



Annual General Meeting 2021.05.23



DA CHINA

Agenda + Best Practices

KIMBERLY WONG, DA CHINA 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 – Thank you to Anders for assistance with Parliamentary Duties

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




21.05.23 Agenda

TIME	SUBJECT
5 minutes	DA China Meeting Minutes Approval
60 minutes	Chapter Updates (10 min) Treasurer's Report (5 min) Secretary's Membership Report (10 min) Communications Report (10 min) Caucus Update Bylaws Amendments (20 min, members vote- Chaired by Patrick Cranley)
?? minutes	Leadership Board Elections (members vote – Chaired by NEC)
15 minutes	Motions, New Business 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:

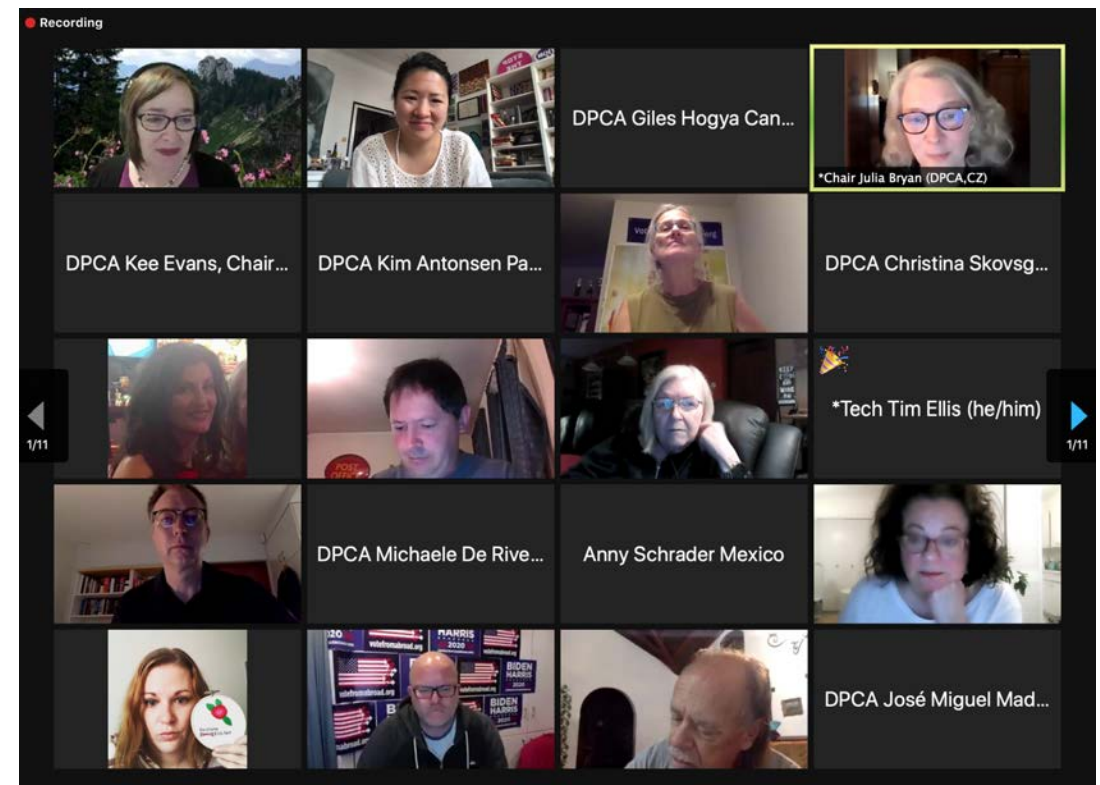
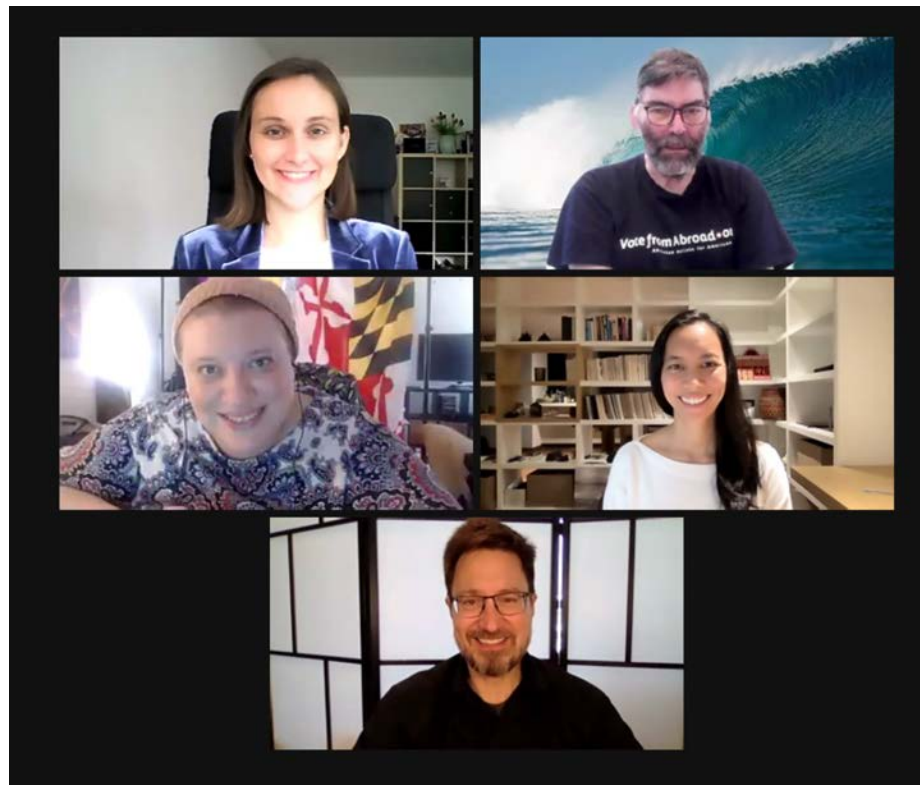
- Women's Caucus
- Black Caucus
- LGBT Caucus
- Progressive Caucus
- Book Club
- AAPI Caucus
- *Hispanic Caucus*





