



Bylaws of the Northwest Arkansas Local Chapter of the Democratic Socialists of America

Article I. Name

1.1 Northwest Arkansas Democratic Socialists of America (hereinafter “NWA DSA”) is a local chapter of the national organization Democratic Socialists of America.

Article II. Purpose

1.1 NWA DSA seeks to facilitate the transition to a truly democratic and socialist society, one in which the means/resources of production are democratically and socially controlled.

SECTION 2. “DEMOCRATIC”

2.1 Our conception of socialism is a profoundly democratic one. It is rooted in the belief that human beings should be free to develop to their fullest potential, that public policies should be determined not by wealth but by popular participation, and that individual liberties should be carefully safeguarded. It is committed to a freedom of speech that does not recoil from dissent, a freedom to organize, and a freedom of religion that acknowledges the rights of those for whom spiritual concerns are central.

SECTION 3. “SOCIALIST”

3.1 NWA DSA rejects capitalism, a brutal economic order enforced through violence, which is based solely on private profit, alienated labor, gross inequalities of wealth and power, brutality and violence in defense of the status quo, and discrimination based on religion, national origin, race, color, sex, gender, age, occupation, citizenship status, ability, class and socio-economic status, or sexual orientation. Our rejection of capitalism is local as well as national:

- We reject the exploitation of renters by landlords who have taken advantage of government contracts to accumulate wealth.
- We reject the transit systems that rely on donations of the capitalist class.



- We reject the betrayal of our neighbors to Immigration and Customs Enforcement through the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program.
- Lastly, we reject economic inequality in our communities and suppression of labor organizing.

3.2 Our vision for a better NWA is based on popular control of resources and production, economic planning, equitable distribution, gender and racial equality, and non-oppressive relationships.

SECTION 4. THEORY OF CHANGE

4.1 We are socialists because we are developing a concrete strategy for achieving that vision. In the present, we are building a visible socialist presence within the broad democratic left. In the long run, we hope to build a majority movement capable of making democratic socialism a reality in the United States.

4.2 We believe that the working class, when organized and conscious of its collective power, is the agent of historical change. However, spontaneous resistance alone is insufficient to dismantle capitalism. Instead, we must build durable, democratic institutions and movements that challenge capitalist hegemony at all levels—economic, political, and cultural.

4.3 Our key strategies for change include 1) prefigurative politics to model socialist values within our organization, 2) political education to develop class consciousness, 3) varied and dynamic base-building strategies to create forms of dual power, 4) electoral and policy engagement to weaken capitalist control and to strengthen democratic means of governance, and 5) mass mobilization for direct action—such as labor organizing—to disrupt capitalist accumulation and demonstrate the power of collective struggle.

Article III. Membership

SECTION 1. DEFINITION

1.1 Members of NWA DSA will be those individuals in good standing with national DSA and who reside and/or work in the Northwest Arkansas Area. The area shall include all cities and unincorporated townships situated within Benton, Washington, Madison, Carroll, Boone, and Newton Counties.



1.2 It will be the responsibility of members to approve policies and guidelines for the operation of the local chapter, to elect delegates to the national convention, to vote on matters related to national policy, and to make recommendations on issues and other matters to the National Political Committee of DSA. Only members may vote on chapter business or for officers.

1.3 Individuals who are employed by and assume the position of a Law Enforcement Officer by any agency will not be considered for membership. Following the passage of the 2019 DSA National Convention Resolution #11 on 2 July, 2020 by the DSA NPC, this will include “an individual who is sworn, badged, and armable by the government to enforce the law, or a prison guard (whether employed by the government or a private company).” This membership shall violate the National DSA Resolution and render the individual not valid for membership to DSA and will not be associated with NWA DSA.

SECTION 2. ASSOCIATES

2.1 Members of the public may interact with and participate in non-voting roles of NWA DSA and contribute to the chapter.

2.2 These individuals will be known as Associates and may stand side by side with NWA DSA in our struggle.

2.3 Associates may observe the General Meetings of the NWA DSA and express interest in our struggle and interest in joining DSA.

2.4 Associates cannot represent DSA or NWA DSA in any official capacity.

2.5 Associates can be invited to public electronic chats that are open to the public but do not contain member only information.

2.6 Associates may not run nor hold any office within NWA DSA or DSA unless they become a member in good standing with National DSA.

SECTION 3. REMOVAL OF MEMBERS

3.1 A member may be subject to removal if they are found to be in substantial disagreement with the principles or policies of national DSA, or if they engage in undemocratic, disruptive, or harmful behavior that violates the Code of Conduct.

