



# Delegate Voting Guidebook

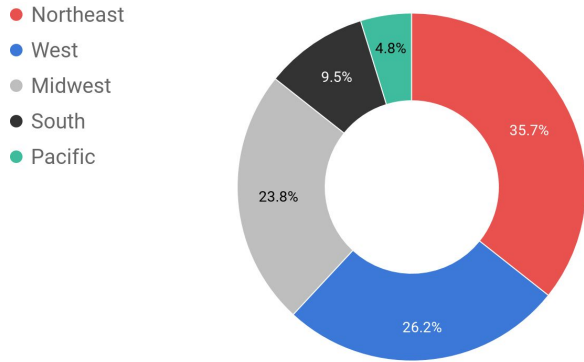
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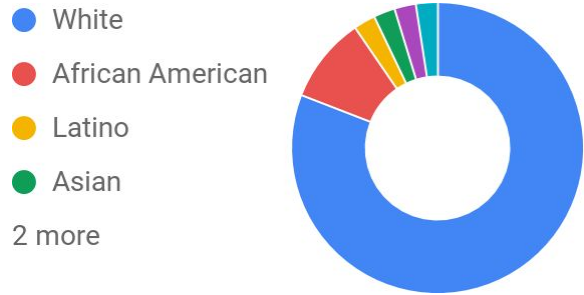
# The Metrics

Of 42 candidates, we have a majority that is white, male, and from the northeast.

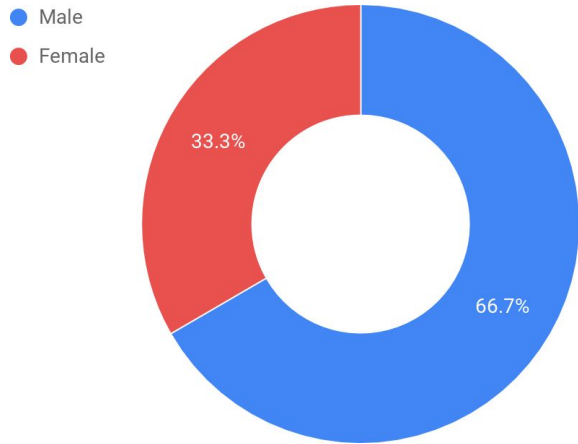
## Region:



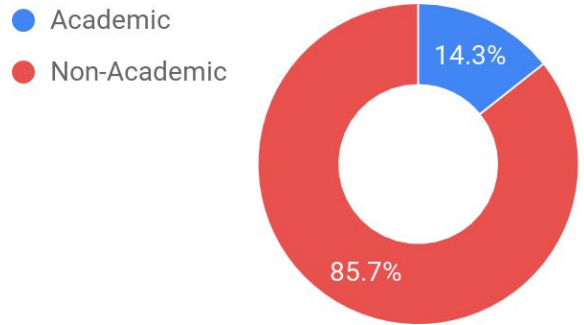
## Race



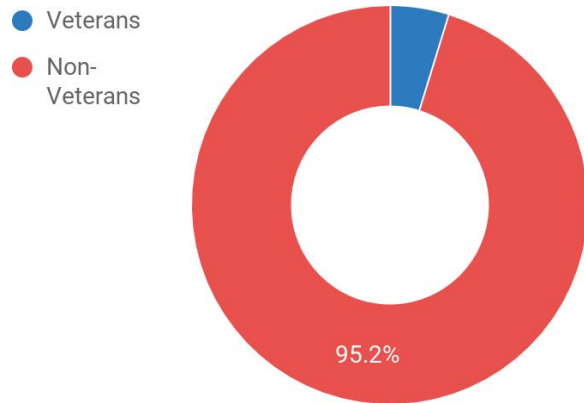
## Gender



## Academics



## Veterans



## How to use this booklet

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We've compiled information about the candidates for DSA's leadership body, the National Political Committee (NPC). Our hope is that this format, and the online analogue, **DSABallot.org** will make it easy for all delegates to craft a diverse and representative ballot.

Please note the worksheet in this booklet; we will have extra copies available on the floor.

Please do tweet at @clenchner with any questions, errors or concerns.

