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## Remote Ballots now and March 14

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Dear Remote Ballot Wardens (and Country Committee Chairs),

Thank you for volunteering to receive mailed ballots for the GPP from your fellow Democrats. And thank you for tagging members in the DA database by February 27. Your work was a great help to your colleagues running our Voting Centers. Other than thanking you, this message is to remind you of the remaining steps and fill in a few gaps in the tabulation procedure.

### **Incoming ballots until March 13**

If you haven't processed ballots lately and you have some waiting to be processed, please review the procedure that starts on page six of the Guide to Remote Ballots (attached).

It is particularly important that you tag the membership records corresponding to all valid ballots. It is also important that you add membership numbers to valid ballots that lack them.

You must receive ballots until 6pm March 13 local time, and no later. You are expected to tabulate ballots on March 14 and mail them by registered mail or courier so that they are guaranteed to arrive at the following address by March 19. If you are unable to successfully perform any of these tasks, you must contact Katie Solon ([chair@democratsabroad.org](mailto:chair@democratsabroad.org)) and Will Bakker ([willbakker@democratsabroad.org](mailto:willbakker@democratsabroad.org))

immediately.

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Ballots that you receive after 6pm March 13 are invalid. Nevertheless, you should keep them in a safe place until further notice. Please do not contact those voters unless you receive further instructions.

## **Tabulation**

The Tally Sheet for remote ballots is attached. The tabulation of remote ballots is much like the tabulation at the closing of Voting Centers. You will need two tellers, preferably members of Democrats Abroad but at least US citizens.

The specific directions are in the Guide for Voting Center Managers, starting on page 26 (attached).

The term “confirmed votes” on the Tally Sheet refers to ballots that are found to be valid by the Remote Ballot Warden. That is, ballots that include all required fields, are legible and signed, and correspond to verified individuals in the membership database.

If you have any questions about voters who do not appear in your country committee’s database, please contact [it-help@democratsabroad.org](mailto:it-help@democratsabroad.org) to confirm whether or not the member has properly joined your country committee. When doing so, please include the voter’s name and, if provided, membership number.

The tabulation team will be waiting on ballots from Remote Ballot Wardens like you to finish the count, so please finish tabulation and send the ballots as soon as possible.

As a courtesy to Katie, please send her an email if you will call her with the results of the tabulation during normal sleeping hours in Germany.

The package you send to Prien, Germany must include, in the following order:

- Tally Sheet, signed and every field completed.
- Confirmed ballots, divided by presidential candidate.
- Invalid and spoiled ballots

If you are also sending Voting Center ballots, those must be sent in their separate and sealed container.

## **Thanks again**

Although most of the ballots in the GPP were cast in-person or using electronic means, mail remains the sole option for many Democrats living all over the world and mailing internationally is still difficult. By making it possible for these committed Democrats to send their ballots to you in-country, you are serving the ideals of the Democratic Party — and the United States.

In gratitude,  
The GPP Team

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