

Draft Agenda for DPCA Session on Resolutions

Tuesday, September 29, 2015 on WebEx

7:00am DC time; 1:00pm CEST (Paris); 7:00pm HKT (Hong Kong); 8:00pm JST (Tokyo)

The purpose of this session is to give due consideration to the seven resolutions introduced during the DPCA General Meeting earlier this year. This session will involve three tasks for each resolution:

1. discussion of a proposed amendment (if any),
2. voting on **whether to amend** the resolution as proposed, and
3. discussion of the resolution itself **prior to online voting on all Resolutions (amended or as submitted) during the second week of October.**

Again, the actual voting on these resolutions will take place during the second week of October, by an electronic vote of DPCA voting members organized according to DA Charter Section 3.8.

This method of handling “leftover” resolutions was adopted by the DPCA Executive Committee and is described fully at: <http://wiki.democratsabroad.org/x/hoCw>

Ground Rules

1. No new motions, amendments, or points of order will be recognized. Participants may interrupt the chair of the session in extraordinary circumstances (e.g. technical failure of communications).
2. The chair (or designee) will keep the queue of speakers. A participant may enter the queue by typing “****handup**” in the chat box. Those unable to access the chat-box may enter the queue by requesting time to speak during periods designated by the chair for the purpose of recognizing such participants.
3. No participant except the chair may speak out of turn. No participant has an absolute right to speak to a particular motion.
4. Those speaking for the first time on a particular motion will have priority in the queue over those speaking again on that motion. Otherwise, speaking order will be determined by the chair.
5. Among those speaking on a topic multiple times, DPCA members will have priority over other participants.
6. All speakers will be limited to one minute per turn.
7. Voting on amendments to resolutions will be announced by the chair. Participants may vote by typing “Yes” or “No” in the chat-box, to either adopt the amendment or leave the resolution as-is, respectively. Participants unable to access the chat-box will be consulted one-by-one if the tally of the votes in chat-box is too close to call.
8. There is no right of any participant (whether DPCA member or not) to call for a roll-call vote, to table the resolution, or to use any other procedural tactic. The purpose of this session is to refine the resolutions and encourage thorough discussion of the substantive issues. If the resulting text of any resolution is unacceptable, the remedy is for DPCA members to vote not to adopt the resolution during the electronic vote.

Draft Agenda (all times for Washington DC timezone)

The session may move to following resolutions when the queue of speakers is empty. Please note that there is time allotted for contributions from those who may have missed the initial opportunity to speak.

7:00 Session called to order

7:05 Q&A on ground rules, agenda, and procedures

Resolution for Simplified Tax Filing for Americans abroad who simply don't owe any U.S. Income Tax

7:20 Discussion of the proposed amendment to the Resolution

7:30 Voting on the proposed amendment to the Resolution

7:35 Discussion of the Resolution itself, that is, whether DPCA members should vote "Yes" or "No" (by electronic vote in October) to adopt the Resolution

Resolution in favor of equal Civil Rights for Americans living in Territories of the United States

7:45 Discussion of the Resolution itself

Resolution to increase opportunities and reduce confusion in Bidding for Global Meetings

8:10 Discussion of the proposed amendment to the Resolution

8:20 Voting on the proposed amendment to the Resolution

8:25 Discussion of the Resolution itself

8:35 Ten-minute break or time for additional speakers on the first three resolutions

Resolution in support of making Election Day a Nationwide Public Holiday

8:45 Discussion of the proposed amendment to the Resolution

8:55 Voting on the proposed amendment to the Resolution

9:00 Discussion of the Resolution itself

Resolution in support of efforts to Minimize and Challenge Political Gerrymanders

9:10 Discussion of the proposed amendment to the Resolution

9:20 Voting on the proposed amendment to the Resolution

9:25 Discussion of the Resolution itself

Resolution to Establish a Residence-Based Taxation Task Force

9:35 Discussion of the Resolution itself

Resolution to Strengthen Diplomacy

9:50 Discussion of the Resolution itself

10:05 Time for additional speakers on any of the resolutions under consideration

10:15 Latest time at which the session will adjourn