## About People for Bernie

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People for Bernie is a decentralized digital collective of dozens of assets. In 2016, we reached over 4 billion timelines on Facebook and over 200 million people.

(Not counting the 158 million twitter impressions and 8mil IG hearts!)  
We are talking to more people online each week than every single union in the country.

Since our founding, we have been promoting DSA. Most of our team members are DSA members. One of our co-founders, Charles Lenchner, is running for a seat on the NPC.

## Why Diversity Matters

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A broad, big tent socialist organization cannot win unless it represents a broad and representative cross section of the democratic socialist left. We're encouraging delegates to take race, gender, age, geographic region and other factors into account. Our worksheet is designed to help each delegate keep track of how diverse their individual ballot is, before casting.

# The Candidates: by Region

## Pacific

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### Celeste Earley

#### *Anchorage, AK*

Celeste is an Alaskan native and an Alaskan history academic.

**Slate:** Praxis

GENDER: F  
RACE: White  
AGE: <30

### Michael Patterson

#### *Anchorage, AK*

Michael is Co-Chair of Anchorage DSA.

**Slate:** Praxis

GENDER: M  
RACE: PoC  
AGE: <30  
VET

## South

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### Allie Cohn

#### *Knoxville, TN*

Allie is a pre-K through 12th grade teacher for the deaf and hard of hearing who has lived all over the country.

**Slate:** Praxis

GENDER: F  
RACE: White  
AGE: 30-50

### Christine Riddiough

#### *Metro DC*

Christine is an instructor of computer programming and statistics in the DC area.

**Slate:** Independent

GENDER: F  
RACE: White  
AGE: 50+  
LGBTQ+

## **Danny Fetonte**

*Austin, TX*

Danny is a former union organizer living in Texas.

**Slate:** Independent

GENDER: M  
RACE: White  
AGE: 50+

## **Leslie Driskill**

*Oklahoma City, OK*

Leslie manages a large research program in Oklahoma City.

**Slate:** Praxis

GENDER: F  
RACE: Native  
AGE: >30

## Midwest

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## **Bradley McGarr**

*Twin Cities, MN*

Bradley is an IT worker who grew up in Washington and now resides in Minnesota.

**Slate:** Friends & Comrades

GENDER: M  
RACE: White  
AGE: 30-50  
VET

## **Brandon Payton-Carrillo**

*Chicago, IL*

Brandon is a Wisconsin native living in Chicago.

**Slate:** Friends & Comrades

GENDER: M  
RACE: AA / Latino  
AGE: 30-50  
INCUMBENT

## **Catherine Hoffman**

*Detroit, MI*

Catherine grew up in Michigan, and works as a teacher and with young adults with disabilities.

**Slate:** Momentum

GENDER: F  
RACE: White  
AGE: 30-50  
LGBTQ+

## **David Green**

*Detroit, MI*

David is medical doctor who grew up in Flint, Michigan.

**Slate:** Independent

GENDER: M  
RACE: White  
AGE: 50+  
INCUMBENT

## **Delé Balogun**

*Chicago, IL*

Delé is an Ohio native living in Chicago.

**Slate:** Friends & Comrades

GENDER: M  
RACE: AA  
AGE: 30-50  
LGBTQ+

## **John Hieronymus**

*Chicago, IL*

John is a Registered Nurse and labor organizer living in Chicago.

**Slate:** Friends & Comrades

GENDER: M  
RACE: White  
AGE: 30-50

## **R.L. Stephens**

*Chicago, IL*

R.L. is a former union staffer for Unite Here who grew up in Minnesota, and currently resides in Chicago.

**Slate:** Praxis

GENDER: M  
RACE: AA  
AGE: <30

## **Shane Burkholder**

*At-Large (Ohio)*

Shane is a government worker living in Youngstown, Ohio.

**Slate:** Independent

GENDER: M  
RACE: White  
AGE: <30

## **Simone Morgen**

***Columbus, OH***

Simone is a state government worker in Columbus, Ohio.

**Slate:** Independent

GENDER: F  
RACE: White  
AGE: 50+  
INCUMBENT

## **Zac Echola**

***Red River Valley, ND/MN***

Zac is a software engineer living in North Dakota.

