



Leadership Board Meeting 2020.11.15



Call To Action

51 DAYS

UNTIL GA ELECTIONS

66 DAYS

UNTIL PRESIDENT ELECT BIDEN / VP ELECT
HARRIS ENTER THE WHITE HOUSE





DA CHINA

Agenda + Best Practices

KIMBERLY WONG, DA CHINA CHAIR



Tone Setting + Best Practices

- We are all here for the same reason – the **BLUE WAVE!**
- 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.



20.11.15 Agenda

TIME	SUBJECT
5 minutes	DA China Meeting Minutes Approval
40 minutes	Chapter Status Report
30 minutes	Motions + New Business (GEORGIA + AT LARGE BOARD MEMBER)
15 minutes	Open Floor



Status Report

TIME	SUBJECT
40 mins	General Update – Kim/ Patrick Funds - Justin Membership Report + VFA Report - Elizabeth Comms - Elaine Voter Logistics – Devika Motions + New Business GA Call to Action – Kim At Large Member



WE DID IT!!!
THANK YOU ALL



REST IS WORTH CELEBRATING

IT TAKES COURAGE TO REST





**NEXT UP:
ALL EYES ON GEORGIA**



DA CHINA FUNDS

DACN TREASURER, JUSTIN FISCHER



DA China Funds at a Glance

Current Funds: **RMB 22,367.18**

Outstanding

Reimbursements: **RMB 5,122.50**

Remaining

Funds: **RMB 17,244.68**

