



Leadership Board Meeting 2020.12.13



Call To Action

23 DAYS

UNTIL GA ELECTIONS

38 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.



20.12.13 Agenda

TIME	SUBJECT
5 minutes	DA China Meeting Minutes Approval
30 minutes	Chapter Status Report
30 minutes	Motions + New Business (DNC CONVENTION AS AN AP DELEGATE – Helen Li AT LARGE BOARD MEMBER ELECTION)
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



REST IS WORTH CELEBRATING

IT TAKES COURAGE TO REST





**NEXT UP:
GEORGIA + INAUGURATION
NEXT YEAR PLANNING - ELECTIONS**





ASK #1 /8:

WHO CAN HELP WITH THE GEORGIA ZOOM ROOM?





ASK #2/8:

WHO CAN ORGANIZE AN INAUGURATION PARTY? IN PERSON OR IN ZOOM?





ASK #3/8:

**GOING FORWARD, NEXT YEAR IS AN ELECTION YEAR FOR DA.
WILL YOU WANT TO CONTINUE IN YOUR CURRENT POSITION?
AP? GLOBAL? WILL YOU WANT TO TAKE A BREAK?
PLEASE REFLECT!**





DA CHINA FUNDS

DACN TREASURER, JUSTIN FISCHER



DA China Funds at a Glance

Current Funds: **RMB 23,627.18**

Outstanding

Reimbursements: **RMB 5,122.50**

Remaining

Funds: **RMB 18,504.68**



DA CHINA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

DACN SECRETARY, ELIZABETH JENKINS

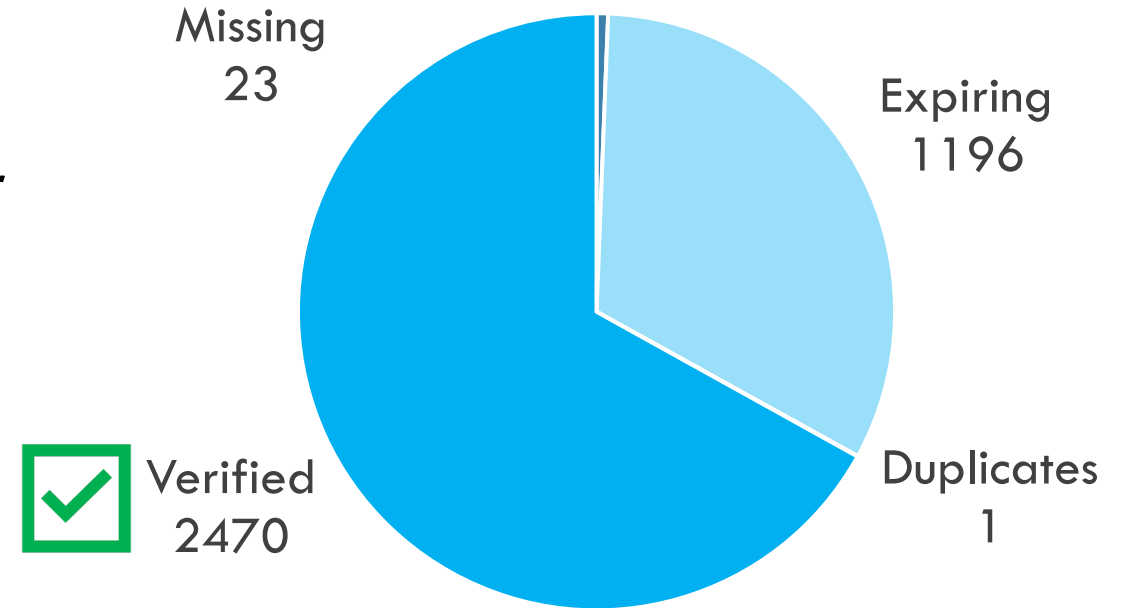


DA China Membership Count

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



ASK #4/8:

WHO CAN HELP ELIZABETH WITH THE MEMBERSHIP COUNT?





