

2019 CHARTER AMENDMENTS

PROPOSITION #14:

Allow Chapter Chairs to be Appointed

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WHEREAS, certain Country Committees have Chapters with Chapter Chairs who are elected by the Chapter membership, while certain other Country Committees have Chapters with Chapter Chairs who are appointed by the Country Committee Chair and approved by a quorate meeting of the elected members of the Country Committee's Executive Committee;

WHEREAS, the second paragraph of Section 5.6 (Chapters) in the existing Democrats Abroad Charter states that Chapter Chairs shall be elected;

WHEREAS, the variations of circumstances among Country Committees should allow for either elected or appointed Chapter Chairs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in order to allow for both elected and appointed Chapter Chairs, the second paragraph of Section 5.6 of the existing Democrats Abroad Charter be amended to include the following:

Section 5.6 (Chapters)

Any Country Committee may permit Chapters to be formed within local geographic areas, including by amendment of the Country Committee by-laws recognizing such Chapter(s). Chapters shall be recognized only for internal purposes of the Country Committee upon terms to be specified by the Country Committee. Recognized Chapters shall operate in compliance with the bylaws of the Country Committee (as may be modified in the judgment of the Country Committee from time to time), as well as the Charter and rules of Democrats Abroad.

Chapter Chairs may be elected by the membership residing in the Chapter's geographic region, or may be appointed by the Country Committee Chair and approved by a quorate majority of the elected members of the Country Committee's Executive Committee, according to the Country Committee's bylaws. For Chapter's with an elected Chapter Chair, the Chapter shall hold a meeting to elect a Chair and other officers defined in its Country Committee bylaws. The meeting shall be called upon reasonable notice and conducted in accordance with the bylaws of the Country Committee and this Charter, respectively. The minutes of the

meeting and contact details of individuals so elected shall be promptly provided to the Chair of the Country Committee.

All financial matters concerning Chapters shall be under the review and supervision of the Chair and Treasurer of the Country Committee who shall take into consideration the budget, sources, and proposed uses of funds relating to any Chapter. In any event, Country Committees shall be ultimately responsible for ensuring compliance by their Chapters with all applicable laws in accordance with Section 5.1.

Any dispute between a Chapter and its Country Committee may be brought before the DPCA Executive Committee for determination.