



These meeting minutes submitted to the leadership board and posted to wiki by the DACN Secretary, Elizabeth Jenkins. Additional reports and documents posted as well.

These meeting minutes shall be reviewed, corrected, and approved at the next meeting which will also be the AGM on May 23, 2021, at 2:00 pm (CST). This time is to be confirmed with the NEC.

Meeting called to order at 8:06 pm.

This was a regular monthly meeting of the China country committee leadership board of Democrats Abroad, held on the 11th of April 2021, at 8:00 pm (CST), via Zoom video conference. The chair presided and the reading of the minutes by the secretary was dispensed with (historically notes have been reviewed outside the meeting and approved at the start of each meeting). The online meeting was recorded.

Attendance

The zoom meeting maxed out at a total of 29 participants. Including all boardmembers: Kim Wong, Patrick Cranley, Elizabeth Jenkins, Justin Fischer, Elaine Chow, Faith Gary, Eileen Walsh, Jacob Aldaco, Jennifer Eveland, Devika Koppikar.

Other Members: Terry Watkins, Dr. Kymmberli Stowe, Jordania Rowden, Sam Wong, Aaron Kruse (DA Singapore), Alexander Lee, Jasmine Cochran, Terry Watkins, Alexandr Smith, Cory Stroik, Bill Blaisch, Grace Gary, Matt Blazejewski, Dustin Durbin, Charisse Drakeford, Eric Scott Hald, Walter Moran, Jonathan Woetzel, Helen Li, Elizabeth Blackburn

Agenda and Best Practices - Kim

Meeting Minutes Approved

- Passed unanimously.

Welcome to New Members - Kim provided an introduction of DA for new members.

Reports Presented - See slide deck, except where noted below.

I. Chair's Report – Kim Wong

- Tiny Actions. Bill to reform Voting Rights. NJ loss of non-federal election for voters abroad. You can get involved!
ACTION: https://www.democratsabroad.org/tiny_actions
- Recent events – 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
- Public statements from the board were delayed because of retaining legal counsel. We are not planning legal action, but are ready to defend the organization.
- Patrick – read statement (attached)
- Dr. Stowe – replying to the minutes for the legal committee. They have been complete and asked all who attend. Comments for meeting minutes. Waiting to hear to KS (sent 6 days ago). Elizabeth did not receive an email.
ACTION: Elizabeth to confirm email address with KS. KW and KS will sort out the comments before sending final notes to EJ to publish on the wiki.

II. Treasurer's Report – Justin Fischer

See report in presentation. Relayed by Kim because Justin was having mic problems. Revenue, expenditures - unchanged since last month. Reimbursements made.

III. Membership Report by the Secretary – Elizabeth Jenkins

none

IV. Communications – Elaine Chow

- Comms rules now updated on Wiki. New platform is now accessible without VPN.
<https://democratsabroad.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/ccChina/pages/5472518650/Welcome+to+New+Members>
- Official comms are email, newsletters, websites. Wechat and social media have been supplementary – GOTV and legislation back home.
- Review comments from Members on WeChat.
 - Restore general chat group (Cory) – call for members willing to act as moderators, moderators give additional rules.
 - Discussion. Maybe moderators mostly non-board members (Grace). Odd number is good (Alex L.). How to verify DA members (Eric). Is the environmental group recognized or

how (Alex L.). Need clarity on non-official groups (Alex L.). Women's chat group my personal group but not a DACN (Alexandra), need for comms outside geographic (Cory), Most are based on global caucuses (<https://www.democratsabroad.org/caucuses>) (Elizabeth), can we make sure the new wechat groups are shared with all members (Eric).

- MOTION (Jacob): tabled and will return later.
- Upcoming Elections Comms
- Hosting an event – see form and timeline.
 - Form: <http://demsabroad.mikecrm.com/uc5naFB>
 - Events
 - on the website - https://www.democratsabroad.org/cn_events
 - on the calendar - <https://teamup.com/ksfchtd9x1d1ybzdp5>
 - Alexander – looking for event for earth day on facebook. Can you post that? Elaine: Final poster just confirmed earlier this week, also on the events. Submitted 4-5 days ago and should be posted within 24 hours to facebook and Instagram. ACTION: Elaine will post on Monday.

V. DA Caucuses

- Prospective caucus leads presented for appointment. Kim approves.
- Still looking for AAPI Caucus. Black caucus is on hold given current conflict.

VI. Motions and New Business

- MOTION (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.

PASSED: Unanimously (Ayes: Jacob, Faith, Kim, Eileen, Elizabeth, Jenny, Patrick, Devika, Justin)

ACTION: Jacob will draft by next week.

- Looking for voters to lead Tiny Actions teams for the following states: Louisiana, Texas, New York, New Jersey
https://www.democratsabroad.org/tiny_actions

VII. Open Floor

- Bylaw amendments at AGM? (Alex L.) – I have submitted over a month ago. They should be taken up by the Chair and reviewed by a bylaws committee. ACTION: Kim will move those proposed amendments forward.
- Cory: Vice Chair statement. Is that all?
 - Alex L.: Missed first part of the meeting. Was there any resolution.
 - Dr. Stowe: What action? Just the statement?
 - Kim: The resolution (as is mentioned in Patrick’s statement) is for having an Allyship Communication Training.
ACTION: Finalize details and share with full membership.
- Matt Blazejewski – Introduction - recent new member of DA. Lives in Hangzhou, NJ voter, Princeton 2017. As a observer (wallflower), wechat has been off putting. Have appreciated getting this perspective of the organization. Thank you for all the work.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be the AGM on May 23, 2pm. To be confirmed with NEC.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:36 PM.