3.2 Initiating a Complaint:



3.2.1 Any NWA DSA member may submit a grievance or complaint regarding another member's conduct by filing a report through the chapter's Harassment and Grievance Officers (HGOs) via the NWA DSA Grievance Report Form or by contacting the HGOs at NWAdemsoc.HGO@gmail.com.

3.2.2 The HGOs will assess the complaint and determine whether it falls under the scope of the grievance process, in accordance with DSA's National Harassment Policy (Resolution 33) and the chapter's internal grievance procedures.

3.2.3 If the complaint is determined to warrant further review, the HGOs will conduct an investigation, consult relevant parties, and provide a report with recommendations to the NWA DSA Steering Group.

3.3 Petition Option for Member Removal:

3.3.1 If at least 25% of active members sign a petition requesting a removal vote, the Steering Group must bring the matter before the membership at the next General Meeting, even if the HGOs decline to recommend removal.

3.4 Final Steps for Removal:

3.4.1 If disciplinary action, including removal, is recommended by the HGOs or triggered by a member petition, the Steering Group will set a date for a membership vote at a General Meeting. The member in question must receive:

- A copy of the written charges, and
- At least two weeks' notice before the meeting.

3.4.2 A two-thirds vote of attending members at the General Meeting is required for expulsion.

3.5 A removed member may appeal their removal to the National Political Committee of DSA, in accordance with DSA's national guidelines.

SECTION 4. RECALL OF OFFICERS

4.1 The process for initiating a complaint against an officer follows the same grievance procedure outlined in Section 2: Removal of Members. Any grievances must be filed through the Harassment and Grievance Officers (HGOs), who will assess, investigate, and make recommendations in accordance with DSA's National Harassment Policy (Resolution 33) and chapter policies.



4.2 Petition Option for Officer Recall: If at least 25% of active members sign a petition requesting a recall vote, the Steering Group must bring the matter before the membership at the next General Meeting, even if the HGOs decline to recommend removal.

4.3 Final Steps for Recall:

4.3.1 If removal is recommended by the HGOs or triggered by a member petition, the Steering Group must schedule a Special Meeting or address the recall at the next General Meeting.

4.3.2 The officer in question must receive:

- A copy of the written charges, and
- At least two weeks' notice before the meeting.

4.3.3 A two-thirds vote of attending members at the meeting is required to remove the officer.

4.4 If an officer is removed, the Steering Group will oversee a special election to fill the position as soon as possible.

SECTION 5. LOCAL DUES

5.1 NWA DSA may establish a system of voluntary local dues for its members.

Article IV. Chapter Meetings

SECTION 1. GENERAL MEETINGS

1.1 A General Meeting is the operating legislative body of NWA DSA.

1.2 The General Meetings will set NWA DSA policy and work priorities. The NWA DSA Steering Group will set the agenda for General Meetings.

1.3 General Meetings will be open to the public, and time will be allotted at the end of each General Meeting for comments and questions from participants.

1.4 NWA DSA will hold monthly General Meetings.

1.5 General Meetings will be scheduled by the Steering Group and published via email (and/or any other channel of communication regularly used by NWA DSA) at least two weeks before the scheduled date.



1.6 General Meetings will be confirmed to have a Quorum by the Secretary or other officer holding rank at the meeting according to Article IV § 4(1) of the NWA DSA Bylaws.

SECTION 2. CAUCUS MEETINGS

2.1 Every calendar year, NWA DSA may hold a Caucus Meeting of no more than once per year and may decide to forfeit the meeting for a General Meeting.

2.2 A Caucus Meeting will be decided by the sitting Steering Group at a regular meeting of the Steering Group or a valid Emergency Steering Group Meeting voted for during a quorum met membership.

2.2.1 This vote will also include the location of the meeting, day of the meeting, and time of the meeting.

2.2.2 The meeting will include the creation of a Caucus Committee to plan the Caucus.

A. Caucus Committee members will be offered the spots by the Steering Group.

B. The Committee will remain active until the Caucus is held.

C. The Committee will have a minimum of three standing members and a maximum of six standing members.

2.2.3 The Caucus Meeting will last no less than 3 hours and no more than 6 hours with 45 minutes pre and post meeting for setup and cleanup.

2.2.4 The Steering Group will also vote on how to fund the Caucus, whether through Chapter Funds or a special funding initiative.

A. The Caucus Committee will bring a vote to a General Meeting within 30 calendar days to approve an amendment to the yearly budget that will include the estimated cost.

