. We need every chapter to know and be able to reach an NCC member, regardless of that chapter's size, or proximity to a historical hub of organizing. Only when every chapter has been benefitted from national is this national project successful. As such we must prioritize identifying the needs of locals and ensuring their leaders are both trained in the basic skills necessary in any chapter, and also equipped with the resources necessary to win on the local level. Our most successful national initiatives are those that bring chapters together to learn from one another, developing a national strategy from the bottom up. Finally, we must invest in our leadership structures, uplifting the volunteer labor that makes this organization what it is. A focus not only on staff, but on the professionalization of our rank and file will drastically improve the capacity of our national bodies.

Harrison Cole, Wayne State University *Not Elected*

Self-identified White Nonbinary Person

Nominations (14 total)

Matthew Strupp, *University of Wisconsin - Madison*

Elijah Stepe, *Southern Illinois University Carbondale*

Carlos Campos Jr, *University of Houston*

Abhiram Prathipati, *Virginia Commonwealth University*

Edward Varda, *Ohio University YDSA*

Please describe your involvement with YDSA:

I joined my YDSA chapter when it first started in the fall of 2019. I've considered myself a leftist since Bernie's first campaign, but 2019 was my first time interacting with an organization. I became one of our first co-chairs, leading us during the General Motors strike, the 2020 Bernie campaign, as well as just plain establishing ourselves on campus. I stayed in leadership in different roles since then, and I'm currently still the chair of my chapter. We've grown to be the largest chapter in our area, meanwhile participating in and leading various initiatives such as support for LGBT and black rights, support for our labor unions, etc. I'm most proud of the fact my YDSA is the only student org part of our labor union coalition on campus; to which I've served as our representative for years, leading our labor committee. Our biggest campaign was a campus infrastructure campaign in coordination with the unions in 2020 that was cut short due to COVID. We plan to continue this campaign in the coming year. My most recent achievement was uniting the left groups on our campus, aiming to help the upcoming campaign and potentially integrate them into YDSA.

What do you see as YDSA's role in the broader socialist movement:

YDSA is the premier socialist youth organization in the United States. We are the place to be in the American socialist movement right now, and I don't see that changing in the near future. In my view, our primary role is to serve as a recruitment tool for DSA. As youths, many of us do not have established careers or families, but we do have time and energy. This allows us to participate in the various campaigns and initiatives that DSA is a part of, and we all know that combined we have more power than the capitalists. Alongside recruitment, our other extremely vital role is to provide political education and organizing experience to those new members. Both of these things allow our members to transition into DSA with a sound background in both theory and praxis. We are currently bearing the torch of the largest socialist youth movement in a century, and we shall continue until we fulfill the dream of a socialist United States, which is the only way to emancipate ourselves, and prevent a future of want and misery.

How do you think the new NCC should prioritize national work:

National work is vital to our movement. The United States is not an interconnected network of city-states or police departments. We are living in the most powerful imperialist country on the planet, whose influence pervades all things. While local work is also vital to our movement, neglecting national organizing is a mistake we can't afford in this political moment. The political crises the working class face are national and international in nature, and we need to have responses in kind. There is a lot to be done in our organization on a national level, and I believe that if it is done correctly, we will achieve much more than we have in the past. An example of a national campaign that we can be organizing around right now is the Supreme Court and Roe v Wade.

What do you hope to accomplish as a member of the NCC:

There is much to do within YDSA, and I have more than a few goals. Primarily, I will foster open, honest, and good faith debate within our organization, and I will make it easier for people to understand our organizational structure. At the moment a number of things are too opaque for too many of our comrades. I will strengthen our bonds with, and further integrate ourselves into, an arm of DSA. Something else that I would love to accomplish is the implementation of city-wide YDSA chapters. This gives us many more opportunities to organize, and people to organize with. We need better connections between our chapters in general. Additionally, I will continue to further our organization's important labor work, which is the most important work we can be doing as socialists.

Jasmine Yehia, *Hunter College* *Not Elected*

Self-identified White Cisgender Woman

Nominations (5 total)

Labiba Chowdhury, *City College*

Jake Colosa, *New York University*

Daniel Sapunkov, *Hunter College*

Georgina Iljazoski, *Hunter College*

Alex Pellitteri, *Hunter College*

Please describe your involvement with YDSA:

I joined the YDSA in August of 2021, the beginning of my freshman year. I went to weekly meetings and canvassed for the New Deal for CUNY, a bill that will make CUNY tuition-free. Toward the end of the second semester, we would canvass for the Good Cause Eviction bill.

Starting in January of 2022, I joined the organizing committee at Hunter YDSA as the outreach coordinator. In addition to my role in the YDSA, I am a student organizer for the CUNY Rising Alliance, a coalition, building a better and free CUNY. My main role was outreach to student leaders and helping organize student socials to allow more students to be involved with the New Deal for CUNY campaign.

Lastly, with my time outside of organizing for the New Deal for CUNY, I would canvass weekly for Illapa Sairitupac and for Phara Souffrant Forrest, two people endorsed by NYC DSA.

What do you see as YDSA's role in the broader socialist movement:

YDSA's role is to develop life-long socialists. To be more specific, when students join the YDSA the goal is to have active members who will continue being involved and eventually lead in organized efforts after they graduate high school and college.

Many students involved in YDSA are future teachers and nurses. Through the experience and knowledge they gained, they can help make their workplace more organized. It can start as tackling a small issue, such as having a longer lunch break. More specifically, for nurses, a major issue that YDSA members could possibly approach is nurse-to-patient ratios. Many employers overwhelm nurses with patients and are left with no liability insurance meaning if they make a medication error, they risk their license to practice being revoked and unemployment. Teaching people who will go into these professions to address these issues in their workplace is the goal for the active members. Moreover, the ultimate goal is to have a merging of the labor and socialist movement with YDSA playing a major role.

How do you think the new NCC should prioritize national work:

The new national coordinating committee should prioritize national work based on the relevant issues occurring in different regions. For example, Hunter YDSA focuses on the New Deal for CUNY, because of the impact it would have for CUNY students, like me, and for the adjunct professors that are severely underpaid across the city. Focusing on this issue will help with the rank and file strategy because it will remove a barrier, paying tuition, to many students who would want to become teachers and nurses.

More specifically, YDSA clubs should focus on campaigns that have the common goal of ending the working class struggle. To help local chapters with this goal, the NCC should help local chapters adopt campaigns similar to the New Deal for CUNY. It's crucial to run a campaign because it will allow members to have the skills to lead a campaign eventually.

What do you hope to accomplish as a member of the NCC:

As a member of the NCC, I hope to get more student nurses and teachers involved in the rank and file strategy to build a militant labor movement. As a nurse, I never realized the need for unions until you're in the workplace. They don't train newly graduated nurses how to do their job and eventually burn out only a few months to years in their career. Because of this, there is a nursing shortage, and to address the root of the problem, the implementation of the rank and file strategy is fundamental.

The aim is to get unorganized students who will become nurses and teachers to organize for a common goal: to organize workplaces across the country. To achieve this goal, the YDSA should emphasize the importance of the rank and file strategy to local chapters when working on different campaigns.

Kaya Colakoglu, Dartmouth College *Elected*

Self-identified Man of Color

Nominations (6 total)

Sheen Kim, *Dartmouth College*

Willem Morris, *Columbia University*

Berre Kahraman, *Dartmouth College*

Rebecca Nicol, *Dartmouth College*

Leena Yumeen, *Columbia University*

Please describe your involvement with YDSA:

I joined YDSA in the Spring of 2021. Since then, I co-founded a chapter at Dartmouth, the most conservative Ivy, and was its co-chair as it organized a Palestine Solidarity Coalition, put together the first Palestine protest on campus, re-launched the left-wing campus publication Dartmouth Radical, and successfully unionized student workers under the Student Worker Collective at Dartmouth, which within months won COVID sick pay for 1700 student workers and a 50% raise for 200+ dining student workers, almost all of whom are working class students of color.

After SWCD's success, I became involved with national YDSA, helping lead the Labor Cohort, and advising 40+ chapters from around the country interested in running labor solidarity and unionization campaigns. In a time of organizational crisis for undergraduate unions, I aggressively advocated for an overarching structure uniting existing undergraduate unions, and it was then that I faced the direness of the situation facing us as YDSA and the sore need for change. As part of this advocacy, I helped strategize SWCD's BDS (removing Sabra from dining halls) & immigration justice (making Dartmouth a sanctuary campus) advocacy, and am pushing YDSA as well as other unions to adopt an anti-imperialist campus-labor strategy.

What do you see as YDSA's role in the broader socialist movement:

As the youth section of the largest socialist organization in the US, YDSA is responsible for waging class struggle on campus and campus unto labor. The primary duty of YDSA chapters is setting up apparatuses (unions, coalitions, restructured student governments, and other forms that are yet to be discovered) that enable them to wage class struggle. These apparatuses address particular issues on campus, and YDSA activists use them to connect these specific issues to socialist, abolitionist, feminist, anti-imperialist analyses. Without these apparatuses, YDSA chapters fall into cycles of self-reproduction (and eventual obsolescence): membership retention, expansion, meetingism. Further, without a clear political analysis and shared vision, YDSA chapters lack the energy and direction to use such apparatuses to take action.

Through using these apparatuses, YDSA activists will expose students and student workers to the working class movement. Through intentional recruitment, we will win over student leaders to socialism. These apparatuses are a vital part of our rank-and-file strategy. Through campus struggle, we will train lifelong labor militants as well as socialists fighting in other terrains, who will be convinced of the necessity of working class hegemony over their respective terrains, and of the further necessity of weaving together their respective struggles.

How do you think the new NCC should prioritize national work:

I see all of our work as a harmonious whole. NCC must help chapters exit the cycle of self-reproduction through developing a program of building campus apparatuses. Part of this is the democratic development of programmatic documents, part of it is through bringing chapter leaders together, holding trainings (e.g. RHS, Cohorts), publishing propaganda, cultivating connections.

In a similar fashion, we need to help chapters utilize these apparatuses politically, to support nearby strikes, pass BDS, defend undocumented students, and fight for reproductive rights... This holistic approach is inseparable from our internationalist work, which integrates us fully into these struggles, and helps us learn from successful movements abroad. One thing we'll learn will be to lead by example—youth are at the forefront of social struggles worldwide, and their interventions in organizational matters are decisive.

YDSA has a diversity problem. This is a political problem. Through adopting this holistic approach, and organizing where we should be organizing, we'll make YDSA look like a proper people's organization. In short, YDSA will become a well-oiled force on college campuses capable of pulling off simultaneous multi-campus strikes/actions to win demands beyond the workplace be it cops off campus, BDS, abortion rights, and so on.

What do you hope to accomplish as a member of the NCC:

1. I want to, at least, triple the amount of undergraduate unions in the country. I want to set this movement on a properly socialist course. I want to make YDSA the political home of the student worker movement and recruit the most illustrious student worker leaders to YDSA.
2. In order to do this, I want us to adopt a leading stance on Palestinian liberation and internationalism. I'll utilize my existing connections with the Palestinian liberation movement in service of this. The largest undergraduate union in the country is refusing to join YDSA because of our weak response to the dechartering of the BDSWG. I will get this resolved.
3. I'll help YDSA develop a concrete and well-theorized campus-labor strategy. We know what this looks like in mid-sized private colleges (undergraduate student worker unions), we still have to work on how this applies to public universities, community colleges, HBCUs, commuter schools.
4. Finally, I'll help YDSA set up relations with well-established mass parties in the Global South, especially those regions most actively imperialized by the US. I'm a long-time member of the Workers' Party of Turkey, allied with the Peoples' Democratic Party. I will personally set up relations with such organizations in MENA.

Kayla Sharpe, Oakland University *Elected*

Self-identified White Nonbinary Person

Nominations (12 total)

Trey Cook, *University of Vermont*

Ian McClure, *Lawrence Technological University*

Audrey Elberger, *University of Michigan*

Lilac Lehman-Pace, *Oakland University*

Alex Pellitteri, *Hunter College*

Please describe your involvement with YDSA:

I became a dues-paying member of DSA my freshman year of college in 2019 and have been a member of Oakland University YDSA for 3 years—serving as vice-chair and chair for the past 2 years respectively. During my time in chapter leadership, I have played a role in organizing student canvasses to elect a DSA member to the Pontiac City Council, building YDSA membership through our recent faculty strike, fostering the growth of a new YDSA chapter in Metro Detroit, as well as preparing for our upcoming Fight for \$15 initiative for student workers. My largest priorities in YDSA leadership have been developing new leaders within our chapter as well as building an accessible political education program. Through this organizing, new members have developed great organizational and leadership skills, along with the confidence to execute them in facilitating tabling, one-on-ones, and meetings.

Alongside organizing with YDSA, I have been an active member of Metro Detroit DSA for 3 years and joined the Bread & Roses caucus this year. In our DSA chapter I have helped build our YDSA Coordination program and participated in facilitating meetings regarding labor and the importance of YDSA to the socialist movement.

What do you see as YDSA's role in the broader socialist movement:

I believe that YDSA's purpose is to recruit and train lifelong socialists, as well as build the pipeline for students to obtain rank-and-file jobs and work towards strengthening and democratizing the labor movement. YDSA is currently in a unique position to unite the worker's movement with the socialist movement—and by operating strategic campaigns and hosting meaningful political education sessions on our campuses, YDSA is aiding in building the necessary class-consciousness it will take to win our demands. We should strive to build the power and capacity necessary to do this all across the country. In order to build YDSA to its fullest potential, it is crucial to prioritize developing YDSA leaders in community colleges, high schools, and HBCUs. By helping students understand and utilize their power as current and future workers, YDSA is playing a fundamental role in revitalizing the American labor movement.

How do you think the new NCC should prioritize national work:

As demonstrated by the intense energy surrounding Starbucks, Amazon, and countless others, it is clear that labor should be among the top priorities of national work this year. To make our collective organizing the most effective, chapters should identify a strategic campaign to organize around, such as Labor Organizing, Cops of Campus, or Cost of Education. By strengthening the campaign cohort model of NCC priorities, chapters are provided with greater support in their individual campaigns. In national work, it is important to build a structure in which chapter members from across the country can communicate with each other to share strategy and advice regarding their chapter's campaigns. To make this work, it will

take strong initiative from the NCC to ensure that chapters are positively benefiting from these cohort spaces.

What do you hope to accomplish as a member of the NCC:

Above all, I aim to strengthen YDSA through getting chapters the resources they need to be successful. As a member of the NCC, I hope to aid in building a mass organization of working-class students, as well as mentor up and coming YDSA chapters and provide them with the intensive one-on-one support they deserve through the existing mentorship program. I also aim to strengthen chapters through assisting the development of strategic campaigns on their campuses. By identifying and power-mapping winnable campaigns, we are showing new and potential members that change is possible through joining Y/D SA. Finally, I would like to build YDSA's strength within DSA, both at the national and local levels. Through building new and supporting the existing YDSA coordination programs within our DSA chapters, YDSA members gain access to the support necessary to build lifelong socialists. On the NCC I would prioritize meeting with a region's YDSA and DSA leaders to facilitate trainings on building a strong and sustainable relationship centered around supporting the future leaders of the socialist movement. DSA at the national level can support YDSA through stipends and greater budget autonomy, and I am excited to build towards these goals with the new NCC.

Lance Jackson, *University Of California Berkeley* Elected

Self-identified Man of Color

Nominations (7 total)

Anthony Migliacci, *University Of California Berkeley*

Tate Oien, *University Of California Berkeley*

Gabriel McAdams, *University Of California Berkeley*

Charlie Muller, *Kenyon College*

Erik Hagstrom, *University Of California Berkeley*

Please describe your involvement with YDSA:

I became a member of YDSA in the summer of 2020 because it looked to me like a revolution was being born and I didn't want to miss any of it. My introduction to organizing came from phonebanking for Jackie Fielder and Prop 15. I was welcomed into DSA by a lovely network of mentors who helped me understand the role elections play in radical movements and introduced me to the labor movement. During my sophomore year I wrote canvassing scripts, taught lessons about racial capitalism, and attended Rank-and-File School where I realized I can make the biggest difference as rabble-rousing socialist teacher.

