

# OC DSA April General Meeting

## Meeting agenda and notes

April 16, 2021 | 7:00 - 8:30 PM PT

[Join via Zoom](#) (ID: 823 8545 6929, passcode: 079670)

### Critical Materials

- Sign-in sheet: <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/april-general-meeting-sign-in/>
- Orange County DSA Bylaws: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ef21iZ0Ya\\_d50hygOpldoFt3FAsHRpgO/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ef21iZ0Ya_d50hygOpldoFt3FAsHRpgO/view?usp=sharing)
- Sign-up for Socialism 101 reading group: <https://forms.gle/YbwY7tACM9sxknut8>

### Meeting Roles

- Facilitator: Nina
- Other Speakers and Facilitators: Yousuf, Sarah, Tamara, Byron, Nathan, Eric, and AJ
- Time-keeper: Daniel P.
- Stack-taker: Yousuf
- Note-taker: Byron
- Zoom logistics coordinator: Eric N.
- Chat moderator: Morgan
- Screen sharer: Sarah

### Meeting Agenda

- I. **Meeting opening** (Nina, 20m, 7:00 - 7:20)
  - A. Sign-in sheet: <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/april-general-meeting-sign-in/>
  - B. 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)
  - C. Robert's rules cheat sheet (PDF): [https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwio4-f473vAhVpHTQIHWmoDscQFjAAegQIAhAD&url=https%3A%2F%2Fdiphi.web.unc.edu%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2Fsites%2F2645%2F2012%2F02%2FMMSG-ROBERTS\\_RULES\\_CHEAT\\_SHEET.pdf&usq=AOvVaw0ySffvnEX1uNyf-r\\_ODfl](https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwio4-f473vAhVpHTQIHWmoDscQFjAAegQIAhAD&url=https%3A%2F%2Fdiphi.web.unc.edu%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2Fsites%2F2645%2F2012%2F02%2FMMSG-ROBERTS_RULES_CHEAT_SHEET.pdf&usq=AOvVaw0ySffvnEX1uNyf-r_ODfl)
  - D. Introduction break-out rooms: Name, pronouns (optional), ice breaker question: What has brought you joy recently?
- II. **Overview of today's agenda** (Nina, 5m, 7:20 - 7:25)

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- B. Any requests for additional items
- III. **Socialist news updates** (Yousuf, 5m, 7:25 - 7:30)
- IV. **Amend the Orange County DSA Bylaws** (Nina, 15m, 7:30 - 7:45)
  - A. What are bylaws and what is a quorum?
  - B. Orange County DSA Bylaws:
    - [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ef21iZ0Ya\\_d50hygOpldoFt3FAsHRpgO/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ef21iZ0Ya_d50hygOpldoFt3FAsHRpgO/view?usp=sharing)
  - C. Section 4.4
    - 1. Motion to alter the following language: A quorum of at least **twenty ten** percent (**210%**) of Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any Annual Meeting or General Meeting;
    - 2. Motion to add the following language: **In the event that the OC Chapter fails to meet quorum at two consecutive meetings, the OC 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.**
- V. **Finance report** (Sarah, 5m, 7:45 - 7:50)
  - A. Fund amounts:

Funding Pool	Total Current Funds	Tally of Expenses	Tally of Income
OC DSA Chapter (general, default fund for chapter)	\$ 4,173.10	\$ 834.09	\$ 5,007.19
Intersectional Queer and Feminist Committee	\$ 88.50	\$389.50	\$ 478.00
Solidarity fund	\$ 439.74	\$ 17,659.26	\$ 18,099.00

[Full spreadsheet of incomes and expenses](#)

- B. In process of securing an account with Orange County's Credit Union. Need to get signatures on the application.
- VI. **Introduce Tamara as a Harassment and Grievance Comrade** (Sarah and Tamara, 5m, 7:50 - 7:55)
  - A. Harassment and Grievance is a committee that aims to ensure the safety of our members by giving them recourse to submit claims. The committee investigates claims and interviews the people concerned, then enacts decisions.
  - B. We now have all three committee spots filled: Sarah, Tamara, Shannon.

