

Democratic Socialists of Vancouver
 Proposed By-Law Changes
 Annual General Meeting - November 26, 2023

Moved by: Steering Committee

Be it resolved that the By-Laws be updated in accordance with the “New Language” section of this table:

Current Language	New Language
	<p>xx. Removal of Steering Committee members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A Steering Committee member may be removed from their position by an 80% vote of the Steering Committee members present at a regular or special meeting. b) Prior to any vote for removal, the Steering Committee member in question shall be provided with a written notice of the proposed removal and the reasons for it. c) The Steering Committee shall make all reasonable efforts to address and resolve internal disputes or issues through dialogue and consensus before resorting to removal. d) The removal of a Steering Committee member shall be effective immediately upon the passing of the two-thirds majority vote. e) The vacated position shall be filled according to DSV's bylaws and procedures.
	<p>xx. Subcommittees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A subcommittee is a substructure of the Steering Committee. b) The Steering Committee may create a new subcommittee by appointing one or more co-chair(s) and drafting a charter,

	<p>which includes a statement of intent and other constraints as deemed necessary, such as but not limited to membership guidelines, sensitive data policy, and/or a dissolution deadline.</p> <p>c) Unless the charter of the subcommittee suggests otherwise, the future chair(s) of the subcommittee are elected by members of the subcommittee.</p> <p>d) Subcommittees shall be responsible for recruiting members to do the work of the committee, reporting to the Steering Committee, and accomplishing the work set out in the charter of the subcommittee. Committees are accountable to the Steering Committee, and more broadly, the membership as a whole, such that their policies and priorities may be dictated by those bodies.</p>
	<p>Xx. In order to be eligible to run for the Steering Committee, a person must be a member of the DSoV for at least three months prior to the date of the election.</p>
	<p>10. General meetings will be held 10 times a year</p>
<p>26. The affairs of the DSoV will be organized around Working Groups.</p> <p>27. Any Voting Member of the DSoV may join or organize a Working Group.</p> <p>28. If a Voting Member wishes to organize a Working Group, they will present a proposal to the membership at a general meeting. The members will vote by simple majority to approve the Working Group.</p>	<p>Working Groups</p> <p>26. The affairs of the DSoV will be organized around Working Groups.</p> <p>27. Any three DSOV members may organize a Working Group</p> <p>28. If a group of three DSOV members wishes to organize a Working Group, they will present a proposal and mission statement to the membership at a general meeting. The members will vote by simple majority to approve the Working Group.</p>

29. Each Working Group will ensure a liaison or liaisons are appointed to communicate with the Steering Committee and the membership at general meetings.

29. Working Groups coordinate with the broader DSOV by selecting a representative to sit on the DSOV Steering Committee, who shall be a full voting member of the Steering Committee.

Working groups will either select or elect their representatives to the steering committee, and may change their representative whenever they choose.

30. If a working group ceases to hold any meetings or events for four consecutive months it may be deemed 'inactive'.

Amendment to be proposed by SC from the floor of the AGM

19. The Steering Committee of the DSoV will consist of 5-9 members.

- a. At least 60% of the members (eg. 6 of 9) of the Steering Committee will come from equity-seeking groups.

20. The membership of the DSoV will elect Steering Committee members at the Annual General Meeting of the DSoV.

24. Each Member of the Steering Committee will serve a term of two (2) years, with each Annual General Meeting marking one year of the term.

24.1 Transition Provision - On the first Annual General Meeting following the passing of this provision:

- a. No fewer than 50% of Members (eg. at least 5/9) elected to the Steering Committee will be elected to a term of one (1) year, notwithstanding Section 24 of the by-laws.
- b. The remaining Members will be elected to the regular term of two (2) years.

25. If there is a vacancy on the Steering Committee, the membership

19. The Steering Committee of the DSoV will consist of 5-9 Members at Large.

- b. At least 60% of the Members at Large (eg. 6 of 9) of the Steering Committee will come from equity-seeking groups.

20. The membership of the DSoV will elect Steering Committee Members at Large at the Annual General Meeting of the DSoV.

24. Each Member at Large of the Steering Committee will serve a term of two (2) years, with each Annual General Meeting marking one year of the term.

24.1 Transition Provision - On the first Annual General Meeting following the passing of this provision:

- c. No fewer than 50% of Members at Large (eg. at least 5/9) elected to the Steering Committee will be elected to a term of one (1) year, notwithstanding Section 24 of the by-laws.
- d. The remaining Members at Large will be elected to the regular term of two (2) years.

25. If there is a vacancy of a Member at Large on the Steering Committee, the membership will elect a new Steering Committee member at the next general meeting of the DSoV.

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Be it further resolved that the numbering of other provisions of the By-laws be updated accordingly to the new sections.