

The purpose of this amendment is to introduce a new body to our chapter structure, the Steering Committee, which shall act as a “task force” dedicated to carrying out chapter priorities decided on at the convention. This amendment is needed given that as a chapter we have now decided that at this current and future conventions, there will be priorities which the chapter adopts to work on and a dedicated group is needed to see that work done given how much administrative work the EC is tasked with.

Amendment to Article VII-Executive Committee

Steering Committee

The chapter membership shall elect a Steering Committee (SC), composed of any five chapter members in good standing. Gender and racial diversity shall be the goal in electing the Steering Committee. Sitting members of the Executive Committee shall be permitted to stand for election to the EC and serve as members, though no member is permitted serve on the EC and the SC simultaneously. SC elections shall take place no earlier than ~~twenty-one~~ 30 days after the chapter convention. SC members shall serve one-year terms.

The SC shall be responsible for coordinating the work of the standing committees. The SC shall also be tasked with facilitating and executing the chapter priorities approved by the general membership at the annual chapter convention.

The SC shall meet at least ~~bi-weekly~~ monthly, in person or by conference call, and their meetings shall be open to the general membership, and their minutes recorded and made available to general membership.

~~Meetings of the SC shall be open to all members of the chapter. However, the SC may hold private sessions if 60% of its members vote to do so in order to discuss sensitive matters.~~

The Steering Committee is elected by the general membership ~~NNJDSA members~~, and is responsible to the membership. Any member of the Steering Committee may be recalled and removed from their position under the procedure outlined in Article VII.