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China

**DA COMMS
DECEMBER**



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



ASK #5/8:

WHO CAN HELP SELL PINS?





ASK #6/8:

WHO WANTS TO LEAD EVENTS IN FEB & MARCH?





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 yr

- **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!



ASK #7/8:

WHO WANTS TO HELP WITH ANY MESSAGING?





Voter Logistics

Devika, AT LARGE MEMBER

Alexander, GENERAL COUNSEL



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.



ASK #8/8:

WHO WANTS TO HELP WITH THIS INITIATIVE?





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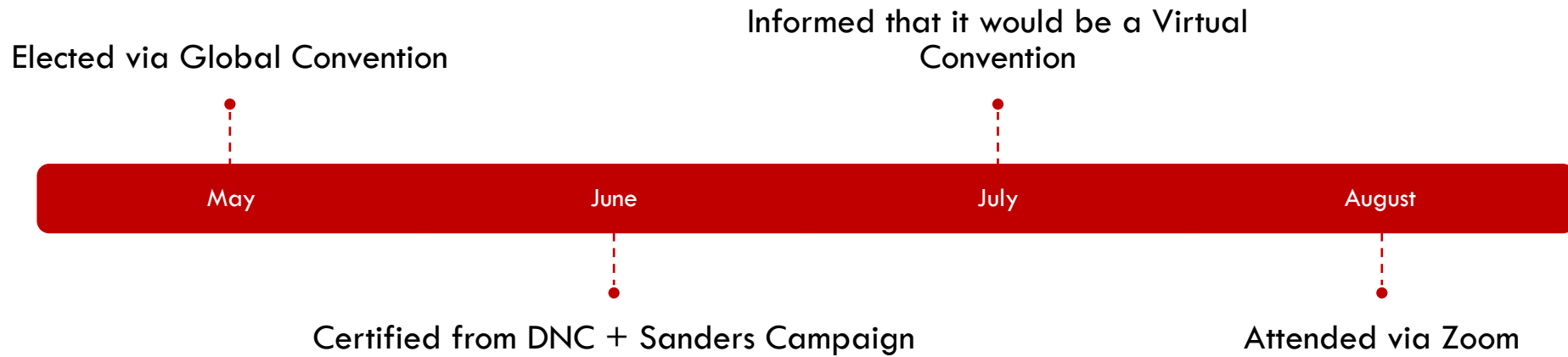
**MOTIONS +
NEW BUSINESS**



DNC 2020 Delegate Experience



Timeline





Imagined vs. Actual Role

- Because the convention was completely **virtual**, our main duty was to:
 - Vote on the Candidate, Platform, and a Resolution (via Email PDF)**
 - Assist Democrats Abroad with its PR around the DNC 2020 as a unifying event**

VS. what I had imagined that we could do:

- Influence the platform contents (the campaign nor did the DNC release to us a platform draft. It another fellow delegate who had connections and leaked it to us on the Delegate Slack). By then, the 48 hours clock had started already. Plus, the main roles of influencing the platform went to the subcommittees)
- Attend the convention/do press, etc. (it was virtual, and a lot of watching livestreams)



Subtle Trends that I noticed

- The Democratic Party's approach to inclusion
- What it feels like to be a Bernie Sanders (minority) delegate
- The power that you hold within this process (platform voting case study)
- A virtual convention's pros & cons



Personal Reflection/Benefits

- Learning how the Democratic Party works and pivots
- A platform to engage with other young, passionate, political organizers
- Meeting other delegates of color
- My Podcast!
- Ambivalence about the establishment nature of the party
- What will future conventions look like?



AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER

A hand holding a magnifying glass over a group of people. The background is a blurred image of a crowd of people, with the magnifying glass focusing on the text below.

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



Candidates

- At Large Member – until our next AGM.
- 2 minutes to share
- LB votes



CONGRATULATIONS
LOOKING FORWARD
TO WORKING WITH YOU!!!



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