

OC DSA March General Meeting

Meeting agenda and notes

March 19th, 2021 | 7:00 - 8:30 PM PT

[Join via Zoom](#) (ID: 846 9733 4311, passcode: 504747)

Critical Materials

- Sign-in sheet: <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/march-general-meeting-sign-in/>
- DSA interest poll (Please participate if you are a DSA member):
<http://www.polljunkie.com/poll/opswny/2021-oc-dsa-interest-poll>
- AfroSocialist Caucus and Socialists of Color Caucus statement:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/11r6fA2nGy2kwVSF7i5MBPle-1PeHCBN7nh-PY1txuME/edit>
- Orange County DSA Bylaws:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ef21iZ0Ya_d50hygOpldoFt3FAsHRpgO/view?usp=sharing
- CA DSA Draft Bylaws:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/13lrxiBZAG3r112Q7zRVFy93jQO-vGh4oK2hBFNmOXZk/edit>
- Sign-up for Socialism 101 reading group: <https://forms.gle/YbwY7tACM9sxknut8>

Meeting Roles

- Facilitator: Nina
- Other Speakers and Facilitators: Yousuf, Sarah, Shannon, Byron, and Chelsea
- Time-keeper: Yousuf
- Stack-taker: Jere
- Note-taker: Byron
- Zoom logistics coordinator: Eric N.
- Screen sharer: Sarah

Meeting Agenda

- I. **Meeting opening** (Nina, 20m, 7:00 - 7:20)
 - A. Sign-in sheet: <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/march-general-meeting-sign-in/>
 - B. DSA interest poll: <http://www.polljunkie.com/poll/opswny/2021-oc-dsa-interest-poll>
 - C. DSA Statement on Atlanta shooting:
<https://www.dsausa.org/statements/ingriefandsolidarity/>
 - D. Meeting agreements
 1. One mic on and mute when not speaking
 2. Make space, take space
 3. Name and pronouns (optional) when first speaking

4. Change Zoom name to include pronouns (optional)
 - E. What are Robert's rules?
 1. Cheat Sheet:

https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwio4-f473vAhVpHTQIHWmoDscQFjAAegQIAhAD&url=https%3A%2F%2Fdiphi.web.unc.edu%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2Fsites%2F2645%2F2012%2F02%2FMSG-ROBERTS_RULES_CHEAT_SHEET.pdf&usg=AOvVaw0ySffvnEX1uNyf-r_ODfI
 - F. Introduction break-out rooms: Name, pronouns (optional), ice breaker question: What is one way we can coordinate with local unions?
- II. **Overview of today's agenda** (Nina, 3m, 7:20 - 7:23)
 - A. Overview of today's agenda
 - B. Any requests for additional items
 1. Actions that we can take as a chapter or as individuals for the AAPI.
 - III. **Socialist news updates** (Yousuf, 5m, 7:23 - 7:28)
 - A. 150th Anniversary of the Paris Commune
 - IV. **Introduce Shannon as a Harassment and Grievance comrade** (Sarah and Shannon, 5m, 7:28 - 7:33)
 - V. **Finance report** (Sarah, 5m, 7:33 - 7:38)
 - A. Fund amounts:

Funding Pool	Total Current Funds	Tally of Expenses	Tally of Income
OC DSA Chapter (general, default fund for chapter)	\$ 2,818.10	\$ 834.09	\$ 3,652.19
Intersectional Queer and Feminist Committee	\$ 88.50	\$ 389.50	\$ 478.00
Solidarity fund	\$ 248.46	\$ 17,646.54	\$ 17,895.00

- B. Solidarity Fund on pause while we establish a bank account and perform other duties needed to comply with National, such as getting signatures from funds recipients confirming the amount they received.
- VI. **Statement about Anti Blackness in the DSA** (Byron, 5m, 7:38 - 7:43)
 - A. We originally were supposed to discuss a statement put out by the AfroSocialist Caucus of the DSA about an issue in our North Texas chapter, but I (Byron) forgot to put it on the agenda.
 - B. There have been updates on the issue with the Black comrades who resigned from their leadership positions being reinstated, and a long-term solution is being worked on with help from the National organization.