**Slate:** Praxis

GENDER: M  
RACE: White  
AGE: 30-50

## **West**

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## **Alexandra Dudley**

***North Bay, CA***

Alexandra lives in the North Bay, California.

**Slate:** Friends & Comrades

GENDER: F  
RACE: White  
AGE: 30-50  
LGBTQ+

## **Andrew J. O'Connor**

***Boulder, CO***

Former public defender in Florida and New Mexico, living in Colorado.

**Slate:** Independent

GENDER: M  
RACE: White  
AGE: <30

## **Charles Lenchner**

***East Bay, CA***

Charles Lenchner is a digital strategist from Brooklyn, in the process of moving to Oakland, CA to work for a national union.

**Slate:** Independent

GENDER: M  
RACE: White  
AGE: 30-50  
VET

## **Jack L. Suria-Linares**

*Los Angeles, CA*

Jack is an El Salvadorian who grew up in LA, and a Master's student in labor studies.

**Slate:** Friends & Comrades

GENDER: M  
RACE: Latino  
AGE: <30

## **Jake Bell**

*Phoenix, AZ*

Jake is a technical writer and former children's book author from Phoenix.

**Slate:** Independent

GENDER: M  
RACE: White  
AGE: 30-50

## **Jeremy Gong**

*East Bay, CA*

Jeremy is an organizer who grew up in Berkeley, CA.

**Slate:** Momentum

GENDER: M  
RACE: Latino  
AGE: <30

## **Jetta Rae Robertson**

*East Bay, CA*

Jetta is a writer, editor, and podcast creator living in Oakland, CA.

**Slate:** Friends & Comrades

GENDER: F  
RACE: White  
AGE: 30-50  
LGBTQ+

## **John W. Adams**

*Tacoma, WA*

John is an active member of his local DSA chapter in Tacoma, WA.

**Slate:** Independent

GENDER: M  
RACE: White  
AGE: 30-50



## **Jordan Buchman**

***Boulder, CO***

Jordan is a high school student based in Boulder, CO.

**Slate:** Friends & Comrades

GENDER: M  
RACE: White  
AGE: <30

## **Ned Burke**

***Portland, OR***

Ned is a former lawyer for Teamsters Local 705.

**Slate:** Independent

GENDER: M  
RACE: White  
AGE: 50+

## **Timothy Sears**

***Seattle, WA***

Timothy is a labor lawyer with the Washington State Nurses Association.

**Slate:** Independent

GENDER: M  
RACE: White  
AGE: 50+  
PAST INCUMBENT

## **Northeast**

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## **Alexander Kolokotronis**

***Central Connecticut***

Alexander is an active member of UNITE HERE Local 33.

**Slate:** Friends & Comrades

GENDER: M  
RACE: White  
AGE: <30  
ACADEMIC

## **Chris Maisano**

***New York City***

Chris is a former public librarian and activist with DC 37 in New York.

**Slate:** Momentum

GENDER: M  
RACE: White  
AGE: 30-50

## **Christian Bowe**

### ***Central New Jersey***

Christian is chair of the Central New Jersey DSA chapter.

**Slate:** Momentum

GENDER: M  
RACE: White  
AGE: <30

## **Dan La Botz**

### ***New York City***

Dan teaches labor studies at the Murphy Institute in NY.

**Slate:** Independent

GENDER: M  
RACE: White  
AGE: 50+  
ACADEMIC

## **Dan Pozzie**

### ***Providence, Rhode Island***

Dan builds education software in Providence, RI.

**Slate:** Friends & Comrades

GENDER: M  
RACE: White  
AGE: 30-50  
LGBTQ+

## **Dustin Guastella**

### ***Philadelphia, PA***

Dustin is the former regional coordinator of the Southeastern PA AFL-CIO.

**Slate:** Momentum

GENDER: M  
RACE: Latino  
AGE: <30

## **Ella Mahony**

### ***New York City***

Ella is a former organizer with the NY state Nurses Union and OUR Walmart in TX.

**Slate:** Momentum

GENDER: F  
RACE: White  
AGE: <30

## **Joseph M. Schwartz**

*Philadelphia, PA*

Joseph teaches radical political thought and U.S. politics at Temple University.