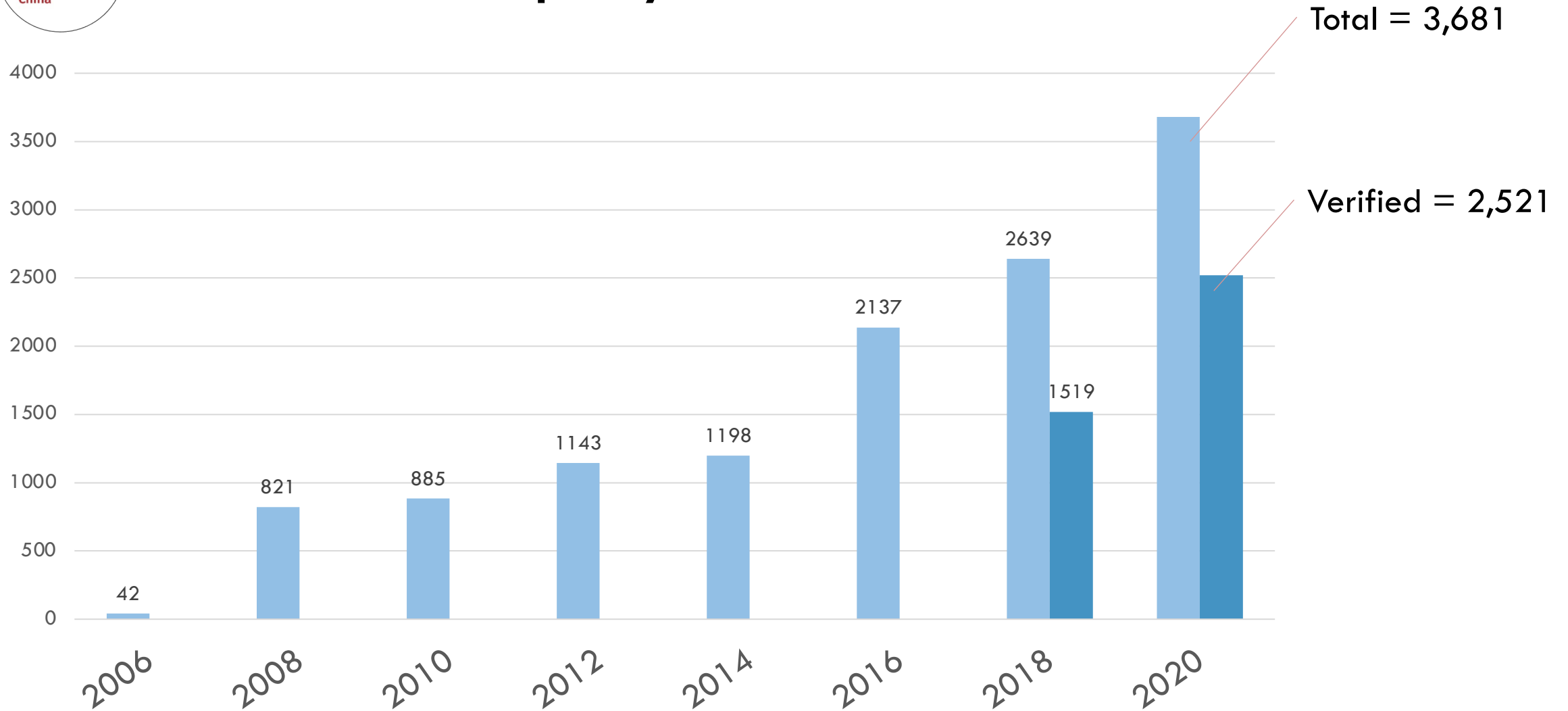


DA CHINA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

DACN SECRETARY, ELIZABETH JENKINS

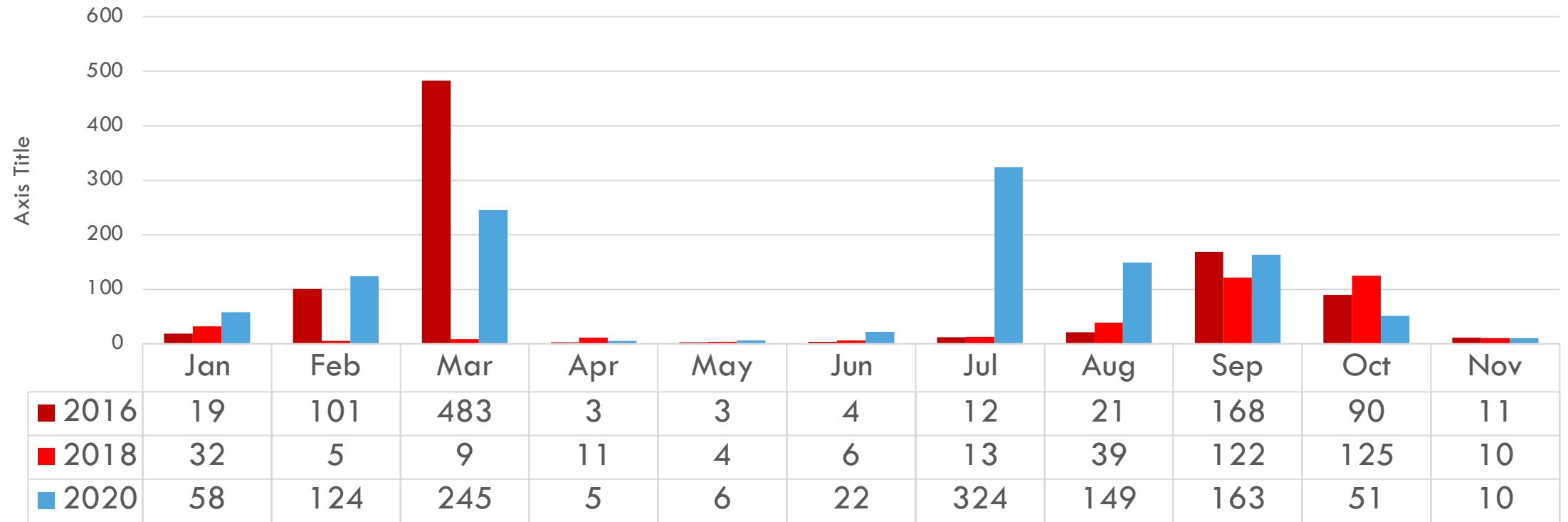


Membership by Year



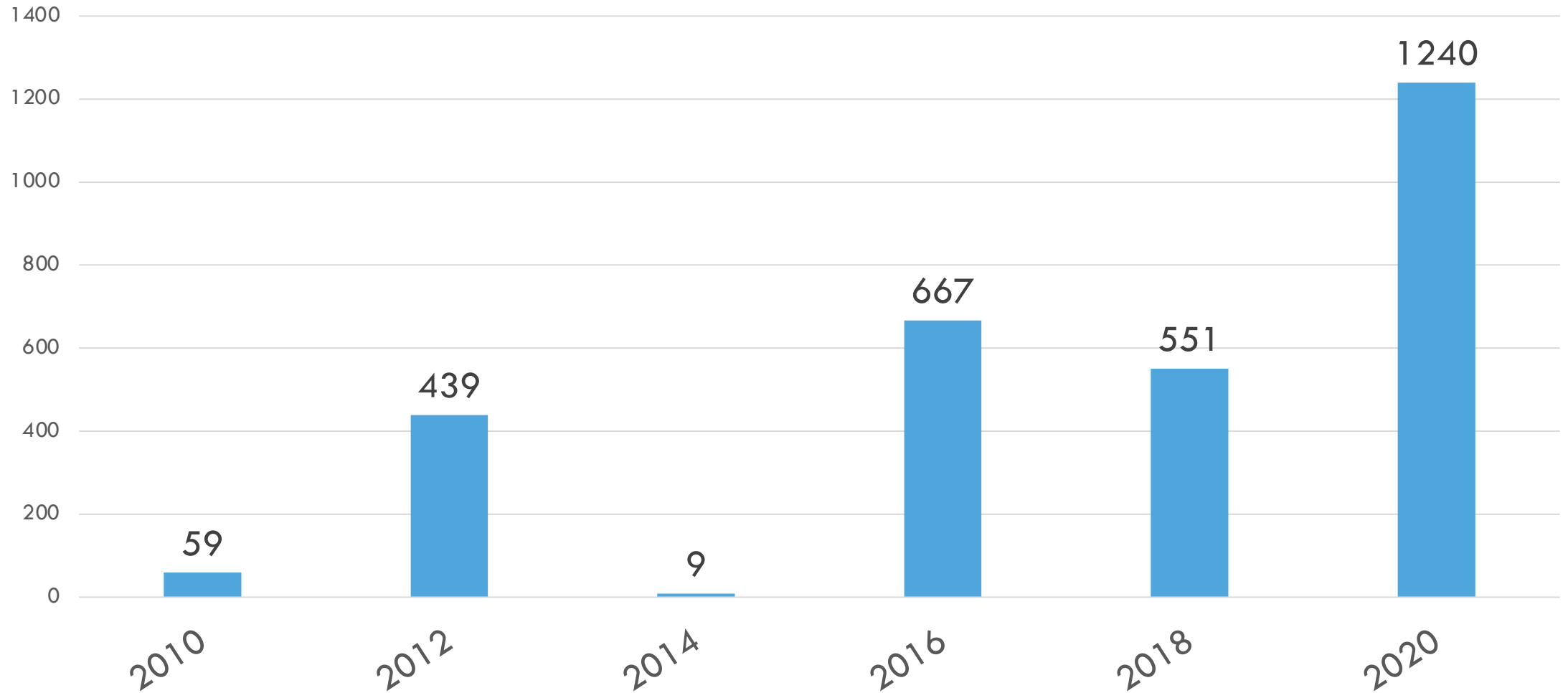


New Members Joined by Month





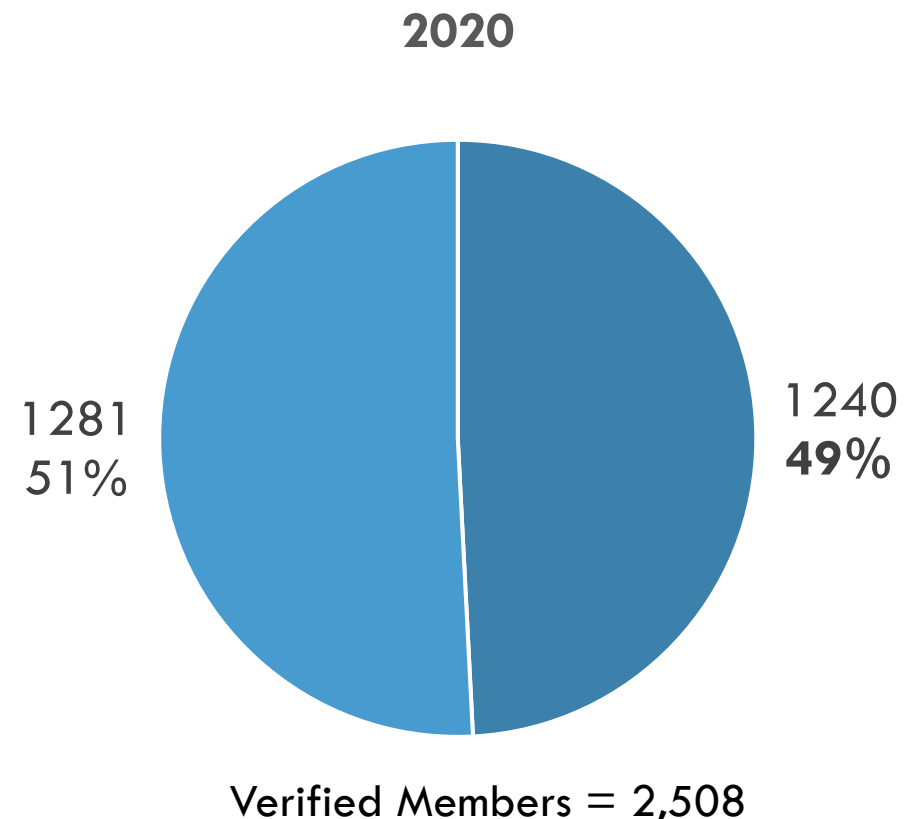
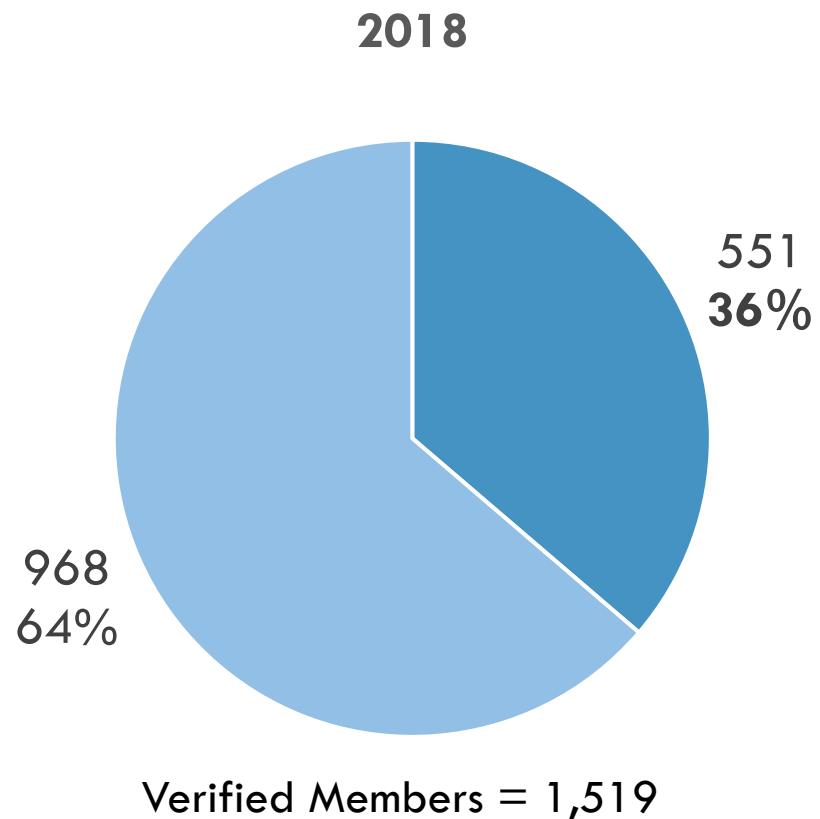
Member Ballot Requests by Year





