

# BYLAWS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY LIBERTARIAN SOCIALIST CAUCUS

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## **Article I. Name.**

The name of this body shall be the Orange County Libertarian Socialist Caucus (hereinafter referred to as “the OC LSC”), a caucus of the Orange County Democratic Socialists of America (hereinafter referred to as “the OC DSA”).

## **Article II. Purpose.**

The Libertarian Socialist Caucus is an organization of members of the Democratic Socialists of America who believe that libertarian socialist values are the fullest embodiment of this democratic socialist vision. We cherish the DSA’s status as a multi-tendency mass socialist organization and wish to create a space within the DSA to discuss and organize for the development of socialism beyond the state.

We take libertarian socialism to encompass those parts of the socialist movement (including syndicalists, council communists, anarchists, cooperativists, and municipalists, among many others) which have historically seen the surest path to socialism as residing in the creation of independent institutions in civil society that give the working class and ordinary people direct power over their lives.

We believe in the socialist principles of common ownership and that worker control over workplaces can only be advanced through the creation and support of worker-owned firms, radical trade unions, workers’ and neighborhood councils, popular assemblies, credit unions and alternative banking systems, community land trusts, and other directly democratic non-state institutions. The

power of socialist parties and socialist governments should be subordinate to these more decentralized grassroots formations.

The Libertarian Socialist Caucus operates on three shared principles we see as inseparable from libertarian socialism:

**FREEDOM** refers to the positive capacity of all individuals and communities for self-determination. We believe that the freedom enjoyed by individuals is an inalienable social good and can only be strengthened through solidarity and democracy.

**SOLIDARITY** refers to the understanding that all oppressed people—both the economically exploited and the politically marginalized—share a common struggle towards a free and equal society. We aim to organize our movements accordingly, providing mutual aid and support to one another and deferring to the initiative of those most affected by decisions, on the principle that an injury to one is an injury to all.

**DEMOCRACY** refers to collective decision-making free from hierarchy, domination, and coercion. Democracy is a social relation between free individuals that should not be reduced solely to institutions or elections. We believe that democracy is always a “work in progress” to be altered or improved by communities according to their needs.

In accordance with these three fundamental values, the Libertarian Socialist Caucus is suspicious of centralized forms of governance and decision making processes that undermine freedom, solidarity, and democracy. Instead, we wish to promote the ability of individuals and communities to set their own

priorities, both inside and outside the DSA. Governing authority is illegitimate in itself and can only be justified if it is delegated by and subordinated to a democratic assembly. It is our belief that all political institutions must be held to the highest standards of accountability, transparency, and direct-democratic recall. We believe this vision can only be realized through the abolition of classes, common ownership of the means of production, and its democratic management to meet the needs of all.

Our particular vision of a libertarian socialist society—and the specific path we intend to take to get there—will emerge out of the discussions and activities of the LSC itself. We believe radical democracy is an ongoing participatory process of deliberation, renegotiation, and collective self-determination. It is for the people themselves to decide what the world they wish to live in is to be. Our inability to describe the precise contours of the liberated society is rooted in the simple fact that democracy is inherently a work in progress, continually created and recreated by its participants.

In short, wherever domination exists—of bosses over workers, of men over women and gender nonconformists, of states over subjects, of whites over people of color, of human society over the rest of the web of life—we seek to replace it with equality, cooperation, love, and mutual respect. Ours is a vision of total liberation, not just in some far-flung revolutionary future but here and now.

### **Article III. Membership.**

#### *Section 1. Qualification*

OC LSC membership shall be open to any members of the OC DSA in good standing who are sympathetic to the ideals of libertarian socialism and agree with the purpose of the LSC, as outlined in Article II.

## *Section 2. Quarterly Poll*

At least once per quarter, a poll will be emitted electronically to all members of the OC LSC. Members' responses will be due seven days from when the poll is sent. This poll will include a question asking the member whether they intend to be active within the OC LSC for that quarter. If the member answers in the affirmative, they will be recorded as an active member for that quarter. Should the member answer in the negative, or provide no response to the poll by the deadline, they will be considered inactive for that quarter. Active members of the OC LSC will hold no privileges over inactive members. No personally unique identifying information shall be required, collected, or tracked as part of this polling process. The number of respondents will be used only to calculate quorum, as outlined in Article VI, Section 1. At any time during the quarter, should a member who responded in the affirmative no longer intend to be an active member for any reason, that member is highly encouraged to emit notice of such via official channels of communication as outlined in Article X.