- C. Tamara's self-introduction
- VII. **2021 DSA Convention** (Byron, 5m, 7:55 - 8:00)
  - A. Look for the nomination form that will go out
  - B. 5 Pre-Convention Conferences throughout May and June
    - 1. Teach folks about how Convention works and what Robert's Rules is
    - 2. Recommended for folks who this is their first Convention
    - 3. <https://convention2021.dsausa.org/pre-convention-conferences/>
- VIII. **Political Education Committee** (Nathan, 5m, 8:00 - 8:05)
  - A. Socialism 101 reading group in the works
  - B. If you are interested in joining the political education committee, just participate in one complete reading group first, and then email [ocdsareads@gmail.com](mailto:ocdsareads@gmail.com) to let us know that you are interested in joining the committee.
  - C. Sign-up for Socialism 101 reading group: <https://forms.gle/YbwY7tACM9sxknut8>
- IX. **Electoral Committee** (Eric, 5m, 8:05 - 8:10)
  - A. What is the electoral committee? What do we plan to work on?
  - B. Currently working on endorsement standards
  - C. What do you (the Chapter) want to see in endorsed candidates?
- X. **Onboarding Committee** (AJ, 5m, 8:05 - 8:10)
  - A. Looking for people interested in helping with the onboarding committee
- XI. **Meeting closing and action items** (Nina, 20m, 8:10 - 8:30)
  - A. What is Slack? DM me your email if you would like to get on Slack.
  - B. Next new member meeting: Sunday, April 18th @ 7 PM:  
<https://actionnetwork.org/events/oc-dsa-new-member-meeting-4>
  - C. Next general meeting: Friday, May 21st @ 7 PM:  
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  - D. Calendar: [ocdsa.org/events/](https://ocdsa.org/events/)
  - E. Pay dues: <https://act.dsausa.org/donate/membership2020/>
  - F. Other announcements from members
    - 1. UCI and Sunrise OC (Kyler)
    - 2. Daniel
    - 3. Nina

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- A. Amazon, Bessemer Union Drive
    - 1. Unionization vote did not succeed
    - 2. <https://www.thenation.com/article/activism/bessemer-alabama-amazon-union/>
  - B. Recent Police Violence
    - 1. <https://www.dsausa.org/statements/dsa-supports-8toabolition/>
  - C. Indian Anti-Modi Protests Continue
  - D. Blaise Compaore charged with Thomas Sankara's murder
- XV. **Amend the Orange County DSA Bylaws** (Nina, 15m, 7:30 - 7:45)
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  - B. A quick review of Robert's Rules of Order
  - C. Orange County DSA Bylaws:  
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  - D. Section 4.4
    - 1. Motion to alter the following language: A quorum of at least **twenty ten** percent (**21**0%) of Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any Annual Meeting or General Meeting;
      - a) Amendment: Change 10% to 5%

2. Motion to add the following language: **In the event that the OC Chapter fails to meet quorum at two consecutive meetings, the OC 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.**

a) Amendment: Remove "In the event" to "two consecutive meeting"

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- A. What is the electoral committee? What do we plan to work on?
    - 1. Work on a voting guide.
  - B. Currently working on endorsement standards
    - 1. Currently looking for candidates to endorse.
    - 2. Committee only recommends endorsement, only the chapter can endorse
  - C. Meet every other Sunday
    - 1. Find them on the slack on the #electoral-politics
  - D. What do you (the Chapter) want to see in endorsed candidates?
- XXI. **Onboarding Committee** (Jensen, 5m, 8:05 - 8:10)
- A. Looking for people interested in helping with the onboarding committee
    - 1. Eric N, Michael O, Alicia F
  - B. Next onboarding meeting is on April 18th 7pm.
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      - a) Policy with labor groups for PRO Act and creating Green New Deal for local governments
      - b) SunriseOC.org
    - 2. Daniel
      - a) Next Labor Committee meeting
        - (1) April 28th 8pm
      - b) Mutual Aid support for student researchers and Food4Less workers
      - c) May Day event on May 1st in Santa Ana
      - d) Join #unions on Slack
    - 3. Jason
      - a) Tenants Rights/Housing Committee
        - (1) New committee
        - (2) April 23rd, 6pm

- (3) #housing on Slack
- 4. Nina
  - a) Defund the Police
    - (1) Will get started this week
    - (2) Interested
      - (a) Sean K, Sarah L, Eric N, Dillon T, Morgan T, Nathan H

## Action items

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