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| Note from Elizabeth Jenkins, DACN Secretary:  This Resolution was submitted by Alexander Lee, DACN General Counsel, via email to the Chair and the DACN Leadership Group on August 14, 10:53 PM (EDT). |

Madam President,

I am submitting this formal resolution for our next Board meeting now because 1) the guidance that we asked for in May from the Global ExComm was finally announced at the last AP Regional meeting; 2) the one-word report from a board member that “No” not all people at the Beijing event were wearing a mask makes me worried that our RVC will find our Country Committee out of compliance with local Chinese law since the RVC reportedly did a compliance check after the Shanghai event because she was aware that pictures of unmasked persons were circulated.

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Resolution for meeting

Whereas, the US CDC recommends all people two years of age and older wear a mask in public settings and when around people who don’t live in your household, especially when other [social distancing](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html) measures are difficult to maintain;

Whereas, Beijing and other municipalities in the People’s Republic of China require wearing a mask at bars and pubs, which are where many of our public events are held;

Whereas, the President of the United States now wears a mask on some public occasions;

Whereas, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives views not wearing a mask on the floor of that chamber as a serious breach of decorum for which a member may be removed from the chamber by the Sergeant-at-Arms;

Whereas, there is a growing scientific consensus in the medical and public health communities that social distancing, outdoor events, and mask-wearing are essential to arresting the pandemic of COVID-19;

Whereas, even places like Auckland, NZ, have witnessed new outbreaks in recent days;

Whereas, as a matter of public relations, it is bad practice in the current zeitgeist to circulate around the globe images of our members in China not wearing masks;

Whereas, DACN is looked to as a model for other country committees;

Whereas, the committee has, in the past, indicated a wish to purchase branded masks for our voter registration events;

Whereas, the DACN Executive Committee has the authority to pass rules for DACN;

Therefore, let it be resolved that the DACN Executive Committee shall be asked to meet and pass a resolution that states:

The Comms Director shall oversee that all in-person indoor public events, where social-distancing of six feet or more cannot or will not be maintained, announce in their publicity the required wearing of masks until such time as the US CDC changes its recommendations.

The provision of masks to those who appear without one shall fall to the person or persons organizing the event. In the event that providing masks is a hardship, the Committee will provide masks or cancel the event. The Chair or her designee shall instruct the event organizer of this requirement upon approval of the Comms event form. Those refusing to comply with local suggestions and the DACN mask request will be asked to leave the event. Individuals attending tabling and other events on behalf of DACN shall wear a mask.

Event organizers shall remind participants of the importance of following all local requirements *and* suggestions and the Comms Director will ensure that official images of the event shall not include people who were not wearing a mask and who were less than six feet apart from other unmasked individuals.