

2019 CHARTER AMENDMENTS

PROPOSITION #19:

Expressly Allow the Election of Non-Voting or Alternate Voting Representatives

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WHEREAS the passage of 2018's Prop 4: "1P1V" requires the direct election of Country Committee Voting Representatives in sufficient number such that they, with the Country Committee Chair and Vice Chair, can carry all of a Country Committees votes to meetings of the DPCA, such that no single person carries more than one intrinsic vote;

WHEREAS, per the Kruse floor amendment, "1P1V" goes into effect after the 2019 Global meeting in DC, and country committee bylaws which have not yet done so will need to be amended to be 1P1V-compliant after the 2019 DC Global;

WHEREAS country committee bylaws and elections should be informed by the option of Alternate Voting Representative elections, conducted at the same time as national Country Committee Officer and Voting Representative elections, can be an efficient and simple mechanism to ensure that sufficient numbers are elected to carry a country committee's votes;

WHEREAS over any given elected term, Voting Representative vacancies are likely, and without such Alternates in place and elected at the same time as Voting Reps, could require cumbersome special general elections be called in order to fill these positions, or could result in the loss of County Committee votes;

WHEREAS Alternate Voting Representatives form a natural "bench" to carry proxies to meetings of the DPCA, should there be a vacancy in the Country Committee voting delegation, or the need otherwise arise,

WHEREAS the current DPCA Charter, while not prohibiting Alternate Voting Representatives, does not *expressly* allow or encourage for their election, and it should be made clear that country committees have this option and mechanism available to them;

WHEREAS a Non-Voting Representative provision had existed in the Charter since 2011 but was removed in 2018 with unintended negative effects, which can be remedied here by restoring Non-Voting Representatives alongside Alternate Voting Representatives as Non-Voting DPCA Members;

BE IT RESOLVED the DPCA Charter will be amended to make it clear that Country Committees may conduct the direct election of Non-Voting or Alternate Voting Representatives at the same time as they elect Voting Representatives with the following change:

Section 3.6.h.iv be inserted:

iv. Country Committees may also elect Non-Voting or Alternate Voting Representatives. These are Non-Voting members of the DPCA who may hold proxies and fill Voting Representative vacancies, if any. Non-Voting or Alternate Representative elections must be conducted at the same time as Voting Representatives and National Officer elections, in keeping with gender balance rules.