



**WESTERN MONTANA
DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS OF AMERICA
Business Meeting Agenda
October 12th 2024 10:00 - 11:30 pm
Location JRPC and on Zoom**

In attendance: Robbie, Rachel, Mark, Tony, Brendan, Alessandro, Chester, Liam, Brian, Lucas, Steven

○ **Openings (10 min)**

- **Native Land Acknowledgement:** *We recognize that capitalism, land exploitation, and settler-colonialism are closely intertwined, as American capitalism was built on stolen indigenous land. We also recognize the clear role of indigenous oppression in serving the interests of fossil capitalism, as demonstrated time and time again. Finally, we believe that indigenous land rights and self determination are a crucial aspect of environmental justice and the fight against capitalist extractivism. For these reasons, we are committed to standing with the Salish and Kootenai people and pledge to support their struggle as best as we can.*
 - Introductions: Name, Pronouns, and Question: “If capitalism was a monster, what would it look like?”
 - Community Agreements for Respectful Discussion (brief)
 - Rotating Roles:
 - Facilitator –Rachel
 - Timekeeper – Brian
 - Progressive stack –Brendan
 - Notetaker – Steven
 - Agenda: additions and approval
 - Meeting Minutes: correction and approval
 - Treasurer’s Report (Alessandro)
- **Notetaking issue – do we need to transcribe each meeting and generate minutes via AI?**
 - **Motion (Liam) to keep voice recording/transcription but turn off AI, seconded and approved**
- **Announcements – (10 Min)**
 - **Newsletter submissions – by Wednesday October 23th – Chairs of working groups NEED to submit for newsletter every month, editorial group to decide on updating or use existing format. Need to make sure we’re getting dates right on each month’s agenda, and removing irrelevant dates**

- “Voice of the People: Radio by & for the 99%” radio show, Tuesdays 12-2 pm, KFGM 101.5 FM, 1015kfgm.org, or podcast on <https://anchor.fm/vop-montana>
 - Montana DSA has a podcast! <https://anchor.fm/montana-dsa>
- **Working Group Reports (30 min)**
 - MTDSA Report (Mark) – **Convention 11/9-11/10 at Silver Dollar Bar in Butte to discuss forming statewide labor working group and joining EWOC, potentially forming a Butte chapter**
 - Montanans for Palestine (Brendan) – **11/16 mutual aid fundraiser, now just MT4P**
 - Social & Outreach (Rachel/Alessandro) – **talk with Carlino and Jordan to be rescheduled, next meeting 10/21 at Flipper’s at 4:30**
 - Editorial & Comms (Robbie) – **Brian Myers wrote an editorial in the Missoulian: “The Israel-Palestine 'Fallout'”**
 - Labor (Steven) – **recently finished Montana O4P workshop with great success, meeting on 10/16 to discuss constitution for Western Montana Workers’ Alliance**
 - Eco (Alessandro) – **plans for Missoulian article about July storm/recent weather, Climate Smart Expo was last week, next meeting TBD**
- **New Chapter Projects (30 min)**
 - Mutual Aid Fundraiser on 11/16...how can DSA participate?
 - T-shirt proposal, finalizing order
 - **Steering – should non-dues-paying members be permitted to be involved in Slack?**

Upcoming Meetings & Dates:

- **Tuesdays, September 10 to October 1,(9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.) and (6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)** – Workshops based on "Organizing for Power." [via Zoom](#).
- **Saturday, October 5, 7:00 p.m.** - **Global Day of Action** at the courthouse
- **Sunday, October 6 , 10:00 a.m.** – **Western Montana DSA Steering/Charting Committee** meeting in person at the Missoula Public Library and [via Zoom](#). All are Welcome!
- **Tuesday, October 8, 6:00 p.m.** – Editorial Working Group meeting, via Zoom. All are welcome.
- **Saturday, October 12, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** – **Western Montana DSA Chapter Meeting**, Jeannette Rankin Peace Center, Missoula, and via Zoom.

- **Friday, October 18, 6:00 p.m. at Western Cider, 501 N. California** – Socialize with Socialists. Come hang out with your comrades and grow your cell/strengthen your chapter. Curious about socialism but didn't know who to ask? This is one place to start.
- **Saturday, October 20, 1:00 p.m.** – **Socialist Book Club** meeting in person at Fact & Fiction.
- **Tuesday, October 22, 6:00 p.m.** – Editorial Working Group meeting, via Zoom. All are welcome.
- **Monday, November 11, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.** - Armistice Day at Rose Park