By my junior year, nothing occupied more of my brain than helping young people learn about socialism and I was elected co-chair of political education. That summer and fall I was a lead organizer in my campus' response to the UC tuition hikes. This was a short-lived campaign, and we made a tough transition to strike support; fortunately I organized reading groups on strategy in the youth, climate, and socialist movements that kept us from losing steam. It pays off to build spaces where brand-new people can contribute to the intellectual development of the whole chapter.

What do you see as YDSA's role in the broader socialist movement:

I believe only production-shuttering strikes have the power to force the hand of an uncaring ruling class. The way YDSA can have the biggest possible impact on the labor movement is by utilizing the majority of our membership to build wall-to-wall campus unions, while identifying the minority of our members who will commit to organizing in a strategic sector after graduation. A labor orientation does not mean limiting ourselves to ""bread-and-butter"" fights. All campaigns, from boycotting Israeli apartheid to demanding abortion access, require contacting the not-yet-political and teaching them to utilize their own leverage.

By perfecting a socialist analysis rooted in the actual experience of thousands of young people, I think YDSA can become the voice of generation. Not every young person will join YDSA, but if everybody knows a YDSA member and every YDSA member is versed and true to the cause, then we just might have a permanent impact on Gen Z's political vocabulary. This requires us to build our democratic identity. That really just means we all understand why we're in the org, and we get together and talk and about it a whole lot, and those conversations bear fruit by leading to collective action.

How do you think the new NCC should prioritize national work:

I think leadership development is an incredibly sensitive but key task that the new NCC should put at the forefront. Having "capacity" means more than having members: it means having members who can facilitate a meeting and schedule ActionNetwork events. The NCC must ensure that committees are structured such that information and skills are distributed across the membership, which creates organic leaders. It's also important that the NCC strive to organize frequent, well-attended national calls. We get a

sense of our power when we get together as a whole organization: we remember we are not dozens, but thousands. Keeping a permanent relationship between members and national through regular calls is a key way to recruit to national committees and expand our capacity further.

What do you hope to accomplish as a member of the NCC:

I want to do everything I can to encourage DSA chapters to play an active role in developing YDSA chapters in their area. The mentorship experiences I had with DSA members made me into the organizer I am. In addition to promoting one on one mentorship, I hope to set up calls with chapter leaders and help them brainstorm activities like job fairs that bring YDSAers from different campuses together.

As a future teacher, I will find every opportunity to promote the struggles that are taking place in our public schools. It's my priority to build up our contact list of teacher activists who can be invited to panels and strategy calls. In particular, I want to propose an event on how LGBT teachers are fighting for free speech and to protect trans students. It's especially important that we support high schoolers in the org who are already battling anti-trans legislation.

Lastly, I hope to promote the growth of The Activist as an effort to continue strengthening our organization's democratic identity. As an NCC member I will rely on The Activist both to hear perspectives of the membership and to communicate the goings on of leadership.

Margot Grotland, North Central High School *Elected*

Self-identified White Woman

Nominations (5 total)

Kate Weaver, *North Central High School*

Aron Ali-McClory, *University of Florida*

Harrison Cole, *Wayne State University*

Sarandon Elliott, *University of Virginia*

Kentaro Goldfinger, *North Central High School*

Please describe your involvement with YDSA:

I joined YDSA during my sophomore year of high school. I then started the process of forming a YDSA chapter at my high school in 2021, which was officially recognized in early 2022. I currently serve as co-chair of North Central High School YDSA.

Through my high school's YDSA chapter, I have led political education programs, readings, and discussions. I have also organized an eviction prevention campaign in conjunction with my local DSA chapter to give tenants resources regarding their rights, persuade them to attend their court date, and connect them with rental and legal assistance. Recently, my high school's chapter has been mobilizing around reproductive justice.

In April, I attended the YDSA national conference in Chicago. Currently I am co-chair of the Fall Drive committee and a member of the Central Indiana DSA's labor committee.

What do you see as YDSA's role in the broader socialist movement:

I believe that YDSA's role in the broader socialist movement is to develop lifelong socialists. To achieve this, YDSA must support chapters through leadership changes as students graduate, as well as facilitate members' transition from YDSA to DSA after graduation. Creating strong mutual relationships between YDSA chapters and their local DSA chapters is a major component of this.

YDSA also plays a unique role in the socialist movement through organizing working class students and connecting the socialist movement and the labor movement. I believe YDSA must educate young socialists on rank-and-file strategy so they are prepared to organize on campus and after graduation.

This early education will help drive more members into rank-and-file jobs in strategic sectors, placing trained socialist labor organizers into the workforce to help rebuild trusted, socialist leadership in unions. Building a strong working class is key to winning socialism.

How do you think the new NCC should prioritize national work:

Given the recent growth of YDSA and DSA membership, I believe the NCC should prioritize supporting new and established YDSA chapters to become more connected to and involved in national campaigns and cohorts in order to successfully organize and execute national movements.

The increase in labor organizing in the United States is an opportunity for YDSA to encourage and train our members to enter strategic industries in order to build working class power. The NCC should prioritize labor organizing by educating YDSA members on rank-and-file strategy and mobilizing them to rebuild the labor movement and a strong working class. Furthermore, reproductive justice in the aftermath of Roe v. Wade's repeal should be another major priority for the NCC.

What do you hope to accomplish as a member of the NCC:

As a member of the NCC, I hope to ensure that YDSA chapters become more connected nationally and more involved in national work through campaigns and cohorts. On a local level, I want to build stronger relationships between YDSA chapters and their local DSA chapters. Both of these goals are key to developing an effective pipeline from YDSA to DSA and create lifelong, active socialists.

I also hope to increase YDSA's focus on improving member education and training for labor organizing, as introducing our members to rank-and-file strategy is important to on-campus labor organizing and organizing after graduation.

Nicholas Woodfin, Hunter College *Not Elected*

Self-identified White Nonbinary Person

Nominations (9 total)

Enrique Escoto, *University of Central Florida*

Niko Johnson-Fuller, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

Sarandon Elliott, *University of Virginia*

Tom Julstrom, *University of Minnesota Duluth*

Evan Caldwell, *University of Central Florida*

Please describe your involvement with YDSA:

I joined Hunter College YDSA in Spring semester 2021. We adopted the ND4C campaign which transformed our chapter into a serious body of organizers. The following semester I was the Secretary of our Chapter. I also joined the National Organizing Committee (NOC) which is where the majority of my organizing work takes place.

I have been a core member of the NOC for the last two semesters and served a large role in the implementation and experimentation of the National cohort strategy as well as behind-the-scenes work. The cohorts brought around 70 chapters together to interact with national and other chapters to talk about their similar campaigns, offering support, and suggestions and, creating greater cohesion overall. My time on the Committee has given me a large and broad view of YDSA national and a working knowledge of its systems. It has also given me consistent exposure to the NCC and its members giving me insights into the NCC that I would never have had otherwise. It has also allowed me to work with staff on the Bootcamp seminar. This education has made me value National and inspire me to make it the best it can be.

What do you see as YDSA's role in the broader socialist movement:

While a degree of autonomy is necessary for YDSA to be able to serve its unique conditions, ultimately YDSA should be an integrated part of DSA proper. DSA has a far larger membership base than YDSA but our youth wing contains a more active general membership of young people wishing to dedicate themselves to socialist organizing.

This makes YDSA a perfect leadership pipeline into DSA. DSA's lifelong membership model and YDSA's quick turnover rate make YDSA a potential institution that produces well-trained organizers that can take their skills into greater DSA. However, for this to work we must encourage programs like the mentorship team that actively create the bridge between DSA and YDSA and allow us to retain some of DSA's most valuable organizers.

How do you think the new NCC should prioritize national work:

A major challenge facing National is its lack of communication and cohesion. Unfortunately, a large number of YDSA's members either have no connection to or outright distrust National. I attribute these problems to our poor infrastructure. With poor infrastructure, we cannot support chapters or properly understand the conditions of our chapters. While we have grown tremendously, we have yet to consolidate our organization and it limits the ability for mass mobilization.

Our rapidly declining conditions and the past events that have caught us off guard like the Ukraine invasion, demonstrate the need for more forward planning in our organization and meeting the conditions of our moment. To survive a country with decaying respect for civil rights, the NCC needs to protect and support our organizers in harsh conditions and have plans for potential crises, this could be anything from the college demographics cliff to the banning of Socialist Organizations.

We should support the momentum of our existing focuses like labor and treat that as our sword but we need to develop a shield to endure these volatile times. A strong YDSA is a prepared and unified organization that communicates with and respects the whole organization regardless of niche.

What do you hope to accomplish as a member of the NCC:

Objectives:

1. Build Forward Planning Working Group in the NCC. This would be a working group dedicated to gathering Intel and monitoring the current political circumstances and how it impacts us. This would give us the tools to prepare ourselves with the right information to create appropriate plans and reactions to current events and trends. This is critical because the political situation continues to deteriorate and we can be ruined if we don't start preparing for the future.
2. Developing safety measures to protect our organizers.
3. Developing trust in National
4. Developing bureaucratic and communication infrastructure for National, and promoting a culture that seeks to represent all regions and chapters. This includes a program to develop training based on particular broad conditions, I. E. A Commuter School Training, Rural Training, Hazard Training. As well as the continued development and growth of the cohort strategy and data collection.
5. Protecting the Momentum of the Labor Movement in YDSA.
6. Fostering relationships between YDSA and other organizations to make allies and integrate with broader communities in our work with methods like mutual aid.

Niko Johnson-Fuller, *University Of Illinois Urbana-Champaign* *Not Elected*

Self-identified White Man

Nominations (7 total)

Niko Johnson-Fuller, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

Csilla Moran, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

Diego Lopez, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

Leah Tritabaugh, *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*

Andrew Basta, *University of Chicago*

Please describe your involvement with YDSA:

I have been active within my local YDSA chapter at UIUC since I began attending two years ago, including a year as co-chair. Much of my work has been rebuilding my chapter as COVID-19 and other factors lead us to having mostly vacant leadership, zero functioning committees and working groups, and no real goals or campaigns. I have worked alongside my comrades at UIUC to build a chapter with a revitalized group of new leaders, consistently expanding committees and working groups, an established grievance process, and a community of socialists ready to work together to make change. Alongside this work building up my chapter, I have helped us successfully build a coalition with other social justice, socialist and labor organizations on campus, co-organized a fossil fuel divestment campaign which engaged 1,000+ students, and successfully passed resolutions in our student government which were part of the statewide #NoAmerenShutoffs campaign - winning 5 utility shutoff moratoriums and 195 million dollars to protect people in need. Recently I have been becoming more involved in YDSA at a national level, joining the NOC and co-authoring R6, which creates a national grievance body to assist YDSA chapters.

What do you see as YDSA's role in the broader socialist movement:

YDSA's role is as an integrated part of DSA, the organization best suited to lead the socialist movement. Integration means increased coordination with the projects and infrastructure of DSA at a national and local level. YDSA is an important part of building DSA into a mass working class organization through bringing working class young people into DSA and building them into established cadre. One important way this is done is through local campaigns. These campaigns can build organization, develop leaders and win key demands, and their nature depends on local conditions, ranging from working with DSA campaigns to working on campus or youth level.

It is also essential that YDSA is an inclusive and open space for young people (including non-students). While our focus on campuses is understandable, we must also work to include the millions of working class young people who are not in school. To build a YDSA open to all youth, we must embrace the interconnectedness of the struggles of all marginalized people as one which is inherently tied to the struggle for socialism. YDSA must also be a place for community, practicing mutual aid, and working to make our organizing space safe.

How do you think the new NCC should prioritize national work:

The NCC's main priority needs to be supporting our YDSA chapters. The NOC and NLC's campaign cohorts are a great example of this, helping chapters connect with comrades nationwide running similar campaigns. From this chapters working in different conditions can learn how we can most effectively win demands and build power. Supporting labor organizing, especially on our campuses and surrounding communities, must also continue to be a priority. We must work to build an intersectional socialist and

internationalist labor movement, committed to liberation everywhere. These tasks can only be accomplished by building up the national infrastructure of YDSA and supporting our national committees. However, the NCC's role is not only to support chapters and build national infrastructure, but also to cultivate an internal environment which encourages engagement with YDSA nationally. This means enhancing transparency around what actions our leadership is taking and the discussions they are having. The NCC must prioritize regular updates available to all YDSA members, and include communication on the NCC's work as well as YDSA Co-chairs engagement with DSA's NPC. Also essential to making our internal environment healthy is supporting chapters to develop grievance processes, as outlined in R6.

What do you hope to accomplish as a member of the NCC:

As a member of the NCC, along with continuing to work with the NOC and supporting YDSA's priorities established at the convention, I intend to focus on improving transparency and communication in YDSA as well as building up infrastructure to assist YDSA chapters set up grievance process and ensure healthy organizing spaces.

Without proper communication and transparency many YDSA members feel disconnected from national organizing. In order to build our organization, this communication and transparency must be a priority. The first steps for this include sharing NCC meeting minutes and the ability to RSVP for NCC meetings (both of which passed in a resolution at last year's convention), as well as regular communication to all YDSA members regarding the current actions and priorities of the NCC.

If chapters are unable to effectively and fairly deal with interpersonal conflict, including harassment and more serious issues, it will be detrimental to our organization. For this reason I will also prioritize supporting chapters to set up grievance infrastructure, ideally through R6's proposed national grievance body. Some initial steps for this include creating a template for chapter constitutions and setting up a way for chapters to contact experienced DSA/YDSA grievance officers for assistance.

Sam Hopwood, Albany High School *Not Elected*

Self-identified White Man

Nominations (6 total)

Alexandra Chan, *New York University*

Sarandon Elliott, *University of Virginia*

Dahlia Wilson, *Reed College*

Ali Noorzad, *Diablo Valley College*

Rafi Ash, *Amherst Regional High School*

Please describe your involvement with YDSA:

Following the suspension of Bernie Sanders' 2020 campaign for President, I felt incredibly powerless. I felt disillusioned with the system, and flattened under the boot of a world I thought would never budge an inch to the left. But I also recognized that intense political apathy wouldn't bring Bernie back, and that, in order to make any real change, I had to find some way to turn my anger into action. So like many other teenagers at the time, I opened my school e-mail, clicked a couple of links, and joined my school's YDSA.

Despite being an extremely new member of my school's YDSA chapter, I was a fervent organizer, and, for it, was elected as an alternate to represent my chapter at the 2021 Summer Convention, and later became a co-president of my chapter at the end of my Junior year.

But I didn't stop there. Soon after the end of my Junior year, I joined YDSA's National Political Education Committee, during which time I have served as an editor for *The Activist*, an organizer for the wildly successful High School organizing calls, and an active participant in the creation of many, many other NPEC materials and events.

What do you see as YDSA's role in the broader socialist movement:

It's no secret that students and other young folk have, historically, been the backbone of political and social movements nationwide. From the Civil Rights movement to the antiwar movement to the Free Speech movement (which took place right in my own backyard at UC Berkeley!), the young people of America have consistently spurred change in their communities, and, in many ways, moved the country left. I believe that the same is true for the role of youth in the Socialist Movement.

But you can't harness this zeal from individual students alone. To truly make the most of young people's involvement in the socialist movement, they must be effectively recruited, educated, and organized towards clear common goals in a way that is both purposeful, intersectional, and representative of the movement as a whole.

I believe that the YDSA is the organization that is best suited to getting such an important task done. Should it perform its function effectively, it will give way to a generation of socialist organizers that are tenacious, dedicated, unified, and committed to changing the system for the better through all avenues. In short- IT WILL LET US WIN.

How do you think the new NCC should prioritize national work:

In my mind, there are two things that the NCC should prioritize in terms of national work.

First, I believe it is imperative that the new NCC cultivate our expansive recruitment base through campaigns that break new ground in terms of where and how we recruit, opening up new organizing frontiers in areas of the country that many socialists may have thought to be too difficult to recruit in. America is a big place, and if we aren't going all in on recruiting from community colleges, high schools, and the reddest of the red states, we aren't making the most out of our rapidly growing movement.

Second, I believe that the new NCC must also prioritize national work that brings the interests and activities of the socialist movement much more in line with the interests and activities of the labor movement. I endorse all efforts by the new NCC that would work to support the Rank and File Strategy, which I believe is crucial for the success of our movement.