DACN – Updates

- Allyship Training 5/12 – Hope to continue in the future (up to new board)
- DPCA Meeting 5/15-16 – Thank you to our DPCA Voters as well as the many that showed up over the weekend!
- AP RVC Elections / Meeting



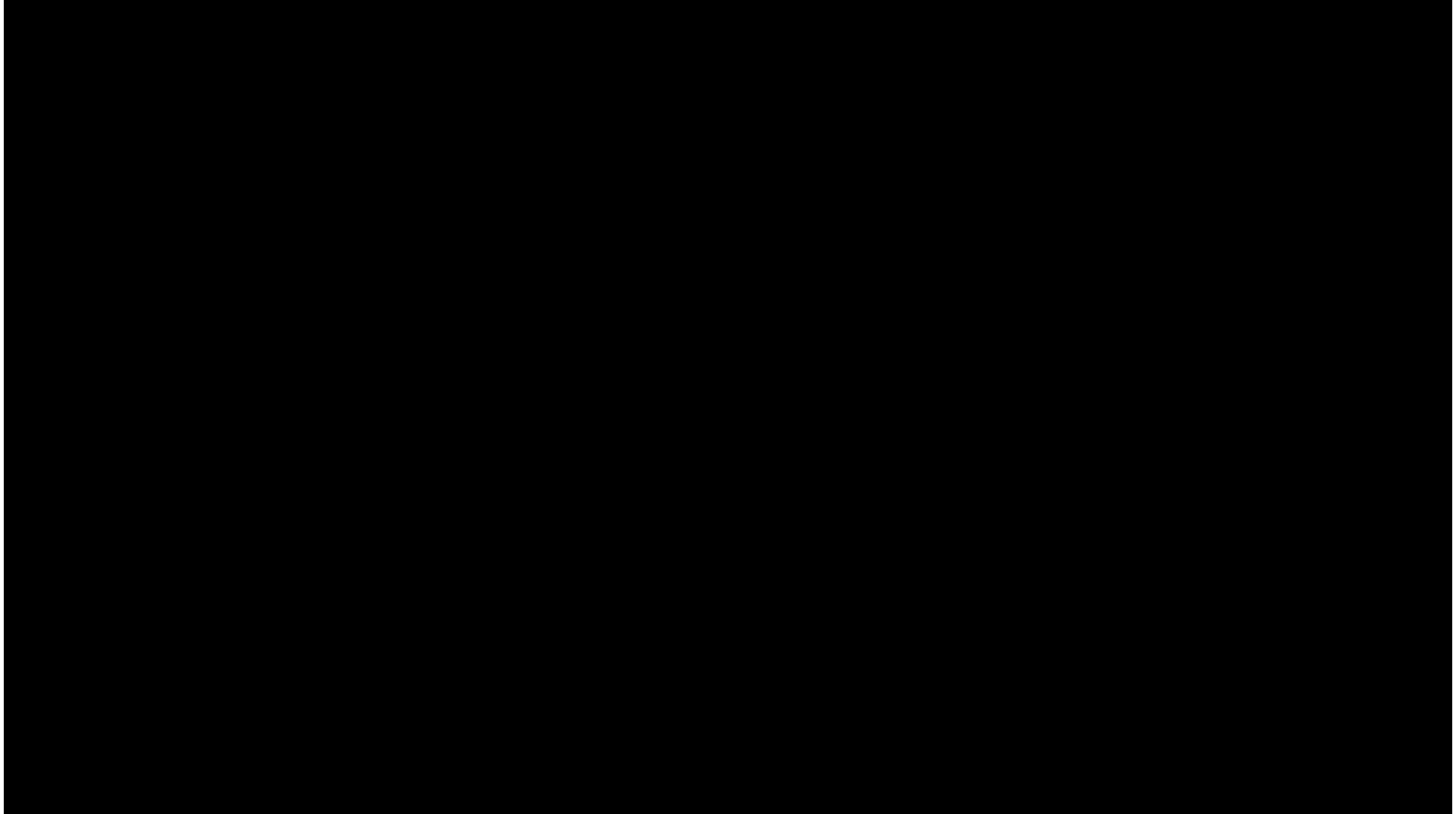


DPCA – Updates

- Globally to hold 2427+ events
- Raised \$955K during the 2020 cycle
- Helped 100K voters through our 3 help desks
- Made 600K calls to our members
- Sent 300K+ SMS to our members
- Reached 51+million impressions with digital ads in 40+ countries
- Ran country level grant program for local ads - from news ads to bus ads
- Engaged 67.4% of our total membership
- Grew our membership by 70%




DACN – OUR YEAR IN REVIEW





THANK YOU TO Deputy RVC Sam Wong

 Sam, you have been there since Day 1. It's been a blessing getting to know you and to work with you throughout the last five years. I hope that we'll stay in touch and that our paths will cross again very soon.

-Aaron

*Sam's a leader in DACN
To us she is always a friend
She gives of her time
Her work is sublime
We are sorry that this is the end*

Sileen



*Sam,
You may have been the first person I actually met who was representing Democrats Abroad and it's definitely due to your hard work and constant attitude that I felt like this was an organization I should join so excited to hear about your future endeavors and I hope we'll get a chance to see each other soon!*

BIG UPS! ELANE



Dear Sam,

What. A. Journey. From starting being the eager volunteer who wanted to offer up my spaces to DA, to getting fully caught in a blue wave, thank you thank you thank you for your endless positivity and endurance for all the years of your dedication. Make the fire never die - I can't wait to see what you do in SF!

Kim



Sam,
I first heard about you from your mother-in-law, Mary. She told me all about how you are a powerhouse for getting people to vote. This was instrumental in my starting to work with Elizabeth and others to get out the vote.
Your clarity during the Call Hub craziness and calm attitude during all things DA has been amazing. I hope our paths cross again.

-Jenny





Upcoming Important Dates

JUNE 2021: DNC Voter Protection Training

#DemsForThePeople Voter Protection Training

Virtual Training



- Wed, Jun 2, 8:00pm–9:00pm EDT
- Thu, Jun 10, 7:00pm–8:00pm EDT
- Mon, Jun 14, 5:00pm–6:00pm EDT

📅 Time
Mondays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays
8pm EDT + 2 more times

📍 Location
Virtual event
Join from anywhere



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