## *Section 3. Dues*

There shall be no dues required of members of the OC LSC.

## *Section 4. Exclusions*

All those seeking to join the OC LSC must disclose their association with the carceral and militarist state, or organizations that wield state or capitalist power to enforce systems of oppression.

These associations can be used as grounds for denial of admittance.

Ambiguous cases shall be brought before the OC LSC for a decision as outlined in Article VI.

### *Section 5. Removal of Members*

An individual may be removed from membership of the OC LSC if their actions prove to be inconsistent with the ideals of libertarian socialism, or if they are found to be working against the interests of the OC LSC. Removal of membership from the OC LSC shall not necessarily coincide with removal from the national LSC, OC DSA, or national DSA.

A number of members of the OC LSC no fewer than  $\frac{2}{5}$  (two-fifths) of the Active Member Number, may submit a vote for member removal by presenting a list of charges against the accused to the OC LSC. The vote will proceed pursuant to the methods as outlined in Article VI, except in the case that the quorum for a removal vote is equal to the Active Member Number, as outlined in Article VI. In circumstances outlined in Article IX, Section 7, a member may also be removed by unanimous vote of the Harassment Grievance Representatives after performing due diligence pursuant to a grievance.

### **Article IV. Leadership and Officers.**

To best reflect the values the LSC was founded on, those of democracy, freedom, and solidarity, no formal officers or hierarchical system of leadership shall be established. To carry out the responsibilities typically delegated to such positions, any member of the OC LSC may take on a task-oriented role to complete specific goals. Such roles may arise spontaneously, are temporary in nature, and are taken on with the mutual consent and for the mutual benefit of the OC LSC. Members of the OC LSC may also organize working groups and initiatives, as outlined in Article V, to facilitate work delegation to complete specific goals. Working groups and initiatives shall also be non-hierarchical, and include temporary, task-based roles that any member of the OC LSC may perform.

## **Article V. Structure.**

### *Section 1. OC LSC*

The Orange County Libertarian Socialist Caucus shall comprise of members of the OC DSA that have successfully completed the OC LSC membership requirements as defined in Article III, that are not currently expelled from the national DSA, OC DSA, or the national LSC. The LSC has a flat structure, and all members of the OC LSC may take part in all working groups and initiatives, perform a number of roles, and have varying levels of engagement. No one member of the OC LSC is more or less important than another, and no role, engagement, or other status shall imply that any member holds a position of authority over others in the OC LSC, as outlined in Article IV.

### *Section 2. Working Groups*

- a. A working group is a long-term structure that administers a specific activity of the OC LSC. Working groups shall be regularly active, transparent, and accountable to the members of the OC LSC.
- b. Working groups shall have facilitators, who act as point person(s) for delegating tasks and coordinating between the OC LSC and other working groups. Facilitators shall be identified at the formation of a working group, and shall have term limits of no longer than one year, unless no replacement steps forward and the current facilitator is willing to continue for a consecutive term.
- c. Working group facilitators are responsible for:
  1. Organizing official channels of communication for all members of the working group, as outlined in Article X;
  2. Organizing regular meetings between members of the working group;

3. Ensuring minutes are recorded for all meetings, any major decisions made are summarized, and any other updates are made available to all members of the OC LSC on a regular basis.

d. Working groups may be formed by any members of the OC LSC pursuant to the methods as outlined in Article VI.

e. If a decision is reached by a working group that affects the OC LSC, or requires action outside of the members of the working group, the working group facilitator(s) are responsible for presenting the decision before the OC LSC pursuant to the methods as outlined in Article VI.

### *Section 3. Initiatives*

a. Initiatives are spontaneous, temporary groups that any member(s) of the OC LSC may form to organize prompt action around a specific goal. This may include but is not limited to making a statement, organizing an event or action, or providing mutual aid. No formal processes are required to organize an initiative, except as outlined in subsection b. However, member(s) facilitating the initiative are strongly encouraged to publicly announce the initiative's intent via the official OC LSC communication channels as outlined in Article X, and to ensure the initiative is in line with the values of the OC LSC.

b. If an initiative requires action by or represents (e.g. a public statement) the OC LSC, member(s) facilitating the initiative must make a case for the initiative, and publicly announce the initiative's intent via the official OC LSC communication channels as outlined in Article X. After which, the initiative shall be presented before the OC LSC pursuant to the methods as outlined in Article VI.