What do you hope to accomplish as a member of the NCC:

As a member of the NCC, I hope to accomplish a number of high-profile goals, grouped together in what I like to call the GAP (Growth & Power) plan. If elected to the NCC, I would spearhead this plan, which would

- Increase the support and expansion of High School and Community College YDSAs.
- Organize official regional YDSA bodies in order to better help organize chapters around region specific collaborations.
- Encourage, train, and support YDSA members who choose to run for positions in their student government at University.
- Improve YDSA's social media presence through high-quality viral content
- Implement the Rank and File strategy

Taylor Clark, *University Of California Santa Barbara* Elected

Self-identified White Man

Nominations (6 total)

Edward Schmidt, *University of California Santa Barbara*

Alex Lopes, *University of California Santa Barbara*

Lance Jackson, *University of California Berkeley*

Caela Erickson Imbrogno, *University of California Santa Barbara*

Neel Tripathi, *University of California Santa Barbara*

Please describe your involvement with YDSA:

I was first drafted into the class war in 2019 when I began knocking on doors for Bernie Sanders. Like so many others, Bernie fundamentally transformed my political consciousness from that of an apathetic liberal to a raging class warrior. But, while campaigns end, the struggle continues. After March 2020, I pushed our Students for Bernie chapter to join YDSA and was elected Co-Chair immediately after. Despite the first 18 months of our chapter's existence being in the middle of a global pandemic, over the past two years, we've grown from a small cell of Bernie veterans to a thriving YDSA chapter with over 60 members and a whole new generation of chapter leaders. To accomplish that, we organized around issues from housing and houselessness to pandemic relief and over-policing - and of course, labor solidarity. If my past two years as a founding Co-Chair of UCSB YDSA and one year as a field organizer in SRU-UAW have taught me anything, it's that the only way to enact the transformative change that we as socialists are looking for is by organizing the working class. Despite our still limited involvement in labor, working-class power has yielded by far our most significant victories.

What do you see as YDSA's role in the broader socialist movement:

To quote Antonio Gramsci, our time is one in which "the old world is dying, and the new world struggles to be born." His words ring true today more than they have ever before in history - life on Earth is being eaten alive by Capitalism's relentless drive for profit. Meanwhile, the basic foundations of liberalism's gilded democracy are being undermined by the incompatibility of genuine democracy - in which the people rule - with a society like ours in which the rich rule.

Joe Biden and the Democrats are unfit to meet the challenge, if anything they are complicit in its creation. Marx had it right when he called the working class Capitalism's gravediggers: we are the only class with the interest and the power to destroy Capitalism. Yet, most of the American Left today is more concerned with fundraising for Democrats or NGOs than with organizing workers. YDSA on the other hand has already trained a generation of organizers who will be committed to the class struggle unionism we need to rebuild the labor movement - organizers who have already won student-workers unions from Dartmouth to the University of California. If we're Capitalism's gravediggers, then it's past time we started digging.

How do you think the new NCC should prioritize national work:

The NCC and YDSA staff should make labor organizing a top priority. The outstanding success of programs such as Red Hot Summer and several successful unionization campaigns among undergraduate workers demonstrates there is a clear appetite for this work among our membership and our base. Towards this end, next year we should have programs on everything labor - organizing workshops on

how to talk to your coworkers, political education on the history of the American labor movement, building networks of rank-and-file organizers that graduating YDSAers can be plugged into, and more.

We also must secure the necessary resources to make these projects successful. This means we need significant staff time dedicated to labor at the national level, and to ensure that chapters have access to sufficient support at the local level. We need DSA chapters to match funds for YDSA fundraisers and put YDSA representatives in leadership so that DSA chapters are bought into the project of building our youth wing rather than being siloed off from YDSA entirely. To accomplish this, our NCC will need to commit significant capacity towards connecting YDSA and DSA chapter leaders and help YDSA chapter leaders pass the needed bylaw changes in local chapters.

What do you hope to accomplish as a member of the NCC:

On YDSA's National Coordinating Committee, I will be a force for labor, class-struggle organizing, and democracy in YDSA. We often have trouble implementing decisions we make at conventions due to a lack of capacity - the only way to counteract this problem is by giving YDSA organizers the tools we need to succeed. This means national leaders need to be given stipends so that they are no longer forced to balance being students and workers with also being leaders in the largest socialist youth organization in the country, allowing them to make YDSA their priority. It also means that YDSA staff must be formally accountable to our elected leaders and membership, not only theoretically so. When staff work plans line up with our members' priorities, it not only ensures that those projects will happen but goes a long way toward making those projects successful.

As a member of the NCC, I will work in YDSA and DSA to make stipends and staff accountability happen. I will also leverage my experience as a socialist and labor organizer to give practical and effective advice to our comrades engaged in labor work and to new chapters that need help getting off the ground.

Consent Agenda and Order of Business

Consent Agenda ([View Poll Results Here](#))

R1. Resolution on Better Compiling Resolution

R5. Resolution for Graduate Retention

R6. Establishing a Council of HGOs to Advise YDSA Leaders

R11. National Strategic Campaign Cohorts

R18. Recommitting to The Activist*

**Note: (This resolution was one vote short of 66% in the consent agenda poll, but the Resolutions Committee decided to include it)*

Friday night deliberation – 2.5 hours

R7. Developing Leaders in YDSA

Amendment R7-1

R12. The National Organizing Committee

A2. Amendment to Improve YDSA Democracy

A3. Programmatic Unity in YDSA

Amendment A3-1

R2. National Labor Strategy

Saturday morning deliberation – 2 hours

R4. Resolution to Match Funds and Put YDSA on Leadership

Amendment R4-1

Amendment R4-2

R3. Dues Sharing For YDSA Chapters

R13. Support for a Growing YDSA

Amendment R13-1

Amendment R13-2

R17. Strengthening and Improving Staff-Leadership Collaboration

Amendment R17-1

Saturday afternoon deliberation – 1.5 hours

R14. For Abortion Rights, Bodily Autonomy, and Socialist Trans Liberation
 Amendment R14-1

R9. Travel Equity in YDSA

Saturday evening deliberation – 2.25 hours

R15. For an Independent Working Class Socialist Party

Amendment R15-1

Amendment R15-3

R10. Integrating YDSA into the International Committee

Amendment R10-1

Sunday morning deliberation – 2.5 hours

R8. Anti-fascism and YDSA

Sunday afternoon deliberation – 2.5 hours

A1. A Voice For Disability

R16. Fighting Bigotry and Inequality

Resolutions

R1. Resolution on Better Compiling Resolution *Passed on Consent Agenda*

Note: The following text is the final approved text of the resolution as passed.

Sponsor: **Adam Ireneo Ascione D'Elia**, *Binghamton University*

Co-sponsors: **Nikhil Pailoor**, *Georgia Tech*

Noelle A Dutch, *Binghamton University*

Joseph Raskind, *Binghamton University*

JungWoo "Anthony" Park, *Northwood High School*

Whereas in keeping with the democratic interests of transparency and informed procedure, the 2021 DSA Convention passed its Resolution 33 to establish a simplified system for compiling convention resolutions prior to their consideration;

Whereas that Resolution provides for the following determinations:

that "the DSA NPC may make the necessary arrangements to foster the creation an online space which DSA members in good standing may submit resolutions which they would like signatures for; ... that the DSA NPC is granted the authority to approve on a process for deciding how resolutions may be submitted and then hosted on the online space; and ... [that] the DSA NPC shall only approve of such a process if the process receives a no less than two-thirds vote of all present NPC members."

Whereas YDSA strives to maintain the same democratic principles that led to the implementation of such a system;

Be it resolved that the NCC shall, adapt and implement the resolution submissions and hosting process to be used at the DSA National Convention of the same year, or in years without a DSA National Convention, or in which the NPC has not approved a submissions or hosting process for the DSA National Convention, the process used at the previous YDSA National Convention.

Be it further resolved that if no such process has been developed at any DSA or YDSA National Convention, the NCC may, in coordination with any efforts of the NPC to develop a future process, develop such a process for the YDSA National Convention and implement it by a two-thirds vote of the NCC.

R2. National Labor Strategy *Passed*

Note: The following text is the final approved text of the resolution as passed.

Sponsor: **Trey Cook**, *University of Vermont YDSA*

Co-sponsors: **Willem Morris**, *Columbia University*

Robert Gronert, *Shorewood High School*

Adam Ireneo Ascione D'Elia, *Binghamton University*

JungWoo "Anthony" Park, *Northwood High School*

WHEREAS, we believe the working class is the agent of change in society through their position as producers.

AND WHEREAS, the task of the socialist movement is to organize the working class.

AND WHEREAS labor unions are a form of working-class organization that has the structural power to extract concessions from the owning class and revolutionary consciousness from the producing class via the struggle against the bosses.

AND WHEREAS the socialist organization relies on a network of competent organizers who can grow the permanent capacity of the working class, also known as cadre (the French word for the framework of an organization).

AND WHEREAS unions serve the unique role of uniting workers across identitarian lines such as race, sexuality, or gender into a common struggle against their oppressors. Because of this, labor organizing is paramount to resolving issues of racial, sexual, and gender inequality as well as showing workers where these forms of identity-based oppression interface with class antagonism.

AND WHEREAS The core of our approach to building and rebuilding organized labor is a political one:

If labor continues as organizations dominated by business unionism (the collaboration of labor leaders with managers and bosses) it will continue to decline. We need class struggle unions that fight back.

If unions are run like an insurance company, merely offering some "services" to "members" they will not develop the power needed to defend members' rights, living standards, and future.

If unions continue to trail the Democratic Party, they will not win even basic workplace rights like ending union busting and "right to work" legislation.

If unions continue to follow the national interests of the ruling class in the US (to defend "American jobs" together with bosses against workers elsewhere instead of an internationalist strategy to fight together for union wages and rights), they are not able to fight against international corporations. Many have already fallen prey to Biden and Trump's nationalistic rhetoric.

AND WHEREAS, to rebuild the American labor and socialist movements, and to merge the worker's movement with socialism, socialists must take active interventions toward building shop floor power. This requires Industrialization, the active development of a layer of socialists cadre who can organize in the workplace on a day-to-day basis.

AND WHEREAS, YDSA has a particular role in the socialist movement to develop cadre and send them into mass struggle.

AND WHEREAS, members of YDSA who have not started their careers, are in a unique position to carry out the tactic of industrializing upon graduation, and in some unique situations, while still in school.

AND WHEREAS, we have seen a huge uptick in labor activity across the US, including successful strikes led by teachers in Minneapolis and unionization efforts by workers in Starbucks and Amazon. YDSA can play a major role in creating a layer of disciplined rank-and-file cadre who can begin salting at Starbucks and Amazon or enter into strategic industries (healthcare, education, and logistics) and strategic unions/regions in particular.

AND WHEREAS, undergraduate student workers have successfully formed recognized labor unions at schools such as Grinnell College and the University of Massachusetts. The campus labor struggles like those seen by student workers at Kenyon College, Dartmouth, and Columbia will require organization and militant struggle to grow to a national scale. Student worker organizing is an essential link in the rank and file pipeline and will support the development of lifelong labor militants, the role of YDSA as a national organization, as local chapters, and as individual members is to connect these worker leaders to a vision of life long struggle to rebuild the labor movement and socialism. The experience of struggle will prepare these workers for a life in the labor movement as rank and file organizers in strategic industries.

AND WHEREAS, conditions and circumstances are not universal across campuses in the United States.

AND WHEREAS, many YDSA chapters have played crucial auxiliary roles to unions that do not share membership with the campus or chapter.

AND WHEREAS, engaging directly at natural points of class struggle (labor), builds the experience of YDSA members to organize beyond the campus.

AND WHEREAS a number of YDSA members have already committed to industrializing as individuals.

AND WHEREAS a number of YDSA members lack “direction” but would be open to guidance on how to link their careers with their socialist politics.

AND WHEREAS By providing organizational support, students will be provided with mentorship, guidance, and a network of other socialists similarly pursuing industrialization in their preferred sector.

AND WHEREAS a rank-and-file strategy that relies primarily on the youth section would not accomplish the goals of supporting lifelong socialist organizers.

AND WHEREAS a rank-and-file pipeline involving the Young Democratic Socialists of America must be run primarily by the Democratic Socialists of America, membership in the youth wing is limited while membership in the larger organization is sustained in a way that keeps cadre organized.

AND WHEREAS a rank-and-file pipeline supported by active members in the aforementioned strategic sectors would be more efficient than one ran entirely by staff.

AND WHEREAS the Democratic Socialists Labor Committee has already committed to uphold the decisions of the 2021 DSA convention, the decision to create a network of other socialists similarly pursuing industrializing into strategic industries with the passed resolution reading:

Connect Our Comrades: Labor Networks by Industry, Sector, and Union

As DSA approaches 100,000 members nationwide, we now have over 10,000 union members and labor activists among our comrades. However, many of these potential labor militants are not yet active in their unions or in DSA, or are not connected with other comrades in their same unions. In the past two years, we've begun to create national networks of socialist rank-and-file union members and retirees, not-yet-unionized workers, elected union leaders, and union staff in K-12 education, in restaurant work, in healthcare, in entertainment, and in the building trades, and many chapters have created similar groupings; we need to support and strengthen these networks, and build more like them in other unions and sectors.

Building out labor networks (also known as Labor Circles in some cities and regions) will root us and our work in the material conditions of the working class. In essence, labor networks are tasked with organizing their workplaces for better working conditions, organizing coworkers around DSA campaigns, training each other, and recruiting workers directly into DSA, creating lasting networks of organized workers that scale all the way from the shop floor to the DSLC.

These industry, sectoral, and union-based networks will help democratic socialist rank-and-file members and retirees, elected leaders, and union staff to develop appropriate strategies specific to their own organizing situations. In addition to connecting comrades who already work in the same industries, it is important to find appropriate ways to encourage and support other socialists to get jobs in strategic sectors. Where they see it as strategic to do so, these industry networks should work with YDSA to develop pipelines to help socialists who are not yet in their industries get jobs where they will be best positioned to organize. Through increased coordination, democratic socialists in the labor movement can dramatically increase our power to organize our coworkers, transform our unions, and defeat our employers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, YDSA establish labor organizing as a priority in 2022-2023

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the NLC will organize industry cohorts-in sectors such as education, medicine, and logistics for YDSA members considering industrialization.

The NLC is to open these industry cohorts to rank-and-file workers and mentors interested in providing guidance for YDSA members in or considering entry to strategic industries so as to inspire YDSA members' ongoing organizing, motivate YDSA members to continue their trajectory into industrialization, and instill YDSA members with a vision of bottom-up labor militancy. We suggest that the DSLC facilitate meetings between existing/established industry groups and the NLC's industry groups in order to support YDSA rank-and-file mentorship.

Resolved: This convention affirms the existing work by the DSLC to create industry, union, and sector networks, and urges the DSLC to continue to develop more of these networks to provide YDSA members entering the rank and file pipeline a landing spot to retain their involvement and empower their organizing.

Strategic industries are those which have an ability to have outsized influence of organized socialists due to their importance to the national and global economic system, high degree of unionization, or both.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the NLC will work with groups such as DSA's DSLC, Emergency Workplace Organizing Committee (EWOC), Labor Notes, United Caucus Of Rank-and-file Educators (UCORE), Teamsters for a Democratic Union (TDU), and/or the National Political Education Committee in preparing the next generation of labor militants and connecting them with mentors in their desired sectors, careers in strategic industries, or short term salting opportunities upon graduation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the YDSA rank-and-file graduation pathway will consist of, but not be limited to,

Hosting in-depth, recurring, rank-and-file schools for members of YDSA considering entering rank-and-file jobs in strategic industries or short-term salting, to connect them with labor organizers in the respective industry.

These schools would cover the history of organizing in the industry and the contemporary terrain of class struggle, discuss the broader rank and file strategy, provide workplace-specific organizing trainings, guide members of YDSA in applying for these jobs, and connect them with pre-existing rank-and-file networks, caucuses, and organizers, making a special effort to connect organizers outside of “hotspots” and pursue new organizing in traditionally labor-hostile regions.

These trainings would provide the political education necessary to connect the economic battles in the workplace to the broader political goals of the socialist movement.