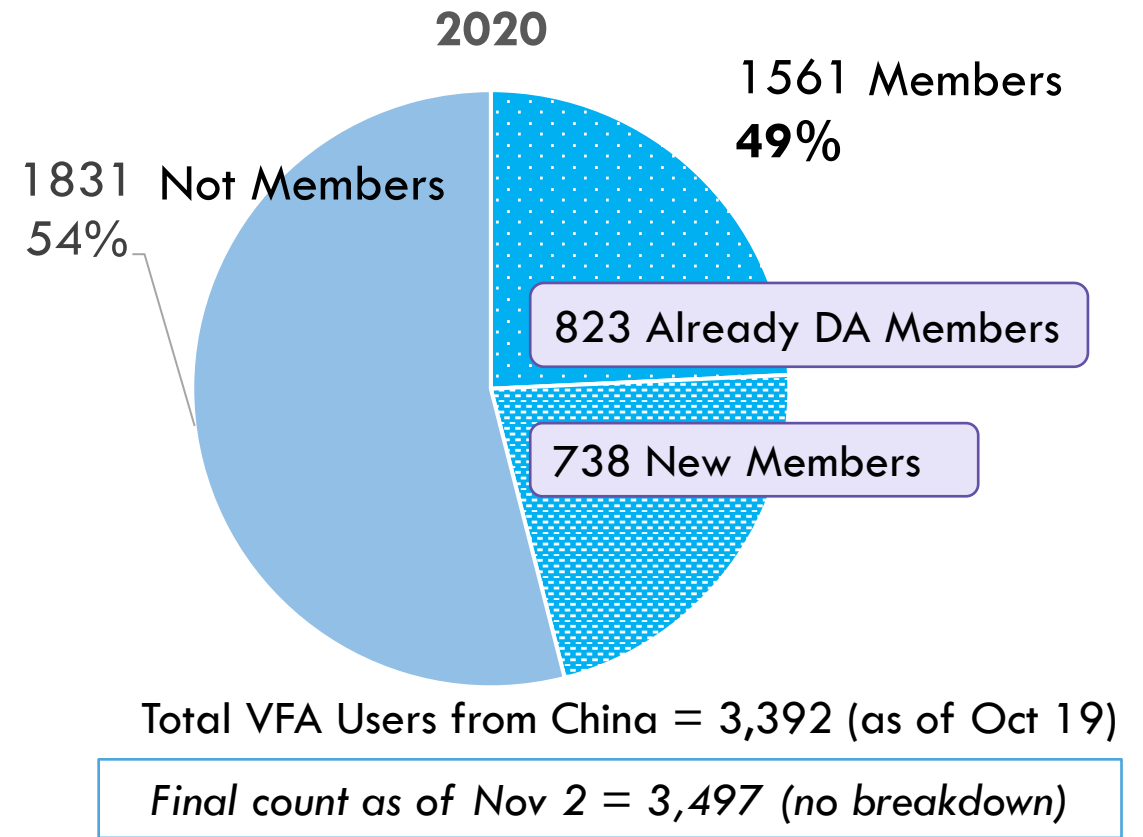
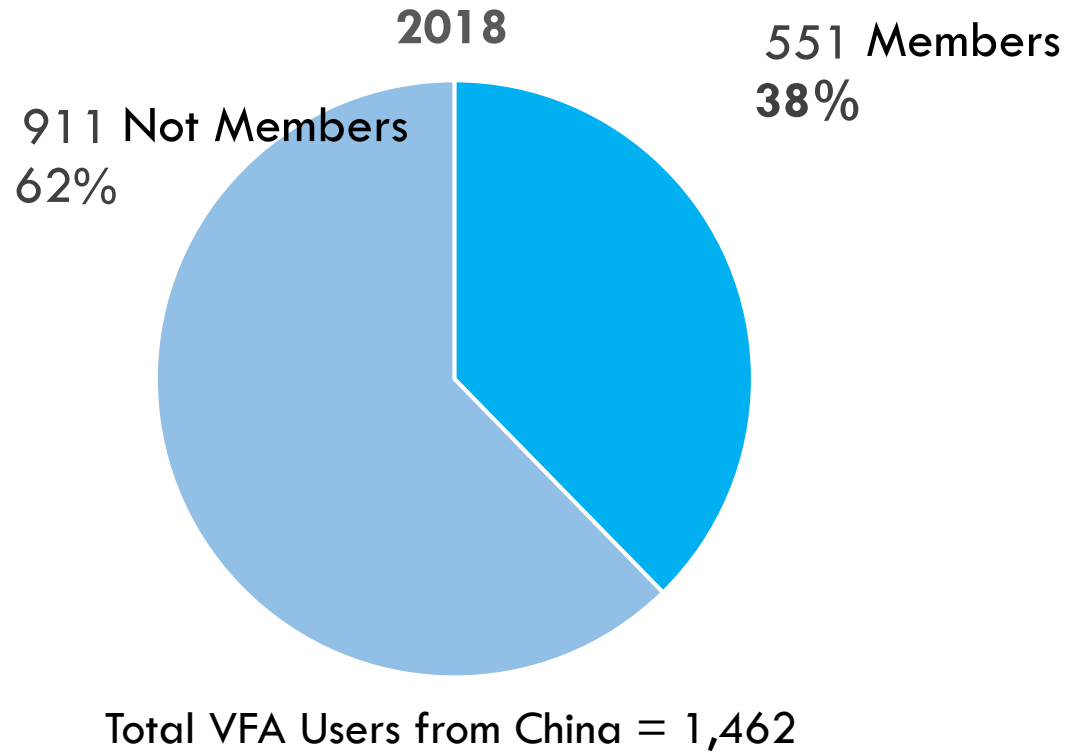
Percent of Members who used VFA