## **Article VI. Decision-Making.**

### *Section 1. Quorum*

a. At least once per quarter, a poll shall be emitted to all members of the the OC LSC to determine the number of members that intend to be be active participants in decisions during that quarter as outlined in Article III Section 2. The number of members that respond in the affirmative shall be the Active Members Number. Members who answer in the negative, or provide no response to the poll by the deadline, shall not be barred from voting in subsequent decisions. No personally unique identifying information shall be required, collected, or tracked as part of this polling process. At any time during the quarter, an active member may emit notice of intent to become inactive as outlined in Article III, Section 2; upon said notice, the Active Members Number shall be decremented by one.

b. The quorum shall be  $\frac{2}{3}$  (two-thirds) of the Active Members Number. No decision shall be made by the OC LSC without a quorum, and no decision shall be made in any meeting, regardless of platform, without a quorum in attendance. For asynchronous decisions, no decision shall be considered valid without a quorum responding. Abstentions shall be considered responses.

c. Proposals brought forth for decision by the OC LSC may include a requirement for a higher quorum number, but no proposal shall not include any language that lowers the quorum requirement below  $\frac{2}{3}$  (two-thirds) of the Active Members Number.

### *Section 2. Thresholds*

a. Approval of a motion submitted to an asynchronous vote shall require a  $\frac{3}{4}$  (three-fourths) vote in assent, except where otherwise stated in these bylaws.

b. The following thresholds shall apply to all meetings, regardless of platform; working groups and initiatives shall also apply these thresholds to their respective meetings.

1. Procedural motions (e.g. motion to end discussion, motion to table) shall require a  $\frac{2}{3}$  (two-thirds) vote in assent.
2. Approval of a motion in meeting, after a vote to end discussion, shall require a  $\frac{3}{4}$  (three-fourths) vote in assent.
3. Approval of a motion in meeting without discussion shall require a  $\frac{9}{10}$  (nine-tenths) vote in assent.

### *Section 3. Voting Processes*

a. Voting outside of meetings (“asynchronous voting”) shall occur in a official platform for electronic voting as outlined in Article X. The stages of the voting process are as follows:

1. A proposal to hold a vote must be made and seconded in an official OC LSC communication channel.
2. A seven day discussion period will begin if the proposal is seconded. During this period, the proposal can be debated.
3. Members of the OC LSC may amend the proposal at the discretion of the initial member who proposed it. If a proposal is amended, the final vote shall be on the amended version of the language as it stands once the discussion period is concluded.

4. During the discussion period, alternative proposals on the same topic may be added for consideration by a seconded motion in an official OC LSC communication channel. Alternative proposals may be withdrawn by their sponsors, and may also be amended as described in (iii).
  5. Upon the conclusion of the discussion period, a seven day voting period will begin via a poll created in the official OC LSC communication channel for voting as outlined in Article X. The poll will be emitted to all members of the OC LSC for vote. If any alternative proposals were made, the vote shall be a ranked choice vote including each alternative along with “no action”. Members may change their vote prior to the conclusion of the voting period. The poll shall be timed to close at the end of the voting period.
  6. A vote of  $\frac{3}{4}$  (three-fourths) of respondents in assent is required in order to pass the proposal, as outlined in Article VI, Section 2.
  7. A motion to extend either the discussion or voting period must be seconded and a procedural vote of  $\frac{2}{3}$  (two-thirds) of respondents in assent is required to pass, upon which voting stages outlined herein items i. through iv. shall be initiated, with exception of discussion and voting period times, which must be announced prior to beginning the voting stages.
- b. In a case of requirement of an expedited decision due to emergency vote or urgent occasions, the discussion period and the voting period can each be reduced. This requires a motion to reduce which must be seconded and without objection. If an objection is raised, a procedural  $\frac{2}{3}$  (two-thirds) vote shall be

required to reduce either discussion or voting period, in a expedited voting period of 24 hours.

Neither the discussion period nor the voting period shall be reduced to less than 24 hours.

#### *Section 4. Meetings*

a. At least once per quarter, the OC LSC shall have convene national meetings, either in-person or virtual, to discuss business of the OC LSC and hear reports from working groups and initiatives.

b. All members of the OC LSC may participate in meetings and have the right to speak.

c. The rules of order for meetings shall be decided by the OC LSC, and may vary between meetings or meeting type, and can be changed without amendment to the bylaws.

d. A meeting chair shall be selected for each meeting, and effort shall be made ensure a rotation of a diversity of members. No member of the OC LSC shall chair more than two quarterly meetings in a row. The selected meeting chair is responsible for the following duties:

1. Chairing the meeting, following procedures as outlined in this section.
2. Determining that quorum is satisfied at the start of the meeting as detailed in Article VI, Section 2.
3. Finalizing the meeting agenda at the start of the meeting. Approving the meeting agenda shall require a procedural  $\frac{2}{3}$  (two-thirds) of the

respondents to vote in assent to pass.