Working with the National Political Education Committee to develop a curriculum around labor organizing and the rank-and-file strategy as part of the YDSA School of Socialism, focusing on the history of the labor movement and why a socialist presence in unions is necessary

Developing more pamphlets and educational materials like “Why Socialists should become Teachers” for other strategic industries such as logistics and healthcare

Running a national speaking tour for DSA labor organizers to speak to YDSA chapters in their region, prioritizing rank-and-file workers who are DSA members.

Hosting national interest calls geared toward different industries with panels of rank-and-file organizers in the respective industry

Directing members interested in salting into relevant and viable projects led by rank-and-file workers and active unions in the area

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The NLC shall work with the DSLC to establish connections with active rank-and-file labor organizers and organizations for the purpose of industrialization and salt placements post-graduation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that YDSA calls for the DSLC of DSA to collaborate with YDSA’s National Labor Committee (NLC) by providing crucial resources, training materials, mentorship, and support. The cohort has been a place for student-workers to share their organizing experiences with one another, ask questions, and coordinate tactics and strategy to develop their campaigns together.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED we call on the DSLC to commit partial staff time to assist YDSA in organizing campuses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, YDSA’s NLC in collaboration with the DSLC shall establish a committee of organizers dedicated to supporting the labor campaigns discussed at the campaign cohort. This dedicated support will include training programs similar to those put on by the Emergency Workplace Organizing Committee as well as regular contact with organizers to decide upon strategy and the direction of campaigns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NLC is tasked with contacting chapters to survey the conditions of campus labor and present this survey to the 2023 DSA and YDSA conventions detailing common strategy

and struggles. The NLC will also reach out to chapters and the attendees of the Labor Cohort to administer the survey. The NLC will use the survey process to invite chapter leaders to the cohort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the NLC will work to support chapters in supporting local labor struggles including but not limited to organizing undergraduate student workers on their campuses, support for local graduate student unions, faculty unions, and so on.

As part of this, the NLC will work to create educational events and facilitate meetings between chapters with active campaigns and YDSA alums or affiliated organizers, such as rank and file leaders in grad and student unions

Where chapters do not have the capacity to establish unions on campus or have existing unions on campus to support, these meetings will focus on principles of strike solidarity and forging connections with unions and workers in the broader community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The NLC will work with the NOC to map chapters with favorable conditions for running organizing campaigns. These committees will perform a yearly survey of all YDSA members to map out if members are interested in entering the labor movement upon graduation and which industries/in what capacity. This yearly survey data, along with information about DSA chapters with strong labor formations, should be used to map out target-rich environments for new organizing, prioritizing state schools, community colleges, and trade schools, and connecting them to their local DSA labor formation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The NLC will commit to a mass strategy to organize undergraduate student workers by forming a network of student organizers, already-existing undergrad labor unions, and organizing committees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the NLC consists of but is not limited to, at least six committee members: two co-chairs and four at-large committee members; and from these 6 members, 2 appointed as DSLC Steering Committee Representatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the NCC shall appoint a NLC Secretary serving a term from the time of appointment until the next Annual Convention, or until dismissed by vote of the NCC. The Secretary shall maintain all records of the NLC, including the minutes of its meetings and all documents and all materials pertaining to its organizing, events, and any other official business of the NLC and securely transmit such records to the NCC and to the DSLC, and, if requested, to the DSA NPC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that YDSA National Labor Committee (NLC) will take on the facilitation of the national labor campaign cohort

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the YDSA National Labor Committee (NLC) will coordinate the overall planning of the labor cohort, including outreach and recruitment, launch, meeting dates, and curriculum, with that of the other cohorts organized by the National Organizing Committee (NOC)

R3. Dues Sharing For YDSA Chapters *Passed*

Note: The following text is the final approved text of the resolution as passed.

Sponsor: Tom Julstrom, *University of Minnesota Duluth*

Co-sponsors: Nicholas Woodfin, *Hunter College*

Enrique Escoto, *University Of Central Florida*

Evan Caldwell, *University Of Central Florida*

Trey Cook, *University Of Vermont*

Whereas, DSA chapters receive between 20% and 30% of their members' monthly dues.

And whereas, YDSA chapters currently do not receive any of their members' DSA dues.

And whereas, a prior proposal to the DSA National Convention to allocate additional funds to YDSA was rejected in part on the basis that YDSA would receive a disproportionate amount of DSA's resources.

And whereas, many active participants in local YDSA work do not pay dues and do not appear on chapters' official lists with DSA and YDSA National, obscuring the size of YDSA's membership relative to DSA's.

And whereas, fewer than 20% of YDSA's dues-paying members pay monthly dues as of April 2022.

And whereas, attempts to expand the number of dues-paying YDSA members and the number of YDSA members paying monthly dues are hampered by a perceived disconnect between the national organization and the local work of chapters.

And whereas chapter leaders do not have a direct, proportionate incentive to encourage members to switch to monthly dues.

And whereas, the chapter is the site of the bulk of YDSA's work, and the site of work non-dues-paying participants will be most familiar with and invested in.

Be it therefore resolved, the YDSA National Convention makes the following requests of National DSA and the DSA National Convention and the DSA National Convention, and that the elected members of the NCC shall co-author and sign a resolution to be proposed at the 2023 DSA National Convention to these effects, of which a draft shall be written and disseminated among YDSA members no later than December 31st, 2022:

- That YDSA chapters receive a share of their members' dues, subject to the same terms as DSA chapters, with the following exceptions.
- That DSA members paying monthly dues and belonging to both a DSA and YDSA chapter be permitted to choose with which chapter their dues will be shared or to split their dues-share evenly between both chapters.
- That YDSA chapters may decline to receive a share of their members' dues if doing so would endanger their access to funds provided by their school, be an excessive administrative or logistical burden for the chapter, be redundant due to an existing dues-sharing relationship with a local DSA chapter, or for another reason deemed appropriate by the chapter's membership or leadership."

R4. Resolution to Match Funds and Put YDSA on Leadership

Passed, unamended

Note: The following text is the final approved text of the resolution as passed, unamended.

Sponsor: **Jake Colosa**, *New York University*

Co-sponsors: **Winnie Marion**, *New York University*

Taylor Clark, *University Of California Santa Barbara*

Cerena Ermitanio, *University Of Texas - Austin*

Daniil Sapunkov, *Hunter College*

Whereas, YDSA is a substantial force for growing, retaining, and developing future socialist leaders within DSA. As such, YDSA should have a role in the democratic decision-making processes of their local DSA chapter to advocate for the interests of their YDSA chapter.

Whereas, YDSA members are future leaders of DSA who would benefit from direct leadership experience as well as the fundamental development experiences and skills gained from participation in the annual YDSA Convention and Conferences.

Whereas, YDSA chapters may not be able to completely fund the travel and housing of YDSA members for these important events. This may result in inferior membership development and a less sustainable local DSA chapter.

Whereas, we need to grow our base of young socialist organizers in order to create a more sustainable DSA nationally. This involves YDSA members developing clear connections to their local DSA chapters so that they may transition easily into new leadership roles after graduation.

Whereas, some DSA chapters, including NYC-DSA, have already presented a model for bridging the gap between DSA and their student counterparts through fundraising and dedicated leadership positions. This has not only benefited the growth of YDSA and the development of lifelong socialist organizers but has also allowed for more autonomous decision-making.

Therefore be it resolved, the National Coordinating Committee will work with DSA's National Political Committee to create and send a memo to DSA chapters encouraging them to adopt the following bylaws changes:

If there is a chartered YDSA chapter within the geographic boundaries of the DSA chapter, a voting position on their SC/OC/leadership will be created for a YDSA representative.

YDSA representatives will be elected by YDSA members of official chapters within the geographic boundaries of the DSA chapter.

YDSA representatives will primarily serve to represent the perspectives of YDSA members on the body and connect the work of YDSA chapters and the DSA chapter, but they are able to take on further responsibilities as full members of the body.

Every DSA chapter with a chartered YDSA chapter within its geographic boundaries will commit to helping plan and matching funds raised for two YDSA fundraisers each year.

These fundraisers will assist YDSA members in attending the annual Winter Conference and Summer Convention.

Chapters may establish limitations on the amount of funds for sharing based on their particular conditions.

Therefore be it further resolved, YDSA calls on the NPC to encourage new DSA chapters to adopt these bylaws as part of the chapter approval process, and that the YDSA Co-Chairs shall bring a motion before the NPC to establish such a policy no later than December 31st, 2022.

Amendments to R4

Amendment R4-1 **Failed**

Sponsor: Gabriel McAdams, *University of California Berkeley*

This amendment would modify the resolution in the following ways:

New language

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Therefore be it resolved, the National Coordinating Committee will work with DSA's National Political Committee to create and send a memo to **YDSA chapter leaders, either as a separate communication or via an update to the 2017 YDSA Organizing Manual:**~~chapters encouraging them to adopt the following bylaws changes:~~

~~If there is a chartered YDSA chapter within the geographic boundaries of the DSA chapter, a voting position on their SC/OC/leadership will be created for a YDSA representative.~~

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YDSA chapter leaders should review the bylaws or constitution of their local DSA chapter to see if an observing or voting position within the DSA chapter's leadership already exists for YDSA members. If so, leaders of YDSA chapters in the area covered by a DSA local should coordinate amongst themselves and with leaders of the DSA local, including a dedicated YDSA mentor or liaison if one is available, to fill the position(s).

If such a position does not exist, YDSA leaders should reach out to leadership of their local DSA chapter to discuss writing an amendment to the DSA chapter's bylaws or constitution to create such a position.

Therefore be it further resolved, that if the NCC decides to communicate the above via an update to the 2017 YDSA Organizing Manual, that NOC members and YDSA staffers will promote the new organizing manual to chapter leaders that they meet with to ensure widespread adoption of the above.

Therefore be it resolved, the National Coordinating Committee will work with DSA's National Political Committee to create and send a memo to every DSA chapter with a chartered YDSA chapter within its geographic boundaries to do the following:

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Amendment R4-2 **Failed**

Sponsor: Adam Ireneo Ascione D'Elia, *Binghamton University*

This amendment would modify the resolution in the following ways:

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Every DSA chapter with a chartered YDSA chapter within its geographic boundaries ~~will~~ commit to helping plan and matching funds raised for two YDSA fundraisers each year.

These fundraisers will assist YDSA members in attending the annual Winter Conference and Summer Convention.

Funds matching will be limited to 3% of chapter budgets.

R5. Resolution for Graduate Retention *Passed on Consent Agenda*

Note: The following text is the final approved text of the resolution as passed.

Sponsor: Winnie Marion, *New York University*
Co-sponsors: Finn Cooley, *Texas Christian University*
 Arpita Kanrar, *Columbia University*
 Jasmine Yehia, *Hunter College*
 Jake Colosa, *New York University*

Whereas, DSA is experiencing a moment of membership stagnation and YDSA has demonstrated the ability to reinvigorate membership growth organization-wide.

Whereas, having more experienced mentors to help develop the next generation of YDSA members is crucial to continuing to grow the organization. Former YDSA members are the most qualified people in our organization to be mentors to students and mentorship can play a critical role in developing future leaders.

Whereas, retaining former YDSA members post-graduation will make it more likely that they become lifelong socialist organizers within DSA.

Whereas, having a formalized transition from YDSA to DSA would make it more likely that a greater number of former students will stay in the organization after graduation.

Whereas, strengthening the relationship between YDSA and local DSA chapters by demonstrating YDSA's ability to develop future leaders that will support the growth of DSA chapters.

Therefore be it resolved, the YDSA Staff will maintain information regarding the graduation date of YDSA members through the organization's regular data collection mechanisms. Graduation date should be standardized as a follow-up question on any form that requests information about whether or not they are currently a student. A national email, as well as a national Spoke campaign, should be dedicated to asking YDSA members their expected graduation date in the Fall of 2022. This data will be sent out to relevant DSA chapters regularly through an automated system.

Therefore be it further resolved, the National Coordinating Committee will organize and publicize two events per year (in the Winter and Spring seasons) to inform graduating YDSA members of the ways that they may support YDSA after graduation by joining the Mentorship Committee as well as resources for them to connect with local DSA chapters, labor organizing efforts, information regarding starting their own DSA chapters, and contacts with national DSA campaigns. This will assist YDSA members with any individual circumstances or concerns that may prohibit their continual involvement in Y/DSEA.

Therefore be it further resolved, Graduating students will receive calls through a survey organized by the National Mentorship Committee, assisted by staff, the national coordinating committee, and those with general interest following that year's YDSA National Convention. The survey will inquire about their organizing plans for the upcoming year and encourage their involvement in YDSA as a mentor or in DSA as active local or national members. This includes joining labor projects through the DSLC or a connection to the regional organizer responsible for assisting the chartering of a new DSA chapter in their area. Students that are not reached via phone surveys will be contacted via a Spoke text campaign inquiring about their organizing plans and encouraging them to join their local DSA chapter or the YDSA

Mentorship Committee and keep notice of individual concerns from members. Phone bankers will have the responsibility of connecting graduating members to their contact of interest, with the preface that they are reaching out on behalf of national YDSA.

R6. Establishing a Council of HGOs to Advise YDSA Leaders

Passed on Consent Agenda

Note: The following text is the final approved text of the resolution as passed.

Sponsor: **Niko Johnson-Fuller**, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

Co-sponsors: **Vivian Dai**, *Boston University*

Gabriel McAdams, *University Of California Berkeley*

Alex Lopes, *University Of California Santa Barbara*

Leena Yumeen, *Columbia University*

WHEREAS, YDSA now has 127 chapters across the country and has experienced a massive growth in the number of new chapters over the past two years;

WHEREAS, chapters across the country are growing in members, which increases the need for formal grievance processes and support for Harassment and Grievance Officers (HGOs) in YDSA on the chapter level;

WHEREAS, organizers new to YDSA often look to more experienced organizers for advice on chapter structures and procedures, particularly regarding Harassment and Grievance proceedings;

WHEREAS, many YDSA chapters have no grievance process or HGOs and may have little structural support to set up such a process in their chapter, especially since DSA's National HGO is currently not holding live trainings for new chapter HGOs;

WHEREAS, political and interpersonal conflicts are an inevitable part of life in a mass socialist organization and a grievance process can significantly improve a chapter's ability to handle them and lead to better outcomes to those involved;

WHEREAS, YDSA chapters are faced with different conditions than DSA chapters, and may require different guidance, resources and procedures to inform the implementation of a grievance process;

WHEREAS, previous YDSA Conventions have recognized the need for safe organizing spaces and deliberation on YDSA Grievance Policy through R17 in 2020 and R15 in 2021;

WHEREAS, the 2021 DSA Convention established a national committee of HGOs in order to facilitate the creation of resources and coordination between HGOs in DSA;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Coordinating Committee (NCC) will work to establish a National Grievance Advisory Council (NGAC) of HGOs to assist YDSA chapters with the establishment and maintenance of a grievance process;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this will include at least the following tasks, which may be guided by but not limited to the content of Resolution 33 and other DSA grievance policies:

The creation and distribution of code of conduct and grievance templates for YDSA chapter documents

The creation and distribution of outlines and guidelines regarding the implementation of a grievance process and appointing HGOs

Meeting with chapter leaders to help guide them through establishing and maintaining grievance process;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this council will be composed of at least 3 former or current DSA chapter HGOs and at least 1 YDSA chapter HGO (with a goal of 3 YDSA chapter HGOs), and that all members of this body shall be selected by the NCC annually from a pool of applicants, prioritizing diversity in gender, race, and chapter size;

Be it further resolved that the NCC shall appoint a NGAC Secretary serving a term from the time of appointment until the next Annual Convention, or until dismissed by vote of the NCC. The Secretary shall maintain all records of the NGAC, including the minutes of its meetings and all documents and all materials pertaining to its organizing, events, and any other official business of the NGAC and securely transmit such records to the NCC, and, if requested, to the DSA NPC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NCC will appoint one of its members as a liaison to the NGAC, with the task of facilitating coordination between the NCC and the NGAC, including but not limited to bringing NGAC created resources to the NCC for approval and facilitating the distribution of said resources;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this council will not be involved in adjudicating or overseeing grievances in any way and will serve solely in an advisory capacity for YDSA leaders;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call on DSA's National Grievance Committee to share with the NGAC relevant guidance and practices to YDSA chapters for distribution to the NCC and YDSA chapter leaders and HGOs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NGAC will meet at least 6 times each year, with at least one meeting designated to review the chapters they have advised and discuss best practices for advising YDSA leaders.