Percent of DA China members (verified) who have requested their ballot on VoteFromAbroad.org





Percent of VFA Users Who are Members



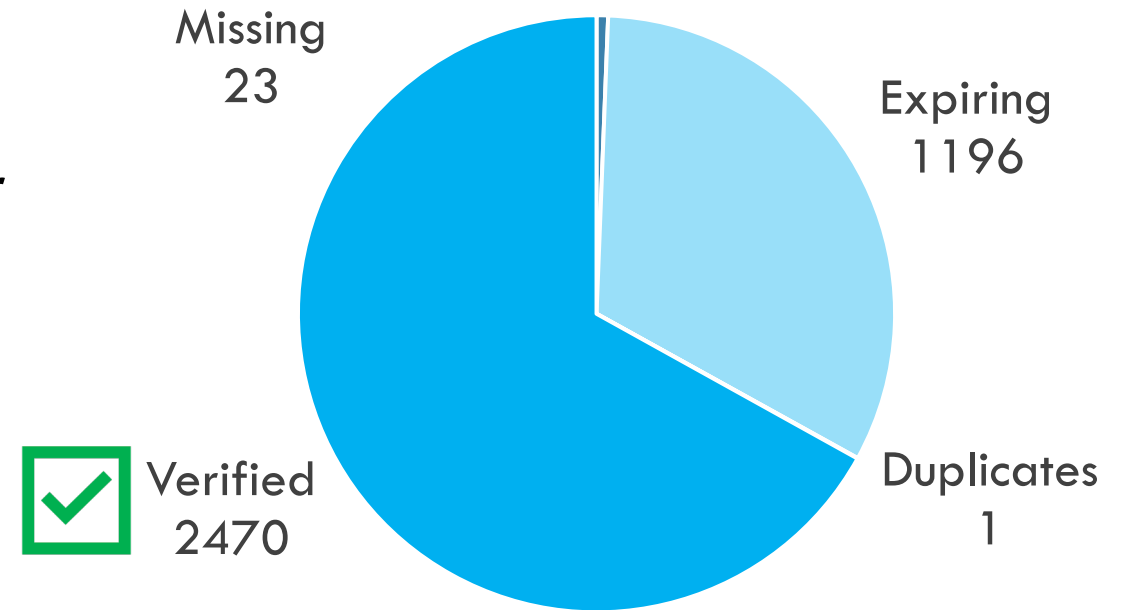


DA China Membership Count

DA China membership count of verified members will be calculated next on Jan 31, 2021.

Members with expiring memberships were last contacted Jan 31, 2017 or earlier.

As of October 23, 2020



All Member in Database = 2,673



Why is our membership count important?

Determines our voting weight within Democrats Abroad.

Calculated in odd-number years.

- 2021: 2,470 members and ? Allocated votes
- 2019: 1,904 members and 3 allocated votes (4 TOTAL VOTES)
- 2017: 1,296 members N/A allocated votes (new country committee)

Sources:

[Membership Count Guidelines](#) (Wiki – requires login)

[Membership Verification Tips and Links to Guides](#) (Wiki – updated 2020)



What do we need to do?

We can save some of these 1,203 members from being excluded from our membership count! Memberships can be updated until Jan 31, 2021 by contacting them to confirm they still live in China.

Contact info on file for expiring members:

- Emailable = 808
- Callable = 793
- Emailable and Callable = 542
- WeChat = 8

Let me know if you want to help with this project! The list of members we want to try to contact is in Google Docs.



