

New Orleans DSA: OpaVote Guide

How to vote during our chapter elections, using [OpaVote](#).

What is OpaVote, and why are we using it?

OpaVote is a secure online voting platform that we'll be using for elections.

Election timetable

1. Online voting opens at **5PM on Sunday, June 24th, 2023**.
2. Online voting ends at **5PM on July 1st, 2023**.
3. You will receive periodic reminders to submit your ballot throughout the online voting period.
4. Once the voting period closes, election results will be announced via Slack and email.

How to vote

Here is a step-by-step process for submitting your votes:

Immediately following Convention on **June 24th**, all members will receive an email from noreply@opavote.com (note this down in case your email goes to spam) that looks like this:



These are the votes for the New Orleans DSA 2020 Chapter Election. All chapter elected positions except Treasurer Trustee are elected for one year, and the following positions are on the ballot:

- Co-Chairs (2)
- Secretary
- Membership Chair
- Treasurer
- Treasurer Trustee
- At-Large Council Members (2)

If you wish to simply record a "present" vote, you can open the ballot and click submit without making any selections. (This helps ensure that we can meet quorum.)

Click on this button to vote:



Do not forward this email to others, and please contact me with any questions at the email address below.

Best regards,
New Orleans DSA
admin@dsaneworleans.org

You are receiving this email because New Orleans DSA included you in this election. [Unsubscribe here.](#)

Click the “**Vote**” button (circled in above image) to be taken to OpaVote’s website. Each position up for election will have a description of the office, as well as the list of candidates and ballot. Click the “**Add**” button on each candidate you would like to rank, and drag their names around on the ballot to rank them differently. **Note that you are free to omit some or all candidates on any ballot.** In the following example, the voter has decided to only rank two of the three candidates for the Co-Chairs election:

Co-Chairs

The two Co-Chairs are the executive officers of the chapter. They are responsible for planning and running Local Council meetings, General Meetings, and Chapter Conventions. They are the official public spokespersons for the chapter, and the coordinators of our work. They are also responsible for coordination and communication with other DSA chapters and the national DSA organization. According to the bylaws “At least one Co-Chair must not identify as white, cisgender, and male; both Co-Chairs must also identify as working-class.” Our current Co-Chairs are Michael Esealuka and Jordan Falciani.

Instructions: Use the buttons to add choices to the ballot, and then drag to arrange them in order of preference with your most preferred at the top and your least preferred at the bottom.

Choice list:

Remove

Joey Ramone

Remove

Johnny Ramone

Add

Dee Dee Ramone

Your ballot:

1.

Johnny Ramone

2.

Joey Ramone

3.

Do the same for each election on the page. At the bottom of the page, you can submit your ballot by clicking the green **“Vote!”** button (shown below). At that point, you’ll be shown a confirmation pop-up with your candidate selections, and can click **“Confirm”** to finish.

Instructions: Double check your ballot. Then click the "Vote!" button to cast your vote.

✓ Vote!

Once your vote is submitted, there’s nothing left to do. Note that your vote is anonymous, and live results will not be displayed.