4. Recognizing speakers by way of progressive stack, when the medium of communication allows it.

## **Article VII. Amendments.**

### *Section 1. Amendment Process*

- a. Any member of the OC LSC may propose an amendment to the bylaws. The proposal must be seconded by another member, at which point a vote shall be opened to determine if an amendment process shall take place. The vote shall be conducted via the asynchronous voting procedure, as outlined in Article VI, Section 3.
- b. On conclusion of the voting period to determine opening the amendment process, if the quorum is satisfied, the process shall begin. Subsequently, a vote for consideration of the proposal for amendment shall be opened, and shall require  $\frac{3}{4}$  (three-fourths) of all respondents to vote in assent to be approved, as outlined in Article VI, Section 2.
- c. If approved, an Amendment Committee shall be convened, consisting of the member who brought forth the proposal, and any interested members of the OC LSC. One or more members shall act as facilitator(s) and are responsible for arranging and chairing a virtual meeting to consider the amendment, which shall be open to all members of the OC LSC. The member who brought forth the proposal may not act as facilitator.
- d. The member who brought forth the amendment proposal shall submit the following to the Amendment Committee for consideration:

- i. The text of the proposed amendment, and a reference to the original language of the article(s) of the bylaws.
- ii. A brief written statement on the proposed amendment, explaining purpose and expected outcome(s).

Should it be deemed necessary, the Amendment Committee may decide to amend the original proposal. They may also propose additional amendments to the bylaws, which shall be considered separately.

e. The Amendment Committee shall emit the text of the finalized amendment proposals, and their accompanying written statements to all members of the OC LSC via official OC LSC communication channels, and shall open a vote for consideration of each proposal separately, as outlined in Article VI, Section 3.

f. On conclusion of the voting period to pass the amendment(s), if a quorum of respondents is satisfied, and if a required supermajority  $\frac{9}{10}$  (nine-tenths) of all respondents vote in assent, the amendment passes and shall immediately take effect. The Amendment Committee shall be responsible for updating the written record of the bylaws. If the amendment(s) fail, the original language of the bylaws shall remain in effect.

Upon completion of the process for amendment, the Amendment Committee shall be dissolved.

### **Article VIII. Finances.**

Care shall be taken by the OC LSC to ensure that any funds given to the OC LSC are accounted for, retained, and distributed accurately. Funds shall be considered “given to the OC LSC” if:

1. They are donations made to the order of the Orange County Libertarian Socialist Caucus, the OC LSC, the OC DSA LSC, or any other variation

of this name.

2. They are donated at a place where OC LSC goods or services are provided.
3. A donor specifies verbally or in writing that these funds are to be delivered to the OC LSC.

Members of the OC LSC receiving given funds for the OC LSC shall be responsible for ensuring that given funds are available to the OC LSC.

Financial accounting of funds belonging to the OC LSC shall be determined using the process outlined in Article VI . Should an individual be chosen by the OC LSC to undertake said accounting, or act in any other way as an agent of the OC LSC for legal purposes, said individual shall not be considered an “officer” of the OC LSC as none shall be established, as outlined in Article IV. Said chosen agent(s) shall be delegated to reimburse, purchase, and otherwise allocate OC LSC funds in a process which shall be defined by the OC LSC.

## **Article IX. Harassment Grievance Procedures.**

### *Section 1. Scope*

This Harassment Grievance Procedure applies to all LSC and DSA venues in which members of the LSC communicate, both in person and online. This includes but is not limited to DSA national conventions, DSA local chapter meetings, DSA national and local communication platforms (e.g. Rocket Chat dsausa.chat, social media platforms and groups, virtual meeting platforms, and e-mail), any DSA specific communication platforms set up for working groups,

sections, or initiatives, as well as all LSC in person meetings and LSC virtual communication platforms as outlined in Article X.

### *Section 2. Prohibited Behavior*

a. Members of the OC LSC shall not engage in any harassment or discrimination relating, but not limited to, sex, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical appearance, disability, race, color, religion, national origin, class, age, or profession. Behavior including, but not limited to, harassing or abusive behavior, unwelcome attention, inappropriate or offensive remarks, slurs, jokes, physical or verbal intimidation, stalking, inappropriate physical contact or proximity, or other verbal or physical conduct constitute harassment or discrimination when:

1. Such conduct is prohibited either explicitly or implicitly by a term or condition of a member's continued affiliation with the DSA.
2. Submission or rejection of such conduct by a member is used as the basis for organizational decisions affecting said member; or
3. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of creating a hostile environment interfering with an members capacity to organize within the DSA.