Schedule for Membership Certification and Country Committee Compliance

- **January 31** - the IT team will create a last snapshot of your country membership list
- **February 10** - by February 10th, the International Secretary will have sent you your membership count along with the membership verification form
- **February 20** - all membership verification forms are due
- **February 20** - copy of latest version of CC bylaws due, with amendments or changes noted
- **June 30** - CC deadline to hold AGM
- AGM Date + 15 days - Deadline to submit AGM minutes and reports



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**DA COMMS
NOVEMBER**



Congratulations! (Also: Table of Contents)

- Events Recap
- Future Events Calendar
- Future Messaging Ideas



So many events!



**BEIJING SANLITUN
ELECTION NIGHT 2020**
WED, NOV 4 | 2:00PM - LATE

For all folks who can't follow the election live, but will most likely need a solidarity drink (whatever the result!), we're hosting an Election Night watch in Sanlitun starting 2:00pm.

Please RSVP by scanning the QR code or going to: www.democratsabroad.org/cn_events so that they know how many people to prepare for!

The Local Bar & Grill
Courtyard 4, Gongti Bei Lu, opposite west entrance of 1949 - The Hidden City
CHAOYANG DISTRICT, BEIJING



**BEIJING SHUNYI
ELECTION NIGHT 2020**
WED, NOV 4 | 4:30PM - 8:00PM

For all folks who can't follow the election live, but will most likely need a solidarity drink (whatever the result!) by the end of the school day, we're hosting an Election Night watch in Shunyi starting 4:30pm.

Park Side is offering drinks at happy hour price and a 12% deal off food. Please RSVP by scanning the QR code or going to: www.democratsabroad.org/cn_events so that they know how many people to prepare for!

PARK SIDE (SHINE HILLS)
Antai Street, Xiangyun Town Southern District
No. 6 Courtyard Building 12 Room 106
(opposite Starbucks)
SHUNYI DISTRICT, BEIJING



**SHANGHAI
ELECTION NIGHT 2020**
WED, NOV 4 | 7:00AM - 11:30AM

Doomscroll in solidarity! We will be livestreaming the Election Night from the Commune Reserve in Shanghai.

Breakfast deal starts at 8AM: 148rmb for breakfast & two drinks (coffee, tea, juice, beer).

Tables are first come first serve!

Please RSVP by scanning the QR code or going to: www.democratsabroad.org/cn_events

COMMUNE 1107 Yuyuan Lu
near Fenggang Lu
Changning District, Shanghai




**NOV 10 - BEIJING
VICTORY PARTY**

HEY YOU! JOIN US TO CELEBRATE!
TUES, NOV 10 | 4:00PM TIL LATE

We did it! Thanks so much for sending your vote back home and helping to be the Margin of Victory in this election!

We've got pins and pints to commemorate the sigh of relief we are all feeling right now. Swing by The Local to celebrate our #swingleft.

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**BIDEN
HARRIS**

NOVEMBER 8, 2020
SH: Liquid Laundry
@ 2PM

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Our Shanghai Live Election Watch ended up going from 7:00am to around 3:30pm.

Over 130 reservations (before I cut it off)



Future Events

- Now that we have some breathing room, we can organize and promote more stuff in cities that might have been harder to reach.
- Goals for future events:
 - Celebration (duh!)
 - Recruitment
Any ideas on how to recruit? Can we offer a small thank you gift if they register with us on the day?
 - Restart outside-of-GOTV activism
- **December Event: DA Christmas Party across Cities**
 - Sell more pins for DA funds
 - Recruit: Join Democrats Abroad!
- **January Event: Biden Inauguration Watch & Happy Hours – Jan 20**
 - Probably last chance to sell!
- **Restarting Caucus Parties?**
 - Feb: Black History Month
 - March: IWD



Future Messaging

- **Register?**

Not much in way of elections in 2021 (two Gubernatorial races in NJ, VA), but we can do the reminder to register every

- **Issues-based**

- Identify organizations that we want to highlight that help protect voters and what can be done to support them in the off year.
- Highlight issues in States that went Purple this year (like Texas!)

- **Volunteer Profiles** – especially people who helped us out tremendously this year.

- Please feel free to submit volunteers you thought deserve to be profiled.

- **What DA does**

- Refreshing messaging on our history and what we help do!



