GSOC Caucus and Membership List Proposal (Passed at February AoS)

1) Right to form Official Caucus

   a) Any member of GSOC (i.e., anyone eligible to work in a union position who signs a union membership card) is entitled to start an Official Caucus. As specified in article 4c of the GSOC bylaws, members have the right to caucus and are not required to seek status as an Official Caucus to exercise this right.

2) Starting an Official Caucus

   a) To start an Official Caucus, a member must submit their caucus name, a short description of the caucus’ goals and positions, and a caucus representative (including name and email).

   b) Official Caucus submissions must be sent to a Head Steward or be presented at an Assembly of Stewards meeting. Head Stewards must share the proposal at the AoS directly following receipt of the submission.

   c) Every complete submission is automatically approved by the AoS upon hearing the request. Submitted caucus information must be posted on GSOC’s website.

3) Use of GSOC Membership List

   a) Official Caucuses, Head Stewards, Joint Council Representatives, and individuals running for office (who might not wish to form a caucus) are entitled to view the most up-to-date GSOC membership list in person. The membership list includes the names and departments of GSOC members, but not contact information. It is the responsibility of these parties to request a viewing of the current list.

   b) Viewing requests must be made by contacting a Head Steward or attending an AoS meeting. Head Stewards are required to report any requests to the AoS, which can be done electronically or at an AoS meeting. If the party who receives the request has no reason to believe that the list will be misused (as specified by 3c), the AoS must schedule a viewing within 5 days of the request. If the party who receives the request has reason to believe that the list will be misused (as specified by 3c), the AoS must discuss the matter at the AoS meeting directly following the request.

   c) Official Caucuses, Head Stewards, Joint Council Representatives, and candidates have the right to view the list for organizing and campaigning on matters of GSOC policy, including but not limited to referendums, elections, contract ratification, and strike-authorization votes. The membership list cannot be used for any other purpose, including mass-emails.
d) The AoS can refuse to release a list only if (i) the individual or Official Caucus in question has historically used the member list for purposes other than organizing or campaigning on GSOC policy and (ii) at least two thirds of Head Stewards present at an AoS meeting vote to refuse.