- C. There was a motion to sign onto the AfroSoc statement by John.
 - D. Vote will be sent out through email. The vote will be open for 1 week. Results announced on March 26, 8pm on Slack and Email.
- VII. **Orange County DSA bylaws** (Nina, 7m, 7:43 - 7:50)
- A. There is an issue with bylaws since a quorum is at 20% of membership which equates to 100 people.
 - B. What are bylaws, and what is a quorum?
 - C. For our April meeting, we are planning to vote on changing the wording on quorum to change from 20% to 10% and to add the following language: "In the event that the Local Chapter fails to meet quorum at two consecutive meetings, the Local Chapter shall recognize quorum as 80% of the average attendance of the previous 3 meetings by a simple majority vote of the assembled members. This derived quorum applies to every meeting until the normal quorum requirements are met."
 - D. Any volunteers to help with outreach so that we make quorum at the next meeting?
 - 1. Raven, Byron, Sarah, Jere, Tamara, AJ, Eric N
- VIII. **California DSA ratification** (Byron, 15m, 7:50 - 8:05)
- A. Byron was elected delegate to represent Orange County in a committee composed of chapters within California to create a state-wide DSA structure.
 - B. After many meetings, debates, and compromises, we have created draft bylaws for ratification by DSA chapters.
 - C. We will discuss for 15 minutes and move to an online vote to ratify or not ratify these bylaws.
- IX. **Political Education Committee** (Chelsea, 5m, 8:05 - 8:10)
- A. Wrapped up Socialist Feminist Futures reading group
 - B. Next reading group: Socialism 101. Sign up: <https://forms.gle/YbwY7tACM9sxknut8>
- X. **Social media** (Nina, 5m, 8:10 - 8:15)
- A. Two volunteers needed to create social media posts.
 - 1. Raven, Patrick
- XI. **DSA interest poll results** (Nina, 5m, 8:15 - 8:20)
- A. Show top results
 - 1. Defund police - use funds for housing or create community defenders - for mental health emergencies and women who do not trust police in relation to sexual predators
 - a) David B, Tamara
 - 2. Coordinate with unions
 - a) Daniel N, Raven, Daniel P, Jere, Joe, AJ,

- b) PRO Act phonebanking, Help Unite Here 11 with unemployment filing (training will be provided, Spanish speakers needed as well)
- 3. Tenant rights - create hotline and defend communities from landlords
 - a) Raven, Tamara, Jason B,

B. Who is interested in facilitating working groups for these top interests?

XII. Combating racism against Asian Americans

- A. Yousuf: Going to protests that are posted in Slack
- B. Brian: Statement posted by the DSA International Committee
 - 1. <https://international.dsausa.org/statements/dsa-international-committee-condemns-sinophobia-and-push-for-cold-war-with-china/>
- C. Julian: Thread on financially helping those affected by the recent shooting
 - 1. twitter.com/RedCanarySong
- D. Jestin: Need to fight racist conceptions that people have about Asian Americans
- E. David N: Need to protect Asian elders, fighting landlords that target Asian elders
 - 1. <https://www.ccedla.org/>
- F. Aru: Remember that these attacks have a start in the anti-asian and anti-women laws that classified all Asian women as sex workers to be deported.

XIII. Meeting closing and action items (Nina, 10m, 8:20 - 8:30)

- A. What is Slack? DM me your email if you would like to get on Slack.
- B. Next new member meeting: Sunday, March 21st @ 7 PM: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/oc-dsa-new-member-meeting-2>
- C. Next general meeting: Friday, April 16th @ 7 PM: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/oc-dsa-general-meeting-3/>
- D. Pay dues: <https://act.dsausa.org/donate/membership2020/>
- E. Other announcements from members
 - 1. Raven: Help low-income, unbanked, and houseless folks get their stimmy money. <https://stimulushelpresources.org/>