



TEAMWORK is the ability to work **TOGETHER** toward a common **VISION**, to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational **OBJECTIVES**. It is the **FUEL** that allows common people to attain uncommon **RESULTS**.

– Andrew Carnegie

Leadership Board Meeting 2020.04.11



DA CHINA

Agenda + Best Practices

KIMBERLY WONG, DA CHINA CHAIR

PATRICK CRANLEY, DA CHINA VICE CHAIR



Tone Setting + Best Practices

- We are all here for the same reason
- Be respectful and concise. No personal attacks.
- Wait until someone else finishes talking.
- We are here to take action and have fun!
- Follow Roberts Rules of Order as best you can

- **Handup
- If someone has spoken once, and puts their handup again, usually we let newcomers speak first.




20.04.11 Agenda

TIME	SUBJECT
5 minutes	DA China Meeting Minutes Approval
60 minutes	Chapter Status Report
10 minutes	Motions + New Business
15 minutes	Open Floor



DEMOCRATS ABROAD CHINA

is the country committee serving
United States Democrats
living in China



We help Americans abroad participate in U.S.A. domestic politics by providing:

- Voter registration support
- Voting resources
- Activism opportunities

- Conversations with leading activists & elected officials
- Opportunities to socialize with like-minded expats

Connect with other DA members in:

- Beijing
- Shanghai
- Guangzhou
- Shenzhen
- Kunming
- Jiangnan
 - *Suzhou, Hangzhou, Wuxi etc.*



Or by Caucuses/Interests:

- Women's Caucus
- Black Caucus
- LGBT Caucus
- Progressive Caucus
- Book Club
- AAPI Caucus





Status Report

TIME	SUBJECT
40 mins	Approval of Past Minutes Chapter Updates (which includes addressing Alleged Code of Conduct violations by DACN members, and the petition from DACN members for the resignation of the DACN Vice Chair) Finances Membership Comms (Suggestions from the membership for managing DACN WeChat groups.) Caucus Bylaws + Updates Motions + New Business Open Floor



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5/23 DACN AGM & Elections



DA – Voting Advocacy Updates

Tiny Actions – Bills to reform Voting Rights

New Jersey Assembly Bill 5306 (A5306)

1. Issue Terrain	1
The Issue	1
The Solution	2
The History	2
2. Position of Democrats Abroad	3
3. Scripts	4
New Jerseyan Speaker Coughlin Call Script	4
New Jerseyan Letter Script	5
4. Stories [Contact jab.democratsabroad@gmail.com to add to this list.]	7
John Baumlin, Overseas Voter (NJ, 2020)	7
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Tiny Actions – Bills to reform Voting Rights



- 2017 Our voting rights were taken away. Odd numbered years are when NJ has Gubernatorial, Senate, General Assembly Elections.
- Legislative Advocacy Fundraiser has surpassed its short-term goal and has reached the \$2,500 USD mark.
- 2 months to go – pass in Senate and General Assembly, possible that over the summer Governor signs the bill.
- Next steps: Contact Assembly Speaker, Provide Testimony



DACN – Updates

- 3/22 Legal Committee Meeting Minutes
- Alleged Code of Conduct violations by DACN members
- Petition from DACN members for the resignation of the DACN Vice Chair



DA CHINA FUNDS

DACN TREASURER, JUSTIN FISCHER



DA China Funds at a Glance

Current Funds: **RMB 25,597.18**

Outstanding

Reimbursements: **RMB 5,122.50**

Remaining

Funds: **RMB 20,474.68**



2021 Mar 7 – Apr 11

Total Expenditures: RMB 0

Total Revenues: RMB 0



DA CHINA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

DACN SECRETARY, ELIZABETH JENKINS



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**DA COMMS
APRIL**



On the Comms Agenda

- Placement of WeChat Rules onto Wiki
- Election Comms Plan
- Reiteration of Event Best Practices



Comms Rules now updated on Wiki

[Welcome to New Members - Democrats Abroad China - DemsAbroad Wiki \(atlassian.net\)](#)