Harassment or discrimination of any other type not specified will be evaluated during the complaint process.

### *Section 3. Reporting Harassment*

Members of the OC LSC may file complaints to a *Harassment Grievance Representative* of the OC LSC pursuant to the standard complaint process of the DSA, outlined herein, should said member feel harassed in any way by

another member. There shall be no time limits on the ability of the complainant to file a complaint after the alleged harassment has occurred.

#### *Section 4. Harassment Grievance Representatives*

a. Harassment Grievance Representatives (hereinafter referred to as HGR) handle harassment complaints and serve as an intermediary between the complainant and accused. Written complaints may be filed to an HGR via a confidential e-mail as outlined in subsection c, ii, or in other official communication channels.

b. The OC LSC shall select three members of the OC LSC to act as HGRs for a term of one year, unless no replacement steps forward and the current is willing to continue for a consecutive term, at least two HGRs shall be non-cisgender males. No more than one cisgender male may serve as an HGR at any given time.

c. Harassment Grievance Representatives are responsible for:

1. Responding to all complaints promptly, and follow the procedures as outlined throughout Article IX. to the best of their ability.
2. Creating, maintaining, managing access solely to the HGR(s), and ensuring the privacy of a confidential email address to act as a “hotline”, which members of the OC LSC may confidentially file harassment complaints.
3. Developing template forms both for reporting and responding to accusations of harassment that conform to the DSA’s requirements, as well as template forms for appeals.

d. Any member of the OC LSC, including other acting HGRs, may request a vote to remove a Harassment Grievance Representative who fails to uphold these responsibilities. The member shall submit a written statement specifying the manner in which the HGR in question failed to uphold their responsibilities in order to initiate a vote for removal, which shall follow procedure as outlined in Article VI, Section 3.

#### *Section 5. Harassment Report Process and Timeline*

After a written complaint of harassment has been submitted, whether through the confidential HGR email “hotline” or otherwise, the following process steps will be initiated.

1. The HGR(s) responsible for the reporting channel through which the complaint was filed shall, within seven days of receipt, notify the accused member a complaint has been filed against them and request a written response to the complaint either affirming or denying its substance.
2. HGR(s) may recommend that parties do not contact each other for the duration of the investigative process
3. The accused member shall submit a written response to the complaint within seven days of initial notification. If the accused member does submit a response by this deadline, the HGR will move to take appropriate disciplinary action.
4. If the accused denies the substance of the complaint, the complaint will be marked disputed and the HGR handling the dispute shall have the option to investigate the dispute with the utmost respect for

confidentiality of parties involved, actions of investigation may include:

1. interviewing other members with direct knowledge of the substance of the complaint;
2. requesting documentation from the complainant, accused, or any other parties directly involved; and
3. employing any and all other means deemed necessary, within a time period not to exceed ten days.
5. The HGR responsible for adjudicating the dispute will, to the best of their ability, determine whether the complaint is conclusive. If necessary, the HGR shall determine appropriate disciplinary action as soon as practicable, but no later than thirty days after the initial complaint was filed. This is to ensure the timely, efficient, accurate, and discreet adjudication of all reports.
6. The HGR(s) may notify the local and/or national DSA Harassment Grievance Officers(s) of the complainants report and its substance at any time after the report is filed, however the HGR(s) must provide written notice to both the complainant and the accused before doing so.
7. Members of the DSA who file a complaint via the DSA National Grievance Procedure against a member of the OC LSC are encouraged, however not obligated, to report their complaint to a OC LSC Harassment Grievance Representative as well, so that appropriate action may be taken. The OC LSC will not share the details of any complaint with another body of the DSA without providing written notice to both

the complainant and accused before doing so.

8. If, at any time, the OC LSC has one or more HGR positions vacant, the HGR(s) shall not proceed with the harassment grievance procedures until such time that all HGR positions are filled. Instead, complaints will be forwarded to the Local or National DSA Harassment Grievance Officers(s), however the HGR(s) must provide written notice to the member who filed the complaint.