Voter Logistics

Devika, AT LARGE MEMBER



Voter Logistics

- Cheers to our team!
- From late September to late October, our team played a **CRITICAL ROLE** in helping voters send their ballots back.
- Several Americans, who had never voted from abroad, commended us on “how easy it was” followed by “let’s get Trump out.” These included voters in swing states and places like Texas and Florida that are within reach next time.
- Story/challenge 1: Person “A” thought it was “too late” for her to vote since she thought it was impossible after September 30. So, with guidance from our team, she got it done in two hours and sent her vote out using our Voter Logistics instruction sheet.
- Story/Challenge 2: Person “B” who helped register at least 100 teachers at a Shanghai school, came to roadblock when a few of his team members, stuck in quarantine, could not navigate the FedEx website. After walking him through this process, he helped get a good number of these votes out using our Voter Logistics instruction sheet.
- Many other stories like these two.



1. Apathetic People

- Some people, even though they dislike Trump, were apathetic and did not think their vote would count. A colleague told me he thought “voting was too hard” and “Trump will win anyway.” So, he sat out the election.
- Others were not happy with Biden as a candidate, so they sat this election out.
- Others just don’t care. Another colleague told me he wants to stay low key and not let US officials know where he is.
- These people will always live among us, but if we make logistics easier, perhaps some might have a change of heart.



2. Filling out Paperwork

- This presented another challenge to sending ballots.
- I came across this challenge over the summer, when I sent a personal packet to the States.
- When I contacted FedEx online, I had to fill out 6 documents, including one that I had to have translated into Chinese.
- However, I kept those documents handy and have prepared a small sample packet for voters to refer to if they are asked to send this.
- So far, no one that I know of had to fill out these forms. I did not have to fill it out when I sent out my ballot.



3. Requirement to keep Unsealed

- The requirement to keep items unsealed posed another challenge.
- The “unsealing” requirement was what motivated me to do this project in the first place.
- With Faith Gary’s advice, we successfully overcame this hurdle: leave it unsealed and seal in front of courier.
- Elaine/Kim provided the translated phrases to show the courier.



4. Refusal to send ballots

- Some couriers told people that “they did not accept or send ballots.”
- This came to the attention of the US Consulate.
- With the help of Michael, at the American Citizenship Services at the US Consulate, we got assurance that FedEx and UPS may not refuse to send ballots.



Future Challenges

- The disdain of Trump was a major incentive to vote. In the future, challenges such as receiving and sending ballots might present an obstacle to those not as active or concerned as us.
- We should involve ourselves in initiatives to make voting easier for overseas voters.
- If possible, we should try to built better relationships with FedEx and UPS for help streamlining the process for voters.
- Trump is such an idiot if he thinks that any of us would go through these hurdles to commit fraud. It is SO cumbersome.



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**MOTIONS +
NEW BUSINESS**



Georgia Runoffs

Election date: 5 January 2021

- Vote from Abroad has set up a specific webpage that we'll utilize as an FAQ for anyone reaching out to Georgians:
<https://www.votefromabroad.org/voting-in-the-georgia-us-senate-runoff-election-jan-5-2021/>
- Global Voter Help Desk on Zoom is still running:
<https://qrco.de/bbh0zg>
- Elaine will continue messaging in DA Chat about once a week about contacting potential Georgia voters.



Taking ACTION: GA Voter Outreach w/AP

- AP – WhatsApp Group / Google Drive – GA DA Global Deck on FWAB + Deadlines
- AP – Zoom Room on Sundays for voter help
- AP – Phonebanking
- CN – Waiting to hear back from SH/BJ/SY Posts for Ballot Mailing
- CN – GA Postcard Campaign – Need to sign NDA Agreement first. Mailmerge + Design needed. Estimated cost = 15-20RMB/Person, total on GA Voter list TBD.



Taking ACTION: OTHER INITIATIVES

- Membership Count: Need help for Elizabeth. Need to have signed NDA agreement.
- Voter Logistics Team: Make voting easier for overseas voters. Separate Meeting? Legal Committee?
- Caucus Reactivation/ any events?

AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER

A hand holding a magnifying glass over a group of people. The background is a blurred image of a group of people walking, with a hand holding a magnifying glass in the foreground, focusing on the group.

- We need to fill out At-Large Space
- Nominations + Speeches for December



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