R7. Developing Leaders in YDSA *Passed, amended*

Note: The following text is **NOT** the final approved text of the resolution as passed. The final text can be found below Amendment R7-1.

Sponsor: Evan Caldwell, *University of Central Florida*

Co-sponsors: Aron Ali-McClory, *University Of Florida*

Nicholas Woodfin, *Hunter College*

Enrique Escoto, *University Of Central Florida*

Tom Julstrom, *University of Minnesota Duluth*

Whereas, leadership development needs to be a priority in any organization.

And whereas, organizer burnout is a serious problem that often stems from individuals being put into positions of responsibility without proper training.

And whereas, many chapters have little to no relationship with National YDSA or understand the resources provided by National YDSA.

And whereas, carrying out national prioritizes often hindered by a lack of communication between the local and national leadership

And whereas, developing relationships between national and local leaders is a priority.

Be it resolved, the National Coordinating Committee (NCC) shall develop and execute a recurring series of leadership trainings to ensure that when individuals are elected to leadership positions in their chapter, they have the skills and knowledge necessary to carry out their roles.

And be it further resolved, the NCC can outsource portions of the training to staff and national committees if necessary.

And be it further resolved, the content of these training sessions will ultimately be determined by the NCC with the advice of staff and national committee leaders and is subject to change at any time at the NCC's discretion. However, suggested content includes;

Explaining the structure of National YDSA and its committees, the national events it puts on, the current agenda of the NCC, and the communications expectations to stay up to date with national strategy.

Reviewing and providing access to the already created resources by National YDSA and DSA to assist chapter development and explaining how to access them.

Providing guidance on the importance of leadership development in their chapter and ensure they have the skills such as proper one-to-one organizing conversation and list work to carry out leadership development.

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Provided below is a potential sample agenda for how these trainings could be implemented: This would not be a binding portion of the resolution. The ultimate content and structure of these trainings are left to the NCC.

1st session (60 minutes)

Outcomes:

NCC has a conversation with chapters about the goals of the national ydsa and works through the chapter's local goals to find common areas of improvement.

NCC has an idea of what skills each chapter leadership wants to improve upon and will plan accordingly to provide them with adequate support.

Chapter leaders are aware of how to access or request training resources on organizing topics.

Introductions and explanation of the call (5 minutes)

Short presentations on a list of skills the NCC determines leaders should know. (15 minutes)

Poll to find each leader/chapter's familiarity with those organizing skills. (5 minutes)

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Breakout discussions with chapter leaders on (20 minutes)

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Thanks for attending, and a preview of the next call (5 minutes)

2nd session (65 minutes)

Outcomes:

Leaders understand how national YDSA functions and the expected relationship between them and national leaders.

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Leaders understand the importance of leadership development in their chapters and are thinking of ways to implement leadership development.

Chapter leadership is aware of who is their primary point of contact for NCC and the best ways to get in contact with them.

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Presentation on National YDSA: (15 minutes)

Organizational structures: NCC, Staff, Interns, Committees, etc., functions and their relationships with one another.

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Explaining the difference.

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Thank everyone for coming and ensuring that each person is aware of who their assigned NCC point person is and how to stay in contact with them. (5 minutes)

And be it further resolved, that the training sessions shall be held three times during the Fall and Spring Semester and two times during the summer semester. Each call shall be on a different day of the week to make attendance more accessible. The NCC will have the discretion to alter that schedule if deemed necessary but will prioritize accessibility.

And be it further resolved, that when leadership of a chapter changes, it is mandatory that at least one of the newly elected leaders attends these training sessions, but it is encouraged that all newly elected leaders attend.

And be it further resolved, if a chapter's leadership fails to attend any session over a year, then that chapter's charter will be frozen following the end of the next summer convention. A chapter whose charter is frozen is considered unrecognized by National until such time as at least one member of the chapter's leadership attends a training session. A chapter with a frozen charter shall not be required to reapply for a charter unless the charter had expired normally.

And be it further resolved, after attending the training sessions each chapter will be assigned a member of the NCC or NOC as their primary point of contact to ensure further guidance and communication.

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And be it further resolved, it is encouraged to include that NCC member in whatever communication channels that chapter uses (Slack, Discord, Groupme, etc.) to allow easier communication lines to provide national updates and guidance.

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Amendments to R7

Amendment R7-1 *Passed*

Sponsor: Lucas Hummel, Wittenberg University

This amendment would modify the resolution in the following ways:

New language

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R7 Final Language with Amendments

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R8. Anti-Fascism and YDSA *Passed*

Note: The following text is the final approved text of the resolution as passed.

Sponsor: **Evan Caldwell**, *University of Central Florida*

Co-sponsors: **Aron Ali-McClory**, *University Of Florida*

Enrique Escoto, *University Of Central Florida*

Nicholas Woodfin, *Hunter College*

Tom Julstrom, *University of Minnesota Duluth*

Whereas there are many risks to organizing, including legal concerns as well as threats from fascist, far-right and generally antagonistic anti-socialist organizations and individuals.

And whereas, chapters across the country but especially in the south have faced threats to their organizing from fascist and far-right groups including but not limited to: doxxing, intimidation, harassment, stalking, and physical altercations.

And whereas, interaction with law enforcement during protests and other actions is not only common but also dangerous, especially for organizers of color and other marginalized peoples.

And whereas, YDSA chapters must be able to organize safely within their community and require support to do so.

And whereas, state law and university policy often prevent YDSA chapters from organizing and leading their own local anti-fascist work. In Florida socialist organizations have been expelled from campus on the grounds of their anti-fascist trainings and preparations.

And whereas, National YDSA must support our members and chapters in minimizing risks to organizing by protecting them from threats and helping them navigate the law.

Be it resolved, YDSA commits itself to protecting our members and chapters and will establish a national organizing safety committee to provide materials and training, on how to organize safely and legally to our chapters and the National Coordinating Committee (NCC). Content will ultimately be determined by the committee but may look like:

Identifying threats to chapters, organizers, and marginalized communities from fascist groups or other antagonists.

Best practices for information and operations security, including securing internal communication.

Legality on countering fascist and/or other threats.

Safety and legal tips for organizing or attending a protest

Marshaling for events and protests.

Ensuring your meeting space is safe and accessible

And be it further resolved, that the YDSA Organizing Safety Working Group will work closely with the DSA groups with similar purposes, such as the Red Rabbits and the Antifascist Working Group, to aid YDSA chapters facing these issues. Points of collaboration may include but are not limited to co-hosted events, co-written materials, and the development of a combined contact list.

And be it further resolved, the committee shall offer direct and situation-specific chapter support when requested by chapters facing threats from fascist organizations, legal concerns, or any dangers to organizing.

And be it further resolved, the committee shall do outreach to other leftist groups doing similar work and develop a network of support, divided regionally, that can be shared with local chapters in need of support.

Be it further resolved that the NCC shall appoint a Chair and Secretary of the Working Group serving a term from the time of appointment until the next Annual Convention, or until dismissed by vote of the NCC, and designate an NCC liaison. The Chair shall be responsible for presiding over the Working Group and leading the coordination of its work. The Secretary shall maintain all records of the Working Group, including minutes of its meetings, and securely transmit such records to the NCC and DSA Red Rabbits, and, if requested, to the DSA NPC.

And be it further resolved, the committee shall have at least one NCC member serving as a liaison to assist chairs in their work and establish clear lines of communication between the committee and the NCC.

Be it further resolved that upon receipt of charter, and at regular intervals thereafter determined by the NCC no less often than twice per year, YDSA Chapter leadership shall be given notice and instructions on how to contact the Committee for support.

R9. Travel Equity in YDSA *Passed*

Note: The following text is the final approved text of the resolution as passed.

Sponsor: **Evan Caldwell**, *University of Central Florida*

Co-sponsors: **Jacob Hall**, *University Of Florida*

Aron Ali-McClory, *University Of Florida*

Lex Tracton, *University Of Central Florida*

Tom Julstrom, *University of Minnesota Duluth*

WHEREAS, this year's Winter Conference and Summer Convention were both held in the midwestern, northern cities of Chicago and Minneapolis respectively.

AND WHEREAS, of the Winter Conferences and Summer Conventions, hosted since the beginning of 2017, five have been held in Northern cities such as Chicago, Minneapolis, and Washington D.C.

AND WHEREAS, over that same time period, only two conferences have been hosted outside of northern cities: the 2019 winter conference in San Francisco and the 2019 Summer Convention, which happened alongside the DSA Convention in Atlanta.

AND WHEREAS, the YDS Conferences held between 2004 and 2016 were all held in New York, with the Summer Retreats and Conferences over that same period of time all being held in Northern cities such as Washington, D.C., Wurtsboro, NY, Chevy Chase, MD, and others.

AND WHEREAS, the only time during this period in which YDS events were held in cities in the South or West weren't YDS events at all, but rather at DSA conventions where YDS members were present; including 2013 in Oakland, CA, 2007 in Atlanta, GA, and 2005 in Los Angeles, CA.

AND WHEREAS, while at one time it could have been argued that YDSA was an organization which existed primarily in the Northeast and Midwest, the explosion of our organization since 2016 has meant the creation of chapters across the country, including sizeable chapters in California, Florida, Virginia, and other states outside of the Midwest and Northeast.

AND WHEREAS, as an organization, we ought to be striving for an equitable distribution of venues, so that people from all of this country's regions may have the chance to travel to either the Winter Conference or Summer Convention without repeatedly being expected to endure long travel times and incur the large costs associated with flying across the country and sometimes from coast to coast.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCC or planning committee responsible for any mass gathering of YDSA members (including but not limited to Winter Conference and Summer Convention) will prioritize equitable travel distance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for planning purposes the geography of the United States will be divided into 3 regions:

A Western Region: AK, HI, WA, OR, CA, ID, UT, AZ, MT, WY, CO, NM, ND, SD, NE, KS, OK

A Northern Region: MN, IA, MO, WI, IL, MI, IN, OH, PA, NY, VT, NH, ME, MA, RI, CT, NJ, DE, MD, DC

A Southern Region: TX, AR, LA, KY, TN, MS, WV, VA, NC, SC, GA, AL, FL

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that over a period of five years each region will host at minimum one national gathering.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that years in which no in-person national gatherings are held shall not count toward the five year period. The period will be suspended for that year and shall resume the next year an in-person gathering is held.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the NCC or planning committee responsible for any mass gathering of YDSA members take into account the safety of YDSA members when planning gatherings in regions with a heightened militant right-wing presence.

R10. Integrating YDSA into the International Committee

Passed, unamended

Note: The following text is the final approved text of the resolution as passed, unamended.

Sponsor: **Andrew Basta**, *University of Chicago*

Co-sponsors: **Leena Yumeen**, *Columbia University*

Nicholas Woodfin, *Hunter College*

Gabriel McAdams, *University Of California Berkeley*

James Ehresman Tsagong, *University Of Minnesota - Twin Cities*

Whereas, all countries exist economically within the system of the global market, and politically within systems of imperialism which will only be effectively dismantled and replaced through the international collaboration and organization of the working classes of all countries and nationalities;

Whereas, the US working class is itself multinational, internationalism at home means developing concrete steps to support and integrate the struggles of immigrant and migrant workers in the US—these include struggles for political rights as well as economic struggles embedded within the broader labor movement;

Whereas, student and youth socialist movements abroad provide a unique opportunity to strengthen our collective socialist work;

Whereas, DSA Convention 2019 passed [Resolution 4](#): Building the DSA International Committee calling upon the IC to become more open and transparent, to build the IC with a specific focus toward anti-imperialist solidarity, and to prioritize building links with left, socialist, mass character, and working-class organizations around the world and in Latin America and the Caribbean in particular;

Whereas, DSA Convention 2021 passed [Resolution 14](#): Committing to International Socialist Solidarity calling upon the IC to build DSA's local organizing relationships as well as to prioritize election observer delegations, exchange programs, and mass party relationships with the international left;

Whereas, the 2021 Summer YDSA convention passed [Resolution 6](#): Committing to International Solidarity with Student and Youth Socialists calling upon the National Coordinating Committee (NCC) to work with the International Committee (IC) in order to form a student and youth Subcommittee of the International committee;

Whereas, DSA's International Committee (IC) is an official commission of DSA's National Political Committee (NPC), and is mandated to oversee and implement DSA's foreign policy positions and exchanges under NPC oversight;

Whereas, the IC is a "big tent" political body, and open to DSA and YDSA members, whether for rank-and-file membership or to be selected for official leadership appointment by the NPC;

Whereas, the NPC, IC, and NCC have piloted an interim YDSA leadership body within the IC, charged with institutionalizing YDSA's existing international connections with the IC, and with building relationships and knowledge of the IC within the newly formed body and broader YDSA based on a proposal written by the IC Steering Committee with input from the NCC and approved by the NCC in March of 2022: [Proposal - Integrating YDSA into the IC](#);

Therefore be it resolved, YDSA endorses the International Committee's "Proposal - Integrating YDSA into the IC" which creates a youth/ydsa specific body in the International Committee, hereafter referred to as the "IC Youth Committee," directly appointed by the NPC, directly subordinate and responsible to the NPC, and directly reporting to the IC Steering Committee.

Be it further resolved, the membership of the IC Youth Committee will be recommended by the NCC to the NPC for appointment prioritizing political diversity, gender and racial parity, and "undocumented workers, migrant workers, immigrants, or the children thereof" (Resolution 4 DSA Convention 2019);

Be it further resolved, YDSA reaffirms the roles of the IC Youth Committee as outlined in the proposal and listed below:

To track, oversee, and support projects related to international solidarity and political education on high school and college campuses and in our youth section broadly

To provide assistance to YDSA chapters as pertains to international solidarity and political education projects in coordination with the YDSA National Organizing Committee (NOC)

To bring statements regarding YDSA internationalist work to the IC through existing IC infrastructure and process

To prepare work summaries for IC quarterly reports for DSA membership

To encourage and facilitate YDSA involvement in IC Subcommittees, and to act as a line of communication between YDSA campaigns and the IC broadly

To encourage and facilitate meetings with youth sections of left parties in coordination with the Secretariat and the NCC

To advise the IC on all matters related to Internationalist College and youth-wing organizing, both in response to NPC queries and of its own accord

To build the institutional memory of YDSA's international work and regularly inform YDSA membership of ongoing internationalist efforts;

Be it further resolved, YDSA recommends the IC Youth Committee take on the following additional responsibilities:

Assist in the organization of the Cohorts wherever possible if passed in the resolution at this convention

Hold 2 political education events on socialist internationalism, anti-imperialism and anti-militarism in coordination with the YDSA National Political Education Committee, International Committee, and the National Organizing Committee (NOC);

Be it further resolved, that at least once per quarter, the NCC will advertise the opportunity for YDSA members to join the IC and participate fully in IC processes to generate statements, campaigns, and political education events (such as through social media or through a newsletter). As well as advertise any relevant campaigns, statements, events or other initiatives worked on by the IC Youth Committee.

Amendments to R10

Amendment R10-1 **Failed**

Sponsor: Sayeh Jafari, *University of San Francisco*

This amendment would modify the resolution in the following ways:

New language

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Therefore be it resolved, YDSA ~~endorses~~ **recommends the following revisions to** the International Committee's "Proposal - Integrating YDSA into the IC" which creates a youth/ydsa specific body in the International Committee, hereafter referred to as the "IC Youth Committee," directly appointed by the NPC, directly subordinate and responsible to the NPC, and directly reporting to the IC Steering Committee.

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To advise the IC on all matters related to Internationalist College and youth-wing organizing, both in response to **NCC and** NPC queries and of its own accord

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Be it further resolved, YDSA recommends the IC Youth Committee take on the following additional responsibilities:

To encourage and facilitate meetings with rank-and-file labor organizers and youth movement leaders in addition to youth sections of left parties.