B. This meeting will also ask the General Meeting of members if they approve of using Chapter funds, if that is what was voted on, or if they disapprove and prefer a special funding initiative.

2.2.5 A Caucus Meeting can be called no later than 3 months from the date of the Steering Group meeting and no more than 8 months from the date of the meeting.

2.3 The Caucus Meeting will be open to the entire public.

2.3.1 Members of NWA DSA that are in good standing will be allowed to vote on provisions at the Caucus Meeting.



2.3.2 The Caucus Meeting will allow members of NWA DSA to vote on the election of officers for the upcoming year and members will vote on the annual budget for the upcoming year.

2.3.3 The Caucus Meeting will also be open to other groups outside of NWA DSA who would like to have a working relationship and conduct mutual aid with our chapter.

2.3.4 Those who do not meet the criteria will not be allowed to vote.

2.4 The Caucus Committee will decide on what provisions that the Caucus will have and what workshops will be available to members.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY MEETINGS

3.1 The Steering Group may call an emergency meeting of NWA DSA on 24 hours' notice when an urgent and important matter requires deliberation.

SECTION 4. QUORUM

4.1 A quorum of three Members is required for General or Emergency Meetings to transact business. Once NWA DSA achieves a sustained increase in interest and participation, this number will be increased. An initial recommendation is 10% of all Members, but not fewer than five.

4.2 Quorum will be affirmed by the Secretary prior to any vote.

Article V. Chapter Officers: Powers and Duties

SECTION 1. OFFICERS AND TERMS

1.1 NWA DSA will have four permanent officers for each Term (each an "Officer"). These will be two Co-chairs, one Secretary, and one Treasurer. If a Co-chair resigns, the remaining Co-chair may act as a chair until a new Co-chair is elected.

1.2 The term of office for each Officer shall be one year (the "Term of Office"). The Term of Office will run from December to December or until their successors can be elected according to these Bylaws.

1.2.1 The General Chapter Membership may call for a referendum to change the Term of Office for officers.



- A. The referendum will last for one (1) month and be shared widely with all chapter members.
- B. The new Term of Office shall not exceed more than two (2) years and may not be less than one (1) year.
- C. Once the referendum has been completed, any new Terms of Office will take effect after the next officer election.

1.3 No more than three Officers may share the same racial and gender identity.

1.4 One Officer will be appointed Grievance Officer for NWA DSA. This role may be assigned to one or more full Members (approved by majority vote) for the rest of the Term of Office.

1.5 Once NWA DSA has the necessary interest and participation, a Chair of Communications and/or a Chair of Education will be elected to serve as Officer(s) for the rest of the Term of Office. This will follow the standard Nominations process.

1.6 If the role of Co-chair becomes vacant, NWA DSA will elect a new Co-chair as soon as is reasonably possible. If the both roles of Co-chair become vacant, the Secretary will assume the office of chair until NWA DSA can elect replacements. NWA DSA may elect a replacement Officer by majority vote, without the regular Nominations requirements.

1.7 If the role of Secretary or Treasurer becomes vacant, the Steering Group will appoint (by majority vote) a replacement for the remainder of the Term of Office.

1.8 Officers may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

1.8.1 Officers must have one term of no positions to be eligible to run for office again.

A. If an officer served two terms as a permanent officer, they may serve one (1) term as Chair of Communications, Chair of Education, or a Harassment and Grievance Officer.

a. This term will not count towards the term off of positions for eligibility.

b. The member must still continue with a term of office away from elected positions to maintain eligibility.

1.8.2 If there is decreased interest in officer elections, a vote may be called at a monthly General Meeting to allow a permanent officer to run for a third term if deemed necessary.



A. If an officer is voted to continue into a third term, they will not be eligible to run for any permanent officer position nor Chair of Education, Chair of Communications, or Harassment and Grievance Officer for one term after the end of their third term.

1.8.3 To these subsections, a member cannot serve more than three (3) consecutive terms under any circumstance.

1.8.4 If an officer is voted on by the general chapter members to serve a third term, an internal campaign must be created within six (6) months to push for more membership interest in officer positions, including training for officer positions and observations of Steering Group meetings if needed.

