

Date: Thursday, April 22nd 2021 **Time:** 7PM **Location:** Discord

Chair: Mitchell K. **Secretary:** None

Agenda

1. Call to Order

1. Confirmation of Quorum

2. Approval of Agenda

2. Reports/Check-ins

1. Chair – Mitch reports the bylaws passed unanimously with a vote of 45 people which is double from the steering election a year before.

2. Ryan – Attended the regional call and shared the information about upcoming items with steering.

3. Eric – Is working on a framework for endorsing candidates.

4. Katherine – Creating graphics for the PRO-Act campaign.

3. Business

1. VCU Adjuncts action endorsement – VCU AOFPP had a statement from a DSA member. Ryan talked with VCU AOFPP to see if there was any interest in an endorsement from the chapter. VCU AOFPP indicated they would appreciate an endorsement and a blast to our membership to get more people out. Ryan points out this would be a good way of getting the chapter on a labor footing.

1. Endorsement approved unanimously. Ryan is posting the following statement for edits by members with a cut off by 10:00PM *“Workers rights are human rights. The Richmond DSA commends the VCU Adjuncts For Better Pay for choosing to fight for the respect and pay they deserve.”*

2. Chapter reboot campaign – Mitch proposes a new initiative to get the membership involved and to get momentum moving again. Mitch includes a google form that will be used to gauge the interest of members. Eric provides constructive criticism to how we can maximize the effectiveness of the form. Eric further points out that a greater organizing base should be developed to get people mobilized. Katherine mentions the need for projects that members can join right away. Cyrus who is attended also mentions how a mutual aid fund would be helpful. Joseph says its doable. Its mentioned that the best path forward might be to develop a list of things to get people plugged into.

1. Eric moves to wrap up the agenda on this topic and setting up a separate brainstorm session. In the mean time, have the document set up so people can add items. Mitch says the brainstorm can be done during open discussion.

3. Steering elections – Eric reads the section describing how the elections shall work. Mitch asks how long we need to solicit the positions. Joseph mentions it was handled by a resolution. Its agreed to do the election after a general meeting. Katherine asks if the general meeting can be in person. Ryan points out the Church and our traditional meeting spaces are still closed to large groups.

1. Joseph brings up the the exact resolution and the timelines necessary for the election based on how the old nominations committee handled it. The resolution is posted in chat by Joseph and Eric includes the current language.

2. Mitch proposes doing a steering meeting in mid to late May.

4. National Convention delegate elections – to be done during the May general meeting as well. PreConvention meetings will be online this year and need to sign up at this link:

<https://convention2021.dsasusa.org/pre-convention-conferences/>

4. Open Discussion

1. Discussion is focused around brainstorming additional activities and events that members can be plugged into.

5. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn comes at 8:30. Passes.