Stand in solidarity with the oppressed working classes in other countries and—in authoritarian states or nations that have suffered from imperialism—support workers in fighting for national self-determination

Support independent trade union rights, free and fair elections, and a lack of corruption abroad in unions and other political terrains

Reject campist tendencies which approach conflict through the perspectives of geopolitical camps (the imperialist West and the Global South for eg. which often lacks a class analysis) rather than through the perspectives of class struggle (that the main axis of conflict is between the ruling class and the working class in every country)

Assist in the organization...

R11. National Strategic Campaign Cohorts *Passed*

Note: The following text is the final approved text of the resolution as passed.

Sponsor: **Leena Yumeen**, *Columbia University*

Co-sponsors: **Andrew Basta**, *University of Chicago*

Nick Woodfin, *Hunter College*

Jia Sahar, *Columbia University*

Jake Colosa, *New York University*

WHEREAS YDSA National has aimed to effectively communicate with chapters regularly and engage YDSA members beyond merely chapter leaders in the work of the national organization.

AND WHEREAS the NCC needs an easy way to gain a “temperature check” on the national organization, understand chapter work, and create targeted, national programs to support that work.

AND WHEREAS in previous years the National Coordinating Committee (NCC) and the subordinate subcommittees — the NLC, the NOC, and the NPEC — have had difficulty establishing a winnable, national campaign.

AND WHEREAS YDSA National has lacked a way to coordinate chapter campaigns and build a national movement while providing chapters the flexibility to run campaigns that align with their local conditions.

AND WHEREAS YDSA has aimed to build coalition with other organizations but not yet found an effective venue through which to do so.

AND WHEREAS YDSA has had difficulty connecting its chapters with DSA chapters or national DSA structures doing similar work.

AND WHEREAS chapters need more support for their local campaigns from one another, long-time DSA mentors, and coalition partners.

AND WHEREAS the NOC established the National Strategic Campaign Cohort this year, working with the NLC to recruit for, plan, and facilitate cohorts. These cohorts included over 70 chapters, almost half of all official chapters that existed in YDSA at the beginning of the Fall 2021 academic year.

AND WHEREAS chapters organizing undergraduate student worker unions have shared advice, supported one another, and coordinated national initiatives through the labor cohort and the NLC.

AND WHEREAS chapters organizing for cops off campus, tuition reduction, improved student services, and endowment transparency/divestment have also shared advice, strategies, and tactics with one another through NOC facilitated cohorts.

AND WHEREAS the cohorts provide an opportunity to prompt cross-chapter campaign coordination and national messaging around YDSA priority issues.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NOC will establish strategic campaign cohorts for the next academic year. These cohorts will be determined by a survey sent to all chapters prior to the fall semester, the recommendation of the NCC, or other democratic means. The recommendations for these cohorts are: labor, university, and community.

- The labor cohort will support and coordinate campus labor organizing, including the work of undergraduate student worker unions, graduate student worker unions, and chapters running labor solidarity campaigns.
- The university cohort will support and coordinate campus organizing, including campaigns that advocate for: (1) access to medical abortion on campus, (2) endowment divestment from arms companies or fossil fuels, (3) increased investment in student services, (4) reduced tuition, or (5) campus police abolition.
- The community cohort will support and coordinate community organizing, including (1) electoral campaigns for socialist candidates endorsed by local DSA chapters, (2) housing/tenant organizing, (3) mutual aid support, and (4) legislative organizing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NCC can alter cohorts depending on the national political moment if there is a need to mobilize chapters for a specific cause that crosses cohort boundaries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each cohort will be facilitated by active ydsa members and leaders with firsthand experience running a campaign that is relevant to the cohort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NOC will undertake internal and external-facing outreach for cohort recruitment. Internal outreach includes phonebanking all chapter leaders and mentors, announcing the cohorts during other national calls, such as national strategy calls, and sending mass emails. External-facing outreach includes hosting events specific to the cohorts' launch that are open to all YDSA members, inviting external organizers when fruitful, and posting social media graphics.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that recruitment, facilitation, and curriculum for all cohorts will be coordinated by the NOC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NOC will create more structure for future cohorts, working with the NPEC to create a list of readings and trainings that are directly applicable to chapters' campaigns in real time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NOC will ensure that each cohort has at least one DSA point person to serve as a mentor advising chapters on their campaigns and building a pipeline for active YDSA leaders to engage in DSA work post graduation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The NOC will strive to build solidaristic relationships with coalition organizations such as Students for Justice in Palestine, the Cops off Campus national coalition, and the Emergency Workers Organizing Committee, utilizing cohorts and the coalition partners shared organizing experience. In practice, this may look like inviting leaders from partner organizations to attend cohort calls, using pre-existing toolkits, and incorporating aspects of their political education programs (with the approval of those partner organizations).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NOC will use the cohorts to actively recruit chapter leaders that have run strong campaigns into national work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cohorts will initially meet biweekly, but this meeting frequency can change at the discretion of the NCC and NOC.

The NOC will convene all cohort meetings whenever they feel it would be helpful. We suggest that they meet twice a semester — once at the very beginning to map chapters into cohorts and once at the very end to present successful campaigns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the first cohort meeting will be an all-cohort meeting featuring a “power-mapping” session that provides chapters the tools necessary to pick an issue, cut that issue, and determine which cohort their chapter is best suited for in the fall semester.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that chapters are allowed into multiple cohorts as long as each cohort is attended by a separate member of the chapter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Coordinating Committee will have full authority over all cohorts.

R12. The National Organizing Committee *Failed*

Note: The following text is the final approved text of the **FAILED** resolution.

Sponsor: **Nicholas Woodfin**, *Hunter College*

Co-sponsors: **Andrew Basta**, *University of Chicago*

Ryan Huan, *Georgia Tech*

Jia Sahar, *Columbia University*

Frances Elmore, *Florida Gulf Coast University*

Whereas the National Organizing Committee was formed under the intention of being a cohesive middle layer of leadership for YDSA but has yet to reach that potential;

Whereas the NOC is currently functioning as another department akin to an issue based committee;

Whereas the NOC's cohorts have promoted national cohesion and cross chapter organizing this past year;

Whereas the National Coordinating Committee is highest political leadership of YDSA and members often are overburdened and lack capacity to execute the resolutions passed by membership at National Convention;

Whereas the NOC should be the main organizing body of the national YDSA.

Therefore let it be resolved that the National Organizing Committee (NOC) is established as a standing committee, unless dissolved by convention or the National Coordinating Committee (NCC), responsible for administratively supporting the work of chapters, organizing committees, and politically advising the NCC.

Resolved, the NOC shall be convened as a body of organizers and leaders from across the country subordinate to the political leadership of the democratically elected National Coordinating Committee (NCC).

Be it further resolved, the NOC shall meet as regularly as determined by the NCC in conjunction with the NOC to:

Assess and report on chapter activity,

Hear updates and plans from all national committees,

Discuss matters of national importance,

Develop members' leadership and organizing skills.

The responsibilities of the committee are:

Coordinate the Cohorts if passed in the resolution titled "National Strategic Campaign Cohorts"

Assist in organizing the fall drive and any trainings with staff and interns, seeking to involve any ongoing national campaigns like the strategic campaign cohorts,

Administer the annual chapter and membership surveys as determined by the NCC,

Assist in the organization of monthly chapter strategy calls,

Assist in the organizing of any national conventions and conferences,

Meet with other existing committees — including but not limited to the National Labor Committee (NLC), National Political Education Committee (NPEC), Internationalism Youth Committee, Mentorship Committee, and any other committee passed by convention or the National Coordinating Committee — to plan national initiatives, such as the cohorts, joint events, and surveys.

Be it further resolved, towards these goals the NOC will be composed of members who must be active in national organizing in at least one of the following ways:

Serve on the NCC

Active membership in one other national committee

Serve in political leadership of their local chapter

Have experience actively organizing campaigns in their chapter

Be it further resolved that the NCC shall appoint a NOC Secretary serving a term from the time of appointment until the next Annual Convention, or until dismissed by vote of the NCC. The Secretary shall maintain all records of the NOC, including the minutes of its meetings and all documents and all materials pertaining to its organizing, events, and any other official business of the NOC and securely transmit such records to the NCC, and, if requested, to the DSA NPC.

Be it further resolved, members of the NOC will be approved by the NOC co-chairs and the NCC.

Be it further resolved that all individuals working on the tasks outlined above will also be a part of the NOC.

Be it further resolved, meeting minutes of any NOC meeting shall be made available to any DSA member upon formal request.

Be it finally resolved that the National Organizing Committee are politically subservient to the National Coordinating Committee and will serve the NCC, providing information and council for the NCC.

R13. Support for a Growing YDSA *Passed, unamended*

Note: The following text is the final approved text of the resolution as passed, unamended.

Sponsor: Alex Pellitteri, *Hunter College*

Co-sponsors: Dahlia Wilson, *Reed College*

Finn Cooley, *Texas Christian University*

Sarandon Elliott, *University Of Virginia*

Leena Yumeen, *Columbia University*

Whereas, the fight for socialism will likely be long and require thousands of committed and experienced organizers. YDSA is an essential part of DSA because it is uniquely positioned to identify, recruit, and develop these organizers at a time when their politics are most malleable.

Whereas, YDSA has continued to grow over the past year and now consists of more than 2,000 members who have demonstrated their ability to organize and win through a variety of tactics including pressure and electoral campaigns, occupying campus buildings, and organizing new undergraduate student worker unions.

Whereas, YDSA has demonstrated its commitment to DSA through national efforts like the YDSA Dues Drive which encourage YDSA members to step up their financial contributions to DSA, switch to monthly dues, and get more involved in the organization.

Whereas, YDSA has immense potential to root DSA in working-class communities through organizing at community colleges and HBCUs, but this work has been limited by the capacity of national leaders and staff.

Whereas, YDSA firmly believes the working class is the agent of change and sees recruiting and developing working class organizers as one of its primary priorities.

Whereas, student organizers face unique capacity challenges as they balance being full-time students and working one or multiple jobs to pay for rent, food, tuition, and other expenses.

Whereas, working class students are disproportionately more likely to have to work to support their families or afford to attend college.

Whereas, as YDSA grows into a larger and more complex organization the workload expected of its national leaders has increased. Many NCC members devote 10 or more hours to YDSA organizing each week to keep the organization running.

Whereas, this workload prevents many students, especially students from working class backgrounds, from running for national leadership and the opportunity to develop their political and organizational skills that it represents.

Whereas, delegates to the 2021 YDSA Convention overwhelmingly supported Resolution 14 "Resolution for Supporting a Growing YDSA," which called for greater resources to support YDSA's organizing.

Whereas, YDSA operates on a different timeline to national DSA committees because its national leadership and priorities are subject to change every Summer after the YDSA Convention. This makes

budgeting for a calendar year difficult or impossible for the NCC as they cannot predict what expenses may be necessary as a result of proposals passed by the Convention.

Therefore be it resolved, YDSA calls on the National Political Committee of DSA to implement the following policies, and that the YDSA Co-Chairs shall present a motion to the following effects before the NPC no later than December 31st, 2022:

- NCC members will be invited to attend DSA National Political Committee meetings and can speak at the discretion of the chair, though only the YDSA Co-Chairs will have voting power.
- Granting a stipend of \$1,000 per month to each NCC member in good standing for the duration of their term. This money will be part of YDSA's annual budget.
- YDSA national budgets will follow the schedule of YDSA conventions, rather than the calendar year. The NCC will submit a budget request to the NPC for YDSA's national budget within the first month of their term.

Be it resolved, the NCC will request a budget for the 2023 calendar year that includes, but is not limited to, the following items:

- Stipends of \$1,000 per month for all NCC members in good standing.
- A stipend of \$2,000 per semester for the Editor-in-Chief of the Activist, and the - - Co-Chairs of the other YDSA National Committees.
- At least \$1,500 for printing and distributing materials to YDSA chapters and/or members.
- Funding for national committees based on the work they are tasked with, ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per committee.
- At least \$7,000 for chapter grants, which official chapters will apply for and receive approval through a process created by the NCC. Grants will be distributed to support specific organizing projects, such as a pressure or labor organizing campaign.

Be it resolved, the NCC will meet with the DSA Finance and Budget committee once per quarter to discuss the YDSA national budget, ensure funds are distributed, and communicate any questions or issues that arise.

Amendments to R13

Amendment R13-1 *Failed*

Sponsor: Lucas Hummel, Wittenberg University

This amendment would modify the resolution in the following ways:

New language

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Therefore be it resolved, YDSA calls on the National Political Committee of DSA to implement the following policies:

- NCC members will be invited to attend DSA National Political Committee meetings and can speak at the discretion of the chair, though only the YDSA Co-Chairs will have voting power.

~~Granting a stipend of \$1,000 per month to each NCC member in good standing for the duration of their term. This money will be part of YDSA's annual budget.~~

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- A stipend of \$2,000 per semester for the Editor-in-Chief of the Activist, and the - - Co-Chairs of the other YDSA National Committees.

- At least \$1,500 for printing and distributing materials to YDSA chapters and/or members.

- Funding for national committees based on the work they are tasked with, ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per committee.

- At least \$720,000 for chapter grants, which official chapters will apply for and receive approval through a process created by the NCC. Grants will be distributed to support specific organizing projects, such as a pressure or labor organizing campaign.

-At least \$15,000 to fund travel, lodging, and/or other accommodations for delegates and alternates to the annual YDSA Convention and for YDSA members who wish to attend the YDSA Winter Conference

Be it resolved, the NCC will meet with the DSA Finance and Budget committee once per quarter to discuss the YDSA national budget, ensure funds are distributed, and communicate any questions or issues that arise.

Amendment R13-2 *Failed*

Sponsor: Andrew Basta, *University of Chicago*

This amendment would modify the resolution in the following ways:

New language

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Therefore be it resolved, YDSA calls on the National Political Committee of DSA to implement the following policies:

- NCC members will be invited to attend DSA National Political Committee meetings and can speak at the discretion of the chair, though only the YDSA Co-Chairs will have voting power.

~~- Granting a stipend of \$1,000 per month to each NCC member in good standing for the duration of their term. This money will be part of YDSA's annual budget.~~

- YDSA national budgets will follow the schedule of YDSA conventions, rather than the calendar year. The NCC will submit a budget request to the NPC for YDSA's national budget within the first month of their term.

Be it resolved, the NCC will request a budget for the 2023 calendar year that includes, but is not limited to, the following items:

~~- Stipends of \$1,000 per month for all NCC members in good standing.~~

~~- A stipend of \$2,000 per semester for the Editor in Chief of the Activist, and the Co-Chairs of the other YDSA National Committees.~~

- At least \$1,500 for printing and distributing materials to YDSA chapters and/or members.

- Funding for national committees based on the work they are tasked with, ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per committee.

- At least \$7,000 for chapter grants, which official chapters will apply for and receive approval through a process created by the NCC. Grants will be distributed to support specific organizing projects, such as a pressure or labor organizing campaign.

Be it resolved, the NCC will meet with the DSA Finance and Budget committee once per quarter to discuss the YDSA national budget, ensure funds are distributed, and communicate any questions or issues that arise.

R14. For Abortion Rights, Bodily Autonomy, and Socialist Trans Liberation *Passed, as amended by complex motion*

Note: The following text is the final approved text of the resolution as amended by complex motion and passed.

Sponsor: **Spencer Mann**, *Reed College*
Co-sponsors: **Wallace Milner**, *Portland State University*
Alex Franzblau, *Florida International University*
Ruy Martinez, *Harvard College*
Anthany Allred, *Portland State University*

Whereas, the conservative majority on the US Supreme Court is overwhelmingly likely to overturn *Roe v Wade* this summer, leaving millions of people in red states without access to abortion care or reproductive healthcare.

Whereas, the Supreme Court is an unelected and illegitimate body that historically has served the interests of the ruling class, not oppressed and working people.

Whereas, as socialists, we stand for bodily autonomy, of which being forced to carry a pregnancy to term is a grievous violation, and many will resort to dangerous methods to terminate their pregnancies.

Whereas, even under *Roe v Wade*, millions of people around the country are unable to access abortion services and reproductive healthcare due to state and local bans and restrictions and the prohibitive costs of healthcare. As such, it is not simply enough for us to return to the status quo, and as socialists, it is our responsibility to fight for a better world.