SECTION 2. CO-CHAIR

2.1 The Co-chairs will be joint chief executive officers of NWA DSA.

2.2 The Co-chair(s) will preside over NWA DSA and Steering Group meetings (or will appoint a substitute).

2.3 The Co-chair(s) will be the official public spokesperson(s) for NWA DSA.

2.4 The Co-chair(s) will initiate such actions and policies as NWA DSA's general welfare may demand.

SECTION 3. SECRETARY

3.1 The Secretary will be responsible for maintaining an up-to-date membership list of NWA DSA.

3.2 The Secretary will be responsible for the taking of minutes of all NWA DSA Caucus and General Meetings.

3.3 The Secretary will maintain custody of the minutes, along with any resolutions, reports and other official records of NWA DSA (including member lists). The Secretary shall transfer these official records in good condition to their successor.

3.4 The Secretary will temporarily assume the responsibilities of the Co-chairs, if no Co-chair is able to do so.

SECTION 4. TREASURER

4.1 The Treasurer will be responsible for the funds and financial records of NWA DSA.



4.2 The Treasurer will prepare and deliver a chapter financial report to the General Meeting of NWA DSA, as well as periodic progress reports as requested by the Steering Group.

4.3 All funds collected by NWA DSA will be turned over to the Treasurer, who will deposit them in a bank account under the name of NWA DSA.

4.4 In cooperation with the Secretary, the Treasurer will be responsible for ensuring that membership dues are paid up-to-date.

4.5 The Treasurer will be responsible for any reporting to state and national government agencies required for NWA DSA to continue to operate as an independent business entity.

SECTION 5. CHAIR OF EDUCATION

5.1 When feasible, NWA DSA will elect a Chair of Education.

5.2 The Chair of Education will be a member of the Steering Group and will be the chief executive officer of the Education Committee of NWA DSA.

5.3 The Chair of Education will preside over Education Committee meetings (or will delegate this responsibility).

5.4 The Chair of Education will be responsible for coordinating political education material with the national DSA and for coordinating and implementing all internal educational programs for the local leadership.

SECTION 6. CHAIR OF COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 When feasible, NWA DSA will elect a Chair of Communications.

6.2 The Chair of Communications will be a member of the Steering Group and will be the chief executive officer of the Communications Committee of NWA DSA.

6.3 The Chair of Communications will preside over Communications Committee meetings (or will delegate this responsibility).

6.4 The Chair of Communications will be responsible for coordinating responses to all correspondence of the local chapter and will ensure effective communication with the national DSA.

SECTION 7. GRIEVANCE OFFICERS



7.1 Grievance Officers responsible for handling formal complaints of harassment or other prohibited behavior, to serve for the remainder of the Term of Office.

7.2 Each Grievance Officer will act independent of the Steering Group and in accordance with DSA's Harassment Policy (Resolution 33), as may be amended by national DSA from time to time.

Article VI. Steering Group

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION

1.1 The Steering Group will be composed of the Officers, Volunteer Members, and Chairs (defined below).

1.2 Volunteer Members may join and share the responsibilities of the Steering Group until the end of the then-current Steering Group Term. Volunteer Members need to be approved by majority vote of a General Meeting.

1.3 An Ad Hoc Chairs (a "Chair") may be appointed by a majority vote of a General Meeting to join the Steering Group (like a Volunteer Member) and oversee a limited project and its related activities. The Chair may form an Ad Hoc Committee (according to Ad Hoc Committee bylaws in Article VII).

SECTION 2. DUTIES

2.1 The Steering Group is the regular executive body of NWA DSA, and is thus subject to legislative action by Member votes at General meetings.

2.2 The Steering Group administers the affairs of NWA DSA and oversees implementation of the decisions that result from General and Caucus Meetings. This may include proposing policy to the General Meetings and acting on NWA DSA's behalf in between Caucus Meetings.

2.3 The Steering Group will have the power to receive reports from any NWA DSA Committee and advise thereon.

2.4 The Steering Group will have the power to call emergency meetings of NWA DSA and to act (based on majority vote) on any matter that requires immediate and urgent action.

2.5 Only a limited number of Steering Committee responsibilities are permanently assigned to each Officer based on their role. All other Steering Committee responsibilities can be shared with, and delegated to, Volunteer Members.



SECTION 3. STEERING GROUP MEETINGS

- 3.1 Steering Group meetings will be held at the call of a Co-chair at such intervals as may be determined by a prior Steering Group meeting or, when not feasible, by mutual agreement between at least four (4) members of the Steering Group.
- 3.2 All members of the Steering Group must (ordinarily) be given at least seven (7) days' oral or written notice of regular Steering Group meetings. A 24-hour notice may be given under special emergency circumstances.
- 3.3 Meetings of the Steering Group will be open to all full members and time will be allotted at the end of each Steering Group meeting for comments and questions. However, the Steering Group may call a closed meeting under special emergency circumstances.
- 3.4 In operating Steering Group meetings, members will seek consensus building in every decision, even if a consensus is ultimately unattainable.