NOTES:

- Democrats Abroad official comms have ALWAYS been **email newsletters** & **website** only.
- Country chapters are allowed to have secondary social channels to help with outreach.
How comprehensive they are, what is posted to them and when is only dictated by how much effort individual volunteers are willing to put into their management. There are no bylaws or specific best practices set, except by the people who have been chosen for the task of managing those channels.
- The goals for our social channels is to help organize & attract members for activities:
 - Getting out the Vote AND affecting legislation back in the United States
 - A secondary goal for WeChat is to keep these social channels safe to operate in China

All rules we currently have are related to those goals above.



Comments from Members on WeChat

Summary of Actionable Suggestions

Restore the General chat group for DACN

- **From Cory Stroik:** “The problems with the regional and caucus groups are that they, given the purpose of the Democrats Abroad, are arbitrary, break apart the membership into further fractions, create unnecessary distance between many of the members and the leadership, and in the case of regional groups exclude members because they do not live in Beijing, Shanghai or other densely populated areas.”
 - As far as what to do, Internet community moderation is essentially a solved problem. It has been a solved problem for such a long time I’m very surprised the organization has gotten it this wrong in the first place.”
 - Cory goes on to give an example of successful chat group moderation, and suggests an organized team of moderators.
- **From Alexandra Smith:** “threatening to remove people when they voiced displeasure in the only forum that exists because it wasn’t the correct place is what drove them to the Black Caucus chat.”
- **From Michael Garn:** I was mostly just advocating for the general DACN chat group to be reopened now that the 2020 elections are over, because I think they were a valuable space and others with ideas could bounce them around DACN in it. I understand why they were shut down, and I think the need for that shut down has passed.
 - The caucus and location-based chats are very subdivided into their separate purposes, and anything that doesn’t neatly fall into one of those categories doesn’t really have any home anymore.



The current Comms & IT Director’s suggestion, if people truly do want a DACN General WeChat is:

- Put the call out for members willing to act as moderators.
- Suggest have mod rules in place and criteria for adding and removing mods in the future before opening the chat.
- Chat still needs to abide by the guidelines set out in the current rules in order to be endorsed by DACN.

Suggest that, as we are going into an election for a new Leadership Board, this can be a task on the next Comms & IT Director’s list.



Upcoming Election Comms

- April 13 – call for nominations
- April 18 – event: elections info session on Zoom
- April 27 - close call for nominations
- May 4 – verify all candidates are DA members
- May 5 - announce to everyone who is running
- May 23 – Members vote



Note from Comms:

As I am not a member of the NEC, just helping to ensure their messaging is delivered to our membership, I need to wait for the NEC to:

1) Give me a brief of what to write and then approve what I write

OR

2) The NEC writes it themselves. I can make suggestions if the NEC wants them, but otherwise will publish it verbatim.

I will work to publish everything to our official channels (website & newsletter) within 48 hours of receiving the information.

Want to host an event?

Step 1:

Ask a DA Comms member if it works for the calendar

Step 2:

Fill out the form to the right



Step 3:

Get the form edited & approved by the DA Comms Director: Elaine Chow

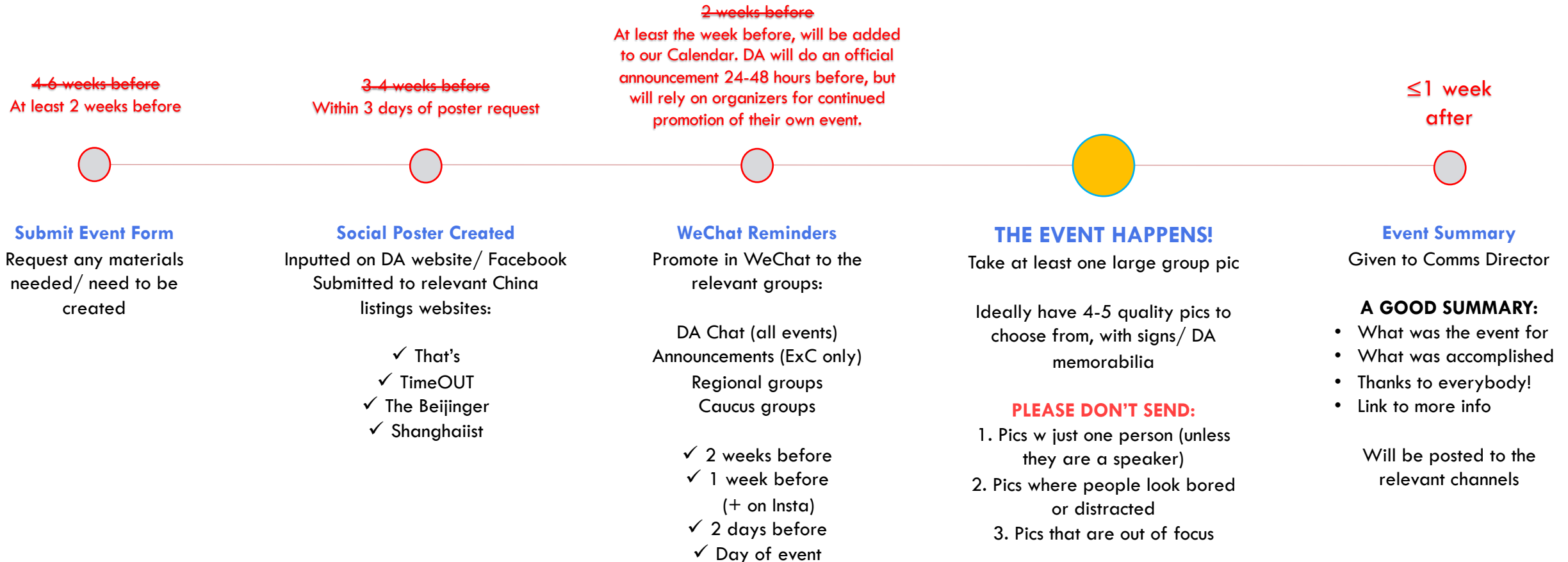
It'll be posted to the following for you to share out:

- The www.democratsabroad.org website

Event Form	
Name of Event	
Caucus	<i>All events should be either: - Election-related (USA or DA) - Led by a specific Caucus (or co-led by Caucuses)</i>
Date & Time	<i>MM/DD – XX:XX to XX:XX</i>
Fees or Deals?	<i>Please enter any entrance admission fees required or drink/food deals on offer</i>
Location Address	<i>China-based address, only English needed Livestream/Webex links</i>
Event Copy	What are we doing? <i>Get together? Movie Screening? Phonebanking? Mailing?</i> Why? <i>Current events hook? Everyone needs to know something? Just for funsies?</i>
Materials Requests	<i>Do you need a banner? Postcards? Flyers?</i>
Main Point Person	<i>Name/WeChat ID (won't be published) The person who Elaine will be bothering for photos & recaps after the event</i>



Event Timeline & Best Practices





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DA CAUCUSES



Prospective Caucus Leads

- LGBTQ Caucus: Eric Ripple
- Women's Caucus: Charisse Drakeford
- Hispanic Caucus: Anthony Gonzalez
- Youth Caucus: William Li
- AAPI Caucus: WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU 😊



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**MOTIONS +
NEW BUSINESS**



Motion from Jacob:

- I would like to put forth a motion to the floor. I am happy to volunteer to create a standard operating procedure for groups wanting to associate under the DACN banner and an submission/application/review process. To create clarity and answer the question “how to set up a group to be recognized/endorsed by DA.
- A draft that can be submitted to ExCom to review/adjust, and to be potentially released at next meeting. Would anyone be willing to second? @->—



Tiny Actions

- Searching for Louisiana, Texas, New York, New Jersey voters to contribute to legislation in your state
- Also looking for others to lead efforts in their own states
- https://www.democratsabroad.org/tiny_actions <-newsletter



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