Whereas, outlawing abortion and reproductive healthcare will overwhelmingly harm the most marginalized among us including people of color, gender minorities, low wage workers, and youth. As such, it is crucial for YDSA to organize to defend abortion and reproductive healthcare, fight for the expansion of reproductive healthcare rights as a key component of Medicare for All, and build power as an organization while doing so.

Whereas, the fight for abortion rights and the rights of transgender people are inextricably linked since both struggles demand bodily autonomy. Additionally, attacks on trans rights are escalating at the same time as abortion rights are set to be overthrown.

Whereas, in the first four months of 2022, over 150 anti-transgender pieces of legislation have been proposed in 35 states around the country, by far the most of any year in history.

Whereas, a staggering number of these bills specifically target the rights of transgender and non-binary youth to gender affirming healthcare, at a time when trans and non-binary youth are already at an especially high risk for discrimination and abuse from the individuals and institutions that they are surrounded with.

Whereas, the bodily autonomy of transgender and non-binary individuals is fundamentally incompatible with bans on gender affirming healthcare.

Whereas, many of the most powerful and mainstream organizations that are organizing in support of abortion rights, reproductive healthcare, and gender affirming healthcare have adopted the inadequate

strategy of orienting towards the Democratic Party as opposed to the multi-racial, gender diverse working class.

Whereas, despite this, these organizations have a significant mailing list and reach in popular discourse, and as such it is strategic for socialist organizations to form broad coalitions with them and inject socialist demands and tactics into those coalitions and into the events organized by them.

Whereas, the only way to defend and expand abortion rights and reproductive healthcare rights is via a broad movement that brings together different sections of the working class using tactics such as mass protests, civil disobedience, and labor action that can pressure the right wing of the Supreme Court to back down or force Biden to expand the court. Furthermore, the only way to defend and expand trans rights and the right to gender affirming healthcare is a similarly constructed movement, instead targeted at state and local legislatures who are proposing and passing legislation that would restrict or remove people's rights.

Whereas, socialists have a vital role to play in arming the movement with tactics and ideas that will make it more likely to succeed.

Therefore, be it resolved that YDSA chapters will organize, in collaboration with DSA, a National Day of Action for abortion rights in mid-October, with a date to be determined by the NOC based on chapter availability, and will, when appropriate, reach out to organizations including Planned Parenthood, National Organization for Women, National Abortion Rights Action League, Women's March, labor unions, and others. Chapters may opt out if they determine they cannot hold a day of action, by contacting the NCC or NOC. The goal of working with other organizations will be to engage broader forces into the class struggle for reproductive rights, however, depending on local circumstances, chapters will decide on how they go about making coalitions. Within said coalitions, YDSA chapters should keep an independent, socialist message, not constrained by the other forces. If these organizations should refuse to work with YDSA chapters, they should continue organizing for a National Day of Action. The demands of the National Day of Action will include the following:

1. That Roe v Wade be preserved and that Congress enshrines abortion rights by ending the filibuster and passing the Women's Health Protection Act
2. That Biden add 4 pro-choice justices to the Supreme Court, expanding it from 9 to 13 members — while arguing that this alone is not enough to secure abortion rights and trans rights, and that the court is inherently undemocratic
3. That Medicare for All be passed by both houses of Congress and signed into law, and that essential components of this legislation be both free abortion, on demand, without apology, and free gender-affirming healthcare
4. That policies including but not limited to free universal childcare, paid family leave, living wages, and affordable housing be signed into law in order to enable people to have children and raise them in a healthy environment

Therefore, be it also resolved that YDSA chapters and the NOC will organize a campaign for abortion rights, reproductive healthcare, and socialist trans liberation, in coordination with YDSA chapters around the country, at a national, state, and local level. This campaign will target the federal government, as well as state and local governments that have either proposed or passed anti-trans and/or anti-abortion legislation, or are failing to enact policies that would strengthen and expand reproductive rights and/or the rights of transgender and non-binary individuals. The campaign will include the following demands...

1. That free gender affirming healthcare, contraception, and abortion care be included under Medicare for All, at a statewide, local, and/or a federal level
2. That the right of transgender and non-binary individuals to participate in sports at all levels be enshrined in law, and that any legislation to the contrary be repealed or struck down
3. That the right of transgender and non-binary youth to use the school uniforms that correspond to their identified gender be enshrined in law, and that any legislation to the contrary be repealed or struck down
4. That the right of transgender and non-binary people to use the bathrooms that correspond with their identified gender be enshrined in law, and that any legislation to the contrary be repealed or struck down
5. That the right of all individuals to change the identification of their gender on federal, state, or local documentation be enshrined in law, and that any legislation to the contrary be repealed or struck down, and that federal, state, or local documentation shall include gender neutral gender identification options available for use.

Therefore, be it also resolved that YDSA's NOC will send out interest for a campaign cohort to work with chapters to create a campaign toolbox for local campaigns that are specific to the conditions on different campuses around abortion rights, trans rights, and other struggles for reproductive health.

1. These may include campaigns around expanding contraceptive access, open and accepting spaces for LGBTQ people, abuses involving greek life, and other issues
2. While local chapters will head their own efforts, the NOC will make a chapter toolbox with template materials that chapters will be able to use in their campaigns
3. Efforts should be made to link the local campaigns to a broader fight for reproductive rights and trans rights, linked into the National Day of Action

Amendments to R14

Amendment R14-1 *Withdrawn*

Sponsor: Trey Cook, *University of Vermont*

This amendment would modify the resolution in the following ways:

New language

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Therefore, be it resolved that the NPEC will hold at least one event on Abortion Rights, Medicare For All, and Socialist Trans Liberation

Be it further resolved that the NOC will measure chapter interest and participation in campaigns involving Abortion Rights, Medicare For All, and Socialist Trans Liberation

Be it further resolved that if a sufficient amount of interest is recorded the NOC will organize Abortion Rights, Medicare For All, and Socialist Trans Liberation campaign cohorts.

Therefore, be it resolved that YDSA calls on DSA to jointly organize and promote a mass mobilization march and rally in Washington DC in September with organizations including Planned Parenthood, National Organization for Women, National Abortion Rights Action League, Women's March, labor unions, and others, with demands that include the following...

1. That Roe v Wade be preserved and that Congress enshrines abortion rights by ending the filibuster and passing the Women's Health Protection Act
2. That Biden add 4 pro-choice justices to the Supreme Court, expanding it from 9 to 13 members
3. That Medicare for All be passed by both houses of Congress and signed into law, and that essential components of this legislation be both free abortion, on demand, without apology, and free gender-affirming healthcare
4. That policies including but not limited to free universal childcare, paid family leave, living wages, and affordable housing be signed into law in order to enable people to have children and raise them in a healthy environment

Therefore, be it also resolved that national YDSA will organize a campaign for socialist trans liberation, in coordination with YDSA chapters around the country, targeting state and local governments that have either proposed or passed anti-trans legislation, or are failing to enact policies that would strengthen and expand the rights of transgender and non-binary individuals. The campaign would include the following demands...

1. That free gender-affirming healthcare be included under Medicare for All, at a statewide, local, and/or a federal level
2. That the right of transgender and non-binary individuals to participate in sports at all levels be enshrined in law, and that any legislation to the contrary be repealed or struck down
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R15. For An Independent Working Class Socialist Party

Passed, unamended

Note: The following text is the final approved text of the resolution as passed, unamended.

Sponsor: **Wallace Milner**, *Portland State University*

Co-sponsors: **Spencer Mann**, *Reed College*
Alex Franzblau, *Florida International University*
Ruy Martinez, *Harvard College*
Anthany Allred, *Portland State University*

Whereas, millions of votes were cast for Biden and other Democratic Party candidates in order to oppose Trump, the Republican Party, and their bigoted, discriminatory, and anti-working class politics.

Whereas, despite this, Biden and the Democratic Party have failed their voters and supporters on all key issues, including the \$15 minimum wage, passing the PRO Act, meaningfully addressing climate change, canceling student debt, and many others.

Whereas, Biden and the Democratic Party will likely face major losses in the upcoming midterm elections, paving the way for the return of the politics of Trumpism and the right-wing Republican Party.

Whereas, the nation as a whole is facing a dire political situation, and such a reality is cause for a response from DSA and YDSA that is proportional to the severity of the situation.

Whereas, despite the short term strategic advantage of running candidates within the Democratic Party, it is not enough for us to be satisfied with such an orientation for the indefinite future. The Democratic Party is a fundamentally regressive and capitalist organization, and in order to build a socialist future, an independent, working class, socialist party is necessary, and engaging in the work required to build that party is essential and urgent.

Whereas, as socialists, we cannot leave it to the Republican Party to be the sole visible opposition to Biden and the failed liberal capitalist politics of the Democratic Party. We need a bold, visible, socialist opposition that is building mass movements to protect reproductive rights, queer and trans rights, workers rights, immigrant rights, and to fight against all forms of racism, sexism, and bigotry.

Whereas, as the youth section of the largest socialist organization in the United States, it falls upon us to blaze the path forward for the socialist movement, respond to the crisis that we face, carve out a space for explicitly socialist politics in the mainstream, build the power of DSA and YDSA, and prove that a better world is possible for us all.

Therefore, be it resolved that YDSA calls on DSA's elected representatives to form a highly visible socialist caucus in the United States House to promote democratic socialist ideas and draw a clear contrast to the failed politics of Biden and moderate Democrats as well as the insufficient, weak approach of the so called "Progressive Caucus" within the Democratic Party.

Therefore, be it also resolved that YDSA is committed to, within DSA and on the left in general, a bold and transformative "dirty break" approach to elections and electoralism, which is outlined by the following...

1. Under concrete circumstances, it can still make sense for DSA endorsed candidates to run on the ticket of the Democratic Party and/or in Democratic Party primaries. However, the target of our electoral efforts

needs to be to build the independent, working class power necessary to forge an independent, working class, socialist party through class struggle elections and candidates.

2. We expect all DSA endorsed candidates to use their campaigns (and offices should they attain them) to promote mass movements of working-class and oppressed people. We expect such candidates to promote the organization of working-class and oppressed people into labor unions, tenant unions, and community organizations to build the working class's power.

3. We expect all DSA endorsed candidates to outwardly and openly identify as socialists, to promote the campaigns, policies, initiatives, and events of DSA and YDSA, and to urge their constituents and the public to join and to organize with DSA and YDSA. We further expect DSA candidates to actively support left wing primary challenges to corporate Democrats.

4. We expect all DSA endorsed candidates, including those running on the ticket of the Democratic Party, to openly and publicly speak out about the failed politics of the leadership of the Democratic Party as well as the need to build toward an independent, working-class, socialist party that is independent from the Democratic Party.

5. We call on chapters of DSA and YDSA to identify races where DSA endorsed candidates can and should run as independent socialists. Namely, urban areas with large Democratic majorities where working class politics and third party campaigns have had previous success.

6. We call on DSA to establish that candidates will be expected to promote DSA by sharing events to their campaign lists when practical to do so, calling themselves a "democratic socialist" or "socialist" and acknowledging their DSA membership during public events and in campaign publications, using their campaign to recruit to DSA, and generally seeking to utilize the campaign to foster growth and participation in the organization.

7. YDSA members will be encouraged to use these principles to guide their local work when considering who to endorse in local races.

8. YDSA members engaged in union work will work, over a long period of time, to implement a rank and file strategy to democratize and transform their unions to be powerful vehicles for working class power. Part of this work, as it relates to electoral campaigns, will be to get unions to endorse Y/DSEA candidates and eventually, in the future, support the creation of a working class party.

Therefore, be it also resolved, the NOC will measure chapter interest and participation in electoral work. If a sufficient amount of interest is recorded the NOC will organize electoral campaign cohorts.

1. The NOC will create a pamphlet detailing how a "dirty break" approach should function to include in chapter Google Drive materials, including the expectations towards candidates asking for endorsements, along with other information, such as how to identify serious and unserious electoral campaigns.

2. Once every quarter, the NOC will organize a meeting open to YDSA members and leaders to discuss the history of electoral efforts to build a working class party in the United States and other nations with similarly difficult electoral systems, along with reviewing the dirty break as formulated in this resolution.

Therefore, be it also resolved, the NCC will propose the passage of this item for a discussion in DSA's NPC meetings at least one time within the next six months after its passage to discuss why YDSA members voted for this policy, and how DSA can help YDSA implement aspects of this resolution where the two intersect.

Amendments to R15

Amendment R15-1 *Failed*

Sponsor: Adam Ireneo Ascione D'Elia, *Binghamton University*

This amendment would modify the resolution in the following ways:

New language

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Be it further resolved that YDSA Chapters engaging in electoral work shall only campaign for candidates for public office that have received a corresponding endorsement from DSA, but that, at their discretion, YDSA Chapters shall be free to endorse candidates for student and campus offices at their home institution who run as Socialists and have been approved by a democratic process including a vote by the membership of the Chapter."

Amendment R15-2 has been removed from the bulletin by the author.

Amendment R15-3 *Failed*

Sponsor: Trey Cook, *University of Vermont*

This amendment would modify the resolution in the following ways:

New language

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Therefore, be it also resolved that YDSA is committed to, within DSA and on the left in general, a bold and transformative "dirty break" approach to elections and electoralism, which is outlined by the following...

1. Under concrete circumstances, it can still make sense for DSA endorsed candidates to run on the ticket of the Democratic Party and/or in Democratic Party primaries. However, the target of our electoral efforts needs to be to build the independent, working class power necessary to forge an independent, working class, socialist party through class struggle elections and candidates.
2. We expect all DSA endorsed candidates to use their campaigns (and offices should they attain them) to promote mass movements of working-class and oppressed people. We expect such candidates to promote the organization of working-class and oppressed people into labor unions, tenant unions, and community organizations to build the working class's power.
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5. We call on chapters of DSA and YDSA to identify races where DSA endorsed candidates can and should run as independent socialists. Namely, urban areas with large Democratic majorities where working class politics and third party campaigns have had previous success.

6. We call on DSA to establish that candidates will be expected to promote DSA by sharing events to their campaign lists when practical to do so, calling themselves a "democratic socialist" or "socialist" and acknowledging their DSA membership during public events and in campaign publications, using their campaign to recruit to DSA, and generally seeking to utilize the campaign to foster growth and participation in the organization.

7. YDSA members will be encouraged to use these principles to guide their local work when considering who to endorse in local races.

8. YDSA members engaged in union work will work, over a long period of time, to implement a rank and file strategy to democratize and transform their unions to be powerful vehicles for working class power. Part of this work, as it relates to electoral campaigns, will be to get unions to endorse Y/DSA candidates and eventually, in the future, support the creation of a working class party.

Therefore, be it also resolved, the NOC will measure chapter interest and participation in electoral work. If a sufficient amount of interest is recorded the NOC will organize electoral campaign cohorts.

~~1. The NOC will create a pamphlet detailing how a "dirty break" approach should function to include in chapter Google Drive materials, including the expectations towards candidates asking for endorsements, along with other information, such as how to identify serious and unserious electoral campaigns.~~

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~~10.~~ Therefore be it also resolved, the NCC will propose the passage of this item for a discussion in DSA's NPC meetings at least one time within the next six months after its passage to discuss why YDSA members voted for this policy, and how DSA can help YDSA implement aspects of this resolution where the two intersect.

R16. Fighting Bigotry and Inequality *Passed*

Note: The following text is the final approved text of the resolution as passed.

Sponsor: Sean Bridge, *University of Cincinnati*
Co-sponsors: Ian Siegert, *University Of Cincinnati*
 Seth Overholt, *University Of Cincinnati*
 Shavo Smith, *University Of Cincinnati*
 Zurie Pope, *University Of Cincinnati*

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court's draft opinion in the case Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, which overturns Roe v. Wade & Planned Parenthood v. Casey, sets the stage for the repeal of many constitutionally protected rights such as safe & legal abortions, access to contraception, same-sex marriage, & the very existence of same sex and interracial relationships.

WHEREAS, as of Jan 20th, 2022 there had been approximately 280 anti-trans bills filed this legislative year.

WHEREAS, an additional 43 bills filed in the previous year directly restricted access to gender affirming care, which we know directly impacts the mental health and well being of trans youth.

WHEREAS, we have additionally seen approximately 19 states introduce "anti-CRT" or "Don't Say Gay" style bills.