SECTION 4. QUORUM

- 4.1 A quorum of three (3) Steering Group members is required for the transaction of Steering Group business.

Article VII. Committees

SECTION 1. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- 1.1 NWA DSA will have a permanent Communications Committee. The Chair of Communications will serve as an officer of the Local and will be elected during the General Meeting. The term of office will be one year, and shall run from November to October or until their successors are elected. See Article V, Section 1.
- 1.2 The Communications Committee will be responsible for establishing and coordinating internal communications protocols for NWA DSA.
- 1.3 The Communications Committee will be responsible for developing and implementing a social media strategy for NWA DSA, and for maintaining all social media accounts. The Committee will also be responsible for all public relations for NWA DSA.
- 1.4 The Communications Committee will develop messaging strategies for NWA DSA in coordination with the Education Committee.



1.5 The Local Steering Group may assign additional temporary duties to the Communications Committee, so long as such assignments do not conflict with the designation of responsibilities outlined in these Bylaws.

SECTION 2. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2.1 NWA DSA will have a permanent Education Committee. The Chair of Education will serve as an officer of the Local and will be elected during the General Meeting. The term of office will be one year, and shall run from June 1 to May 31 or until their successors are elected. See Article V, Section 1.

2.2 The Education Committee will be responsible for developing all internal political education programs for the leadership of NWA DSA, and for implementing political education programs for the membership of NWA DSA.

2.3 The Education Committee will be responsible for organizing an ongoing reading group for NWA DSA, and will be responsible for coordinating any additional committee-specific reading group(s) with the chair(s) of any ad hoc committee(s).

2.4 The Education Committee will develop messaging strategies for NWA DSA in coordination with the Communications Committee.

2.5 The Local Steering Group may assign additional temporary duties to the Education Committee, so long as such assignments do not conflict with the designation of responsibilities outlined in these Bylaws.

SECTION 3. AD HOC COMMITTEES

3.1 NWA DSA may have Ad Hoc Committees, also known as Working Groups, which will exist for a limited and explicit duration, not to exceed one year. A Committee may propose that its duration be extended for terms of no more than one year.

3.1.1 The extension for an Ad Hoc Committee will be decided by the current sitting Steering Group as the committee has been previously voted on and passed in a General Meeting.

3.1.2 Every extension must have a new document that states the accomplishments of the previous duration and future projects that the committee will pursue.

3.2 Every Committee will have a founding document that expresses the length, scope of the Committee, and hopeful accomplishments within the proposed life of the Committee.



3.3 Ad Hoc Committees must contain no less than three Members and may be established by a vote of full members at a General Meeting of NWA DSA.

3.3.1 The Committee creation documents must first be brought to the Steering Group for a vote to decide on if the Committee aligns with the values of NWA DSA.

3.3.2 These creation documents must be signed by two permanent officers of NWA DSA.

3.3.3 All documents will be stored by the Secretary and kept within normal business documents in the current storage of NWA DSA documents.

3.4 Chairs of Ad Hoc Committees will keep the Steering Group and the General Meetings of NWA DSA informed on the activities of the committee, including records of any financial expenditures.

3.5 Each Committee must elect an official chair. No Member may serve as chair of more than one committee at any given time.

3.5.1 The elected chair of the Committee will have the powers to fill Committee officer positions without a vote from the Steering Group nor General Chapter Members.

3.5.2 The first chairperson of a Committee will be decided by the Steering Group as the member who brings forth the opinion to create said Committee.

3.5.3 Committee Chairs will serve one year for each term, thereafter the Committee members will vote amongst themselves to decide on the next Committee Chair.

3.6 Committees are only authorized to act within the purview of their creation.

Article VIII. Campaigns

SECTION 1. CAMPAIGN DEFINITION

1.1 A Campaign will be an active movement by the chapter to succeed in setting goals for a future or current cause.

1.2 Campaigns will have no special committees working as heads and will instead involve the entire chapter and the Steering Group.

SECTION 2. CREATION OF CAMPAIGNS



2.1 To signal the creation of a campaign, the members attending a General Chapter meeting or a Caucus Meeting will vote in favor of a proposed Campaign.

2.1.1 Any proposed Campaign will have a document associated with the Campaign, the goals that are within achievable range of the chapter, and how long the Campaign will last.

