

Resolution to Improve Chapter Security

RESOLUTION TITLE

Resolution to *Improve Chapter Security and Vet Steering Committee Candidates*

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RESOLUTION

1. **Therefore, be it resolved**, candidates for the Steering Committee will be vetted prior to their election by the Security Department of the Administrative Committee, if they have not already been vetted;
2. And, **be it further resolved**, the vetters will provide a report, available exclusively to chapter members, on their findings, prior to the election;
3. And, **be it further resolved**, their report, if it contains concerns or worries about any candidates, shall consist of a specific list of provable, concerning information in line with vetting guidelines;
4. And, **be it further resolved**, their report and its release will be done in coordination with the IED.

BACKGROUND

1. **Whereas**, Metro DC DSA's Steering Committee has access to broad amounts of information about both the chapter and chapter members;
2. **Whereas**, infiltration is a real threat facing both our chapter specifically and DSA more broadly, and our chapter and members have faced severe harms from infiltration, ranging from loss of employment to death threats, and other chapters have faced legal repercussions as well, most notably Denver and Colorado Springs DSA;
3. **Whereas**, our vetting procedures are well established and well run, and are required for access to information Steering Committee members, as a general rule, use regularly;
4. **Whereas**, vetting before the Steering Committee election would guarantee newly elected members have access to all resources they need in a timely manner, and also serve as part of a broader security culture to protect the chapter and individual members from harm.
5. **Whereas**, per Metro DC DSA's bylaws, the members of the Security Department, as members of the Administrative Committee, are nominated by the Secretary and vetted and approved by a majority vote of the Steering Committee.