WHEREAS, these bills are a blatant & obvious attempt to hide the fact that inequality, racism, & bigotry are not a coincidence of the modern U.S.A. but an intentional & necessary policy for the continued existence of capitalism.

WHEREAS, this wave of bigotry has extended beyond indirect legal violence and into direct physical attacks on communities of color, the LGBTQ community, and other minority communities.

WHEREAS, over the last five years hate crimes have increased nationally for almost every minority community across the country.

WHEREAS, as a diverse, socialist, and grassroots organization YDSA is able to offer unique material perspectives & solutions.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that YDSA reaffirms our commitment to fighting all manners in which bigotry and inequality manifests, including but not limited to, homophobia, transphobia, misogyny, racism, islamophobia, antisemitism, and xenophobia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Organizing Committee (NOC) coordinate with and attempt to connect chapters who are running, have run, or are planning to run campaigns related to fighting bigotry on their campuses with the explicit intention of building strong cross-chapter mass demonstrations, mutual aid networks, statewide pressure campaigns, or other organizing projects as deemed appropriate by such chapters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to achieve this goal, the NOC connect local YDSA chapters with DSA working groups such as:

“Afrosocialists and Socialists of Color Caucus”

“Queer Socialist Working Group”

“Socialist Feminist Working Group”

With the purpose of giving YDSA chapters additional resources, examples of previously successful campaigns, and connections to other DSA members and leaders with unique experiences and knowledge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NOC provide training, in collaboration with the previously mentioned working groups, on how to:

Build inclusive movements that connect to, and work with existing structures and organizations within marginalized communities on campuses.

Create effective, transparent, and accountable grievance policy within chapters to combat bigotry.

Force university administration to hold staff and students accountable for incidents of bigotry and violence.

Connect the issues of marginalized communities together and to a wider lens of class struggle. Such as connecting abortion rights, trans healthcare, & universal healthcare or connecting police violence against POC, homelessness, affordable housing, and tenants unions.

R17. Strengthening and Improving Staff-Leadership Collaboration

Passed, unamended

Note: The following text is the final approved text of the resolution as passed, unamended.

Sponsor: **Jake Colosa**, *New York University*

Co-sponsors: **Taylor Clark**, *University Of California Santa Barbara*

Georgina Iljazoski, *Hunter College*

Leena Yumeen, *Columbia University*

Cyn Huang, *University Of California Berkeley*

Whereas, staff support is an important resource and YDSA's elected national leadership should have a say in how our resources are allocated. The YDSA Constitution affirms this power in section 7.5 which states that the YDSA Organizer shall be "directly supervised by the national officers."

Whereas, staff members play an indispensable role in YDSA and national leaders should work with them, drawing on their experience, to determine how they can best support YDSA's priorities.

Whereas, members of YDSA's National Coordinating Committee (NCC) and YDSA Staff have struggled to evenly divide and track the ongoing work required to run the organization. A clear and intentional process to divide ongoing responsibilities would improve the efficiency and capacity of YDSA.

Whereas, many members of the NCC feel disconnected from YDSA interns, who only interface with some members of the NCC through projects like the YDSA Conference.

Whereas, YDSA internships currently span multiple semesters which makes it difficult for students to apply for the role if they do not know what their schedule will look like next semester.

Whereas, YDSA chapters have successfully organized undergraduate student worker unions and provided integral support to strikes on their campuses, and many more chapters are interested in labor organizing but lack resources or support.

Therefore be it resolved, the National Coordinating Committee will have greater input into the projects that YDSA Organizers and interns work on, including deciding which national projects should receive staff support.

Be it resolved, at the beginning of each NCC term and between the Fall and Spring semesters, the NCC will work with the YDSA Organizers and Interns to create a project plan for the semester. The project plan will list the ongoing/long-term responsibilities of the national organization for that semester to determine which staff and NCC members will be working on which projects.

Be it resolved, the NCC shall have the power to modify these project plans to reflect changes in the priorities of the national organization.

Be it resolved, every other NCC meeting will include an agenda item for YDSA Organizers and Interns to report back on the work they are focusing on and bring forward any relevant questions about the projects they are supporting to the NCC.

Be it resolved, YDSA Interns will attend at least every other NCC meeting to facilitate communication and establish a relationship between national leaders and the YDSA Interns.

Be it resolved, following the completion of the current YDSA Internship cohort, YDSA internships will follow a semesterly schedule to make the position more accessible for students.

Be it resolved, to better support YDSA's significant labor organizing without diminishing the YDSA Organizers' abilities to support chapters, YDSA calls on the National Political Committee of DSA to hire a third YDSA Organizer who will prioritize their time on supporting the National Labor Committee and YDSA chapters organizing around labor on their campuses.

Amendments to R17

Amendment R17-1 *Failed*

Sponsor: Adam Ireneo Ascione D'Elia, *Binghamton University*

This amendment would modify the resolution in the following ways:

New language

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Be it resolved, to better support YDSA's significant labor organizing without diminishing the YDSA Organizers' abilities to support chapters, YDSA calls on the National Political Committee of DSA to hire a third YDSA Organizer who will prioritize their time on supporting the National Labor Committee and YDSA chapters organizing around labor on their campuses.

Be it further resolved that the NCC Co-Chairs shall put forward a motion to the DSA NPC effectuating the necessary policies regarding YDSA Organizers and Intern staff to effectuate the above directions no later than October 1st, 2022, and that the elected members of the NCC shall write and co-sign a resolution to proposal to be put before the 2023 DSA Convention formalizing the relationship between the NCC and YDSA Organizer staff along the lines set forth above. The NCC shall disseminate a draft of such a resolution proposal no later than December 31st, 2022.

R18. Recommitting to The Activist *Passed on Consent Agenda*

Note: The following text is the final approved text of the resolution as passed.

Sponsor: Finn Cooley, *Texas Christian University*

Co-sponsors: Rafael Ash, *Amherst Regional High School*

Alexandra Chan, *New York University*

Amina Mednifcoff-Misra, *Wesleyan University*

Samuel Hopwood, *Albany High School*

Whereas, The Activist is a crucial element in the development of YDSA and its members, and

Whereas in the last year, YDSA's publication has highlighted chapter campaigns and actions from across the country, and

Whereas, The Activist allows members to exchange their views in a comradely fashion, contributing to a democratic culture of political debate, and

Whereas, The Activist is a product of dedicated editors who meet weekly and review articles regularly, and The Activist should publish the writing of and be read by many more YDSA members.

Resolved, The Activist will continue to be published by a subcommittee of the National Political Education Committee; it will consist of one Executive Editor and 6-8 other editors; members interested in being editors will be chosen by the YDSA NCC and will be asked to submit an application detailing their writing, editing, publishing experience, along with a writing sample.

Therefore, be it further resolved, The Activist will continue to publish a variety of articles, including but not limited to: chapter reports, arguments for and against convention resolutions, campaign spotlights, and strategic analysis. Articles will feature political arguments. The goal of The Activist remains elevating well-reasoned debate and comradely discussion among YDSA members.

Therefore be it further resolved, the Activist Editorial Board will publish two print issues in the next year, both at least 20 pages, to be sent to as many YDSA members as possible. The Editorial Board will work with the YDSA NCC and staff to ensure that print issues are ready for national events in a timely fashion.

Therefore be it further resolved, The Activist editorial board will work to send chapters print copies of The Activist in biannual editions. These two issues will be sent out in conjunction with national events, such as the Winter Conference and annual Convention. Chapter leadership will be asked to request an amount of copies to distribute to members, and will be asked to provide an address or, preferably, an official chapter P.O. Box. Chapters will be asked to provide reports on the state of their issues for future evaluation and to encourage distribution. New chapters will receive — with their chapter applications' acceptance — a requested amount of editions issued most recently.

Therefore be it resolved, The Activist will host a workshop focused on developing the political writing skills of YDSA members at least once a year. The workshop will be open and advertised to all YDSA members and will feature current and former editors of The Activist and potentially other major socialist publications. The goal of the workshop will be to cultivate new authors and readers for The Activist.

Therefore be it further resolved, The Activist Editorial Board will continue to explore new formats for content, including but not limited to weekly “Sunday Hot Takes” articles, an opt-in newsletter and recordings of articles and other audio content.

Therefore be it further resolved, The Activist will request to receive a budget for various expenses, such as commissioning art, printing, mailing, video editing, and may include a stipend for the Executive Editor, due to the fact that the position has entailed the work of an internship with a rare skill set. The outgoing editorial board will create a rough budget with variables (print costs, shipping costs) to be further elaborated on by the NCC, to then ask from the NPC. In the event of incomplete allocation, costs of producing The Activist shall be prioritized. Before the next year's Convention, a report on the budget's expenditures shall be submitted as part of the delegates' information booklets, to the NCC, and thereby to the NPC for review.

Amendments

A1. A Voice For Disability *Failed*

Note: The following text is the final approved text of the **FAILED** constitutional amendment.

Sponsor: Nicholas Woodfin, *Hunter College*
Co-sponsors: Tom Julstrom, *University of Minnesota Duluth*
 Enrique Escoto, *University Of Central Florida*
 Evan Caldwell, *University Of Central Florida*
 Lex Tracton, *University Of Central Florida*

Reasoning

Those with different standards of ability are labeled as “disabled” in capitalist society.

Those of this label are systematically targeted by capitalist society and its standards creating a vulnerable and marginalized group. Disabled members of the YDSA community have no formal representation and have endured events which have made said group of the community uncomfortable. Both DSA and YDSA should be a space that respects the voice of the disabled. As other marginalized groups have permanent representation on the highest body in YDSA, we call for the introduction of a reserved permanent seat for those with any manner of disability. After previous events in the YDSA, it is imperative that measures are taken to give a voice to an often voiceless demographic.

Old Language

Article VII. National Coordinating Committee: Sec. 2b - At least 50% of the NCC must be self-identified women or gender non-binary people (including one of the co-chairs), and at least 45% of the NCC must also be people of color.

New Language

New language
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Article VII. National Coordinating Committee: Sec. 2b - At least 50% of the NCC must be self-identified women or gender non-binary people (including one of the co-chairs), and at least 45% of the NCC must also be people of color. **At least one member of the NCC must be a self identified member of the disability community whenever such a candidate is available. No candidate for NCC shall be subject to means testing for the purposes of fulfilling the requirements of this section.**

The NCC will strive to accommodate the disabled member whenever possible.

A2. Amendment to Improve YDSA Democracy *Failed*

Note: The following text is the final approved text of the **FAILED** constitutional amendment.

Sponsor: Adam Ireneo Ascione D'Elia, *Binghamton University*

Co-sponsors: Joseph Raskind, *Binghamton University*

Nicholas Woodfin, *Hunter College*

Nikhil P, *Georgia Tech*

James Nolan, *Purdue University*

Reasoning

Whereas a standardized voting system between chapters maintains greater transparency to members;

Whereas Scottish Single Transferable Vote offers a proportional representation method that is robust against tactical voting methods;

Whereas the National Convention and NCC, as the highest political bodies of YDSA ought to represent the political diversity of our organization by using a proportional method that incentivizes truthful voting behavior;

Whereas the separate election of NCC Co-Chairs from at-large members reduces the total competitiveness of both elections and reduces the proportionality of the NCC as a whole;

And whereas electing Co-Chairs from among the total elected NCC guarantees a competitive election;

Therefore, be it resolved that the NCC shall be elected first as a whole, and that the Convention shall choose Co-Chairs from among the elected NCC;

Be it further resolved that to that end, the YDSA Constitution be amended as follows, but that these changes shall not take effect until the pre-convention period ahead of the start of the 2023 Annual Convention

Old Language

Article VI, Sec. 3 – The number of delegates for each YDSA chapter for the Annual Convention shall be apportioned at least sixty (60) days before the Annual Convention. The apportionment shall be based on a ratio of chapter membership to delegates determined by the NCC. The delegates of each chapter shall be elected by the chapter's membership. Delegates of chapters shall have speaking and voting rights at the Annual Convention. These rights shall be subject to review at the Annual Convention meeting.

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Article VII, Sec. 2 – The national officers shall consist of two Co-Chairs and seven at-large members. The two Co-Chairs shall be elected by ranked choice voting, and the at-large members by single transferable vote.

New Language

New language

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Article VI, Sec. 3 – The number of delegates for each YDSA chapter for the Annual Convention shall be apportioned at least sixty (60) days before the Annual Convention. The apportionment shall be based on a ratio of chapter membership to delegates determined by the NCC. The delegates of each chapter shall be elected by the chapter's membership **using Scottish Single Transferable Vote, or where the number of candidates is less than or equal to the number of seats available for election by a vote on the approval of the slate as a whole by a majority vote.** Delegates of chapters shall have speaking and voting rights at the Annual Convention. These rights shall be subject to review at the Annual Convention meeting.

...

Article VII, Sec. 2 – The national officers shall consist of nine members **elected by Scottish Single Transferable Vote by the Annual Convention, except that if the number of candidates is less than or equal to nine (9), the approval of the slate as a whole shall be considered as a debatable motion before the Annual Convention which may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all delegates. Following the election of the national officers, two Co-Chairs shall be elected from the ranks of the nine newly elected national officers, by the Annual Convention, using Scottish Single Transferable Vote.**

A3. Programmatic Unity in YDSA *Failed, as amended by complex motion*

Note: The following text is the final approved text of the **FAILED** constitutional amendment as amended by a complex motion.

Sponsor: Adam Ireneo Ascione D'Elia, *Binghamton University*

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James Nolan, *Purdue University*

Harrison Cole, *Wayne State University*

Reasoning

Whereas the YDSA and DSA platforms constitute the basic aims of the respective organization;

Whereas YDSA and DSA members need not agree with every individual point of the platform but must be free to dissent and argue for the amendment of the platform through democratic process;

Whereas nonetheless, in order for the organization to maintain productive and unified work as a single organization, the membership must maintain basic principles in common, and that the platforms constitute the basis for those principles,

Whereas the structure of other organizations which may overlap with YDSA being democratic centralist or otherwise is not strictly correlative with hostility to YDSA's internal democracy or its platform, and members of other organizations who seek to work with YDSA in good faith should be welcomed into our work;

And finally, whereas hostile organizations which are not self-described as democratic centralist may and have nonetheless attempted to use entryist tactics against YDSA and DSA's internal democracy;

Be it resolved that the YDSA Constitution be amended as follows:

Old Language

Article IV, Sec. 1 – Membership in YDSA shall be open to any DSA members who are full or part-time students, campus workers (including, but not limited to, adjunct faculty, teaching assistants, and non-traditional students), or youth who accept the aims, constitution, resolutions, and the decisions of the organization. Members over 30 years of age may not hold elective office in the organization.

...

Article IV, Sec. 3 – Members may be expelled from YDSA membership if they are found to be in substantial disagreement with the principles or policies of the organization or if they consistently engage in undemocratic, disruptive behavior or if they are under the discipline of any self-defined democratic-centralist organization.

New Language

New language

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Article IV, Sec. 1 – Membership in YDSA shall be open to any DSA members who are full or part-time students, campus workers (including, but not limited to, adjunct faculty, teaching assistants, and non-traditional students), or youth, who accept the aims, constitution, resolutions, and the decisions of the organization **and accept the fundamental aims of the platforms of the organization**. Members over 30 years of age may not hold elective office in the organization.

...

Article IV, Sec. 3 – Members may be expelled from YDSA membership if they are found to be in substantial disagreement with the principles or policies of the organization, or if they consistently engage in undemocratic, disruptive behavior or if they are **members of any organization that endeavors to undermine the efforts of DSA or YDSA to work toward the realization of its platform according to the decisions made by internal democracy, or if they are employed or contracted as a federal, state, or local law enforcement officer**.

Amendments to A3

Amendment A3-1 **Failed**

Sponsor: Tom Julstrom, University of Minnesota Duluth

This amendment would modify the constitutional amendment in the following ways:

New language

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New Language:

Article IV, Sec. 3 – Members may be expelled from YDSA membership if they are found to be in substantial disagreement with the principles or policies of the organization, or if they consistently engage in undemocratic, disruptive behavior ~~or if they are members of any organization that endeavors to undermine the efforts of DSA or YDSA to work toward the realization of its platform according to the decisions made by internal democracy~~, or if they are employed or contracted as a federal, state, or local law enforcement officer.