2.1.2 Campaigns may last throughout a term of office, until the conditions set forth for the Campaign are no longer valid or have changed, or may be indefinite until the membership of NWA DSA calls for the end of a Campaign.

A. Conditions that are no longer valid can include the disbandment of the active reason for the Campaign, such as a bill or political/societal change being moved into the goals that the Campaign set.

a. The Campaign will attempt to disband any process that it faces as the goal.

B. A Campaign may last until a new set of Officers are elected upon the next set election.

C. An indefinite Campaign will last until the membership of NWA DSA votes for the Campaign to end.

a. An indefinite Campaign may include societal and material conditions that will not change without a total redistribution or change in a particular system.

b. This can include funded services that will continue without the possibility of change from active protests.

c. An indefinite Campaign will be decided upon in dire circumstances and must not have goals that will be short term in nature and must be active throughout the lifetime of either the chapter or the change that is being sought.

i. These Campaigns can include the inclusion of groups that have historically been oppressed and are continuing to be oppressed by society.

ii. Community changes that redistribute the power throughout neighborhoods can be considered an indefinite Campaign.

2.2 All Campaigns will envelop the entirety of NWA DSA and will run upon an indefinite or previously defined time limit.

2.2.1 All Campaigns will be run as such movements within NWA DSA.



2.2.2 A Campaign will not have a single lead upon its creation and will have an active place within the confines of the goals of NWA DSA.

2.2.3 Along with the expansion of the chapter, Campaigns will take an equal precedent in the active movements that the chapter takes.

SECTION 3. CAMPAIGN FUNDING

3.1 Campaigns must be funded with the chapter general funds unless decided by a majority vote at a valid General Meeting or Caucus Meeting.

3.2 If a Campaign is to need large amounts of funds for resources, the Steering Group will bring forth a budget to a General Meeting or Caucus Meeting to plan for the future of the said Campaign.

3.3 Alternative means for funding can be held with fundraiser drives and other special donations.

SECTION 4. RESOURCE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

4.1 Upon the completion of a campaign, the Ad Hoc team shall present a comprehensive report to the Steering Committee, evaluating the campaign's effectiveness in meeting its established objectives.

4.2 The report must not only assess performance based on defined metrics but also include insights on lessons learned and recommendations for enhancing future campaigns.

4.3 All reports shall be archived in a centralized repository, creating a reference library for ongoing analysis and strategic development.

Article IX. Delegates to National, Regional, and State Bodies

1.1 NWA DSA delegates and alternates to the National Convention will be elected by full members of NWA DSA. Elections for the National Convention delegation shall be held on the schedule announced by the national organization. Delegates to the Regional DSA events shall be appointed by the Steering Group and approved by a Member vote at the next General Meeting.

Article X. Prohibited Activity



1.1 NWA DSA shall not engage in activity prohibited by the IRS guidelines established for 501 (c) 4 organizations or similar rules established by the state of Arkansas. Nor shall NWA DSA engage in any activity prohibited by resolutions adopted by DSA's National Convention or DSA's National Political Committee.

Article XI. Nominations

SECTION 1. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

1.1 A Nominations Committee shall be established at least one month prior to every election by vote of a General Meeting. It shall solicit and receive nominations for the positions to be elected.

SECTION 2. NOMINATIONS PROCESS

2.1 Nominations for NWA DSA officers and delegates to the National Convention shall be opened 14 days before and closed at least 1 day prior to the next General Meeting. The call for nominations shall be announced to full members of NWA DSA in advance of the General Meeting via email and public posting.

SECTION 3. UNCONTESTED POSITIONS

3.1 If a position is uncontested, the nominee will be declared elected by acclamation.

Article XII. Amendments

1.1 Proposed amendments to these Bylaws must be made by written resolution, endorsed by five members of the NWA DSA, and submitted to the Local Steering Group one month in advance of a General Meeting. The Local Steering Group is required to provide the NWA DSA membership with two weeks' written notice of the proposed amendments. The amendment must be approved by a majority vote of two consecutive Caucus or General Meetings.

Article XIII. Rules of the Local

SECTION 1. RULES

1.1 The Rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern NWA DSA in cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws. Consensus decision-making is desirable where feasible, but meetings must submit to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised upon the request of a member.



SECTION 2. ACTION OUT OF ORDER

2.1 Any action taken by an officer or member of NWA DSA in contravention of these Bylaws is null and void.

Co-Chair

Chris Lassiter

Secretary