

R26-008 - Resolution to Dissolve the Labor Working Group

Whereas, the Labor Working Group initially had a base of several members in the chapter with some experience and interest in labor organizing, but since then, one of those members left Savannah, another chose to leave DSA, and two members obtained full-time jobs that limit their capacity. That base has been whittled down to two or three members with little to no capacity to manage or contribute to the maintenance of the Labor Working Group; and

Whereas, the Labor Working Group has struggled to cultivate interest in local labor work or get various labor projects off the ground because of a commonplace chicken-and-egg problem in organizing: needing interest to fuel the work and needing work to draw interest. The current Labor Working Group co-chairs do not have the capacity to cultivate that interest at this time; and

Whereas, committees and working groups are expected to meet once every month in meetings open to chapter membership to perform their duties, but the months of April and May have passed without a meeting of the Labor Working Group, and this had not been brought to the attention of the Labor Working Group co-chairs as of May 20, 2026. In February and March, the monthly meetings each had attendance of three members, including the co-chairs who attended; and

Whereas, the lack of capacity among the co-chairs and the low level of interest within the chapter suggest that a working group is not presently the appropriate structure through which labor organizing in Savannah DSA should be conducted. Nevertheless, individual members will still be able to, and likely will, continue to engage in labor organizing within the chapter at a level and scale that do not require a working group; and

Whereas, in April, the Labor Working Group was able to bring together four volunteers from the chapter to help the local CLC run its fish fry, and this was worthwhile for the chapter. However, continuing to engage in work at this level should not require a monthly meeting to strategize and coordinate such work, and such meetings have thus far failed to serve that purpose, with most strategizing and coordination occurring outside the monthly meetings;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Labor Working Group is dissolved; and

Be it further resolved, that Savannah DSA recognizes and applauds the efforts made over the past six months to support local labor organizing, provide labor education, and connect with and support local workers, and affirms that those efforts have not been fruitless; and

Be it further resolved, that the chapter does not affirm the view that any rank-and-file member of Savannah DSA should feel guilty for “not supporting labor work enough,” but rather affirms

the view that building a base of members within the chapter to support labor work is itself an organizing task; and

Be it further resolved, that the chapter will continue to encourage and support efforts to support local labor organizing irrespective of whether there is a working group to facilitate such activity; and

Be it further resolved, that should the level of activity and interest around labor organizing rise within the chapter, the chapter will revisit the question of what structures are needed to facilitate that work.