**Slate:** Independent

GENDER: M  
RACE: White  
AGE: 50+  
ACADEMIC  
INCUMBENT

## **Kathryn Eskew**

*Buffalo, NY*

Kathryn is a founding member of the Buffalo DSA.

**Slate:** Independent

GENDER: F  
RACE: White  
AGE: 50+  
ACADEMIC

## **Mark S. Alper**

*Central New Jersey*

Mark is the current chair of the New Brunswick DSA in NJ.

**Slate:** Independent

GENDER: M  
RACE: White  
AGE: 50+

## **Maxine Phillips**

*New York City*

Maxine Phillips is the former managing editor of Dissent Magazine.

**Slate:** Independent

GENDER: F  
RACE: White  
AGE: 50+  
PAST INCUMBENT

## **Mike Sylvester**

*Southern Maine*

Mike is a union organizer and state rep. for District 39 in Portland, ME.

**Slate:** Independent

GENDER: M  
RACE: White  
AGE: 30-50

## **Natalie Midiri**

*Philadelphia, PA*

Natalie is the outgoing chair of Philadelphia DSA.

**Slate:** Momentum

GENDER: F  
RACE: White  
AGE: <30  
LGBTQ+

## **Ravi Ahmad**

*New York City*

Ravi is a former member of UAW Local 2110 in New York.

**Slate:** Praxis

GENDER: F  
RACE: AA  
AGE: 30-50  
LGBTQ+

## **Theresa Alt**

*Ithaca, NY*

Theresa is a retired full-time activist with a PhD in Slavic languages.

**Slate:** Independent

GENDER: F  
RACE: White  
AGE: 50+  
ACADEMIC  
INCUMBENT

# Ready to vote?

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Go to **DSABallot.org** to see how diverse your vote is.  
Or use the following worksheet to tally up the diversity categories.

# Delegate Ballot Worksheet

Rank #	Candidate	Region	Race	Gender	LGBTQ+	Veteran	Academic	Incumbent
1								
2								
3								
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15								
16								

**Regions Totals:**

NE \_\_\_\_\_  
 S \_\_\_\_\_  
 MW \_\_\_\_\_  
 W \_\_\_\_\_  
 PAC \_\_\_\_\_

**Race Totals**

White \_\_\_\_\_  
 People of color \_\_\_\_\_  
 (must have at least 4 non-white)

**Gender Totals:**

Male \_\_\_\_\_  
 Female \_\_\_\_\_  
 (must have at least 8 female)

**Age Totals:**

<30 \_\_\_\_\_  
 30-50 \_\_\_\_\_  
 50+ \_\_\_\_\_

**LGBTQ+ Totals:**

YES \_\_\_\_\_  
 NO \_\_\_\_\_

**Veteran Totals:**

YES \_\_\_\_\_  
 NO \_\_\_\_\_

**Academics Totals:**

YES \_\_\_\_\_  
 NO \_\_\_\_\_

**Incumbent Totals:**

YES \_\_\_\_\_  
 NO \_\_\_\_\_

## My name is Charles Lenchner - and I'm running for a seat on DSA's National Political Committee

I was born in Pittsburgh and raised in Israel where, at the age of 16 I joined organizations fighting the Occupation. In 1988, I was listed by Amnesty International as a prisoner of conscience for refusing to serve as a soldier in the Occupied Territories during the first Intifada. As well as being a founding member of a number of progressive groups - including The People for Bernie Sanders, Jews for Peace in Palestine and Israel, Progressive Democrats of America, and act.tv - I was a digital organizer with the Tech-Ops working group during Occupy Wall Street.

Since 2014, I've served (first as a consultant and then as a volunteer) as technical advisor and cooperating partner with DSA, representing (at various times) People for Bernie and The People's Summit. Through the People for Bernie platform, I was responsible for promoting DSA membership to millions of progressives around the country.

I'm a proud member of both the Pacific Media Guild (CWA), and Professional Staff Congress (AFT). I'm in the middle of transitioning from Brooklyn to Oakland, CA to start in a new job as a communications specialist for a national union.

I have one daughter currently living in the Midwest.



### **Charles Lenchner**

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