### *Section 6. Responsibilities of Harassment Grievance Representatives*

HGRs will fulfill the following duties in addition to duties as outlined in Section 3, subsection c:

1. Receive, acknowledge receipt of, and archive complaints.
2. Notify accused of complaints, request written response, and archive any written responses.
3. Conduct necessary investigations of complaints; and
4. Collectively and unanimously elect to carry out disciplinary action, when it is deemed necessary.
9. Compile a yearly report that details:
  1. The number of harassment complaints that were filed.

2. The number of complaints that were conclusive to enact the disciplinary process.
3. The number of disciplinary actions were taken.
4. Recommended changes and feedback to make the procedure more effective.
5. Ensure the report does not include personally identifying information of any parties in any dispute. The HGR(s) of the OC LSC will send the yearly report to the local DSA Harassment Grievance Officers(s), and to all members of the the OC LSC than January 1 of the new year.

### *Section 7. Remedies and Penalties*

- a. All complaints will be assessed on a case-by-case basis by the HGR(s). The ultimate disposition of each complaint will be made by a unanimous decision of HGRs of the OC LSC.
- b. The HGRs of the OC LSC shall define a complaint report credible if it is determined conclusive in that allegations and factual evidence of occurrence outweighs any evidence to the contrary.
- c. If a complaint report is conclusive and defined credible, the HGRs are authorized to carry out the following actions for remedies and penalties:
  1. A formal discussion between the accused and the HGRs to develop a plan to change the harassing behavior(s).

2. Suspension from meetings or organizational events of the OC LSC.
  3. Removal from working group(s) of the OC LSC.
  4. Removal from the OC LSC; and
  5. Any other actions deemed necessary and just by the chapter or national leadership.
- d. The appropriate actions will be determined by, among other things:
1. The request of the complainant
  2. The severity of the offense
  3. The response of the accused; and
  4. The accused's relevant behavioral histories
- e. Either party may appeal the actions determined by the HGRs. Appeal may be filed via appellate form created by the HGRs. Appeals must be filed within thirty days of receiving written notice of the HGRs' decision, and will be forwarded to the local or national DSA Harassment Grievance Officers. The limited grounds for appeal are:
1. Either party believes the behavior was not interpreted using the standards for harassment set out in Section 1, subsection a.

2. Either party believes procedural errors, misconduct, or conflicts of interest affected the fairness of the outcome.
3. Either party believes the remedy or penalty determined by the HGRs was grossly disproportionate to the violation committed.

e. Retaliation is prohibited against any individual who files a complaint of harassment or discrimination pursuant to the procedure outlined in Article IX. Retaliation is also prohibited against individual(s) who assist with a complaint, or participates in any manner in an investigation or resolution of a complaint. Retaliatory behaviors include but are not limited to threats, intimidation, reprisals, or adverse actions related to organizing. If any party to the complaint believes there has been retaliation, they may inform the HGR to determine whether the retaliation shall factor into the original complaint, or to require treatment as a separate complaint to be handled via the procedures as outlined in Article IX.

## **Article X. Communications.**

### *Section 1. Official Channels*

- a. The OC LSC shall select, using the methods as outlined in Article VI, **official channels of general communication**. An official backup channel of general communication may be selected. All official communiques shall be sent by official channels of communication, except as indicated in this section.
- b. The OC LSC shall select, using the methods as outlined in Article VI, an **official platform for electronic voting**. An official backup means of voting may be selected. All official votes shall be held on the official platform, except as indicated in this section.

c. The OC LSC shall select, using the methods as outlined in Article VI, an **official platform for teleconferencing meetings**. An official backup platform of teleconferencing may be selected. All official teleconference meetings shall be held on the official platform, except as indicated in this section.

d. Should any primary channel or platform malfunction or be unavailable for use, the official backup platform may be used. Should any member of the OC LSC encounter difficulty voting, an alternative ballot shall be provided for them by any method available.

### *Section 2. Public Statements*

a. All statements made on behalf of the OC LSC shall be approved by the methods as outlined in Article VI before publication. Statements made prior to the time in which the bylaws shall take effect shall be subject to ratification, as outlined in Article VI.

b. Statements made by Initiatives or Working Groups shall be published on OC LSC public-facing channels (e.g. an OC LSC twitter or facebook) after a vote pursuant to the methods as outlined in Article VI.

c. Statements of dissent from official OC LSC statements shall be published on OC LSC public-facing channels (e.g. an LSC twitter or facebook) upon petition by 20% (twenty percent) of the Active Members Number. The OC LSC shall prominently disclaim such statements as the opinions of the signatories, and that such statements cannot be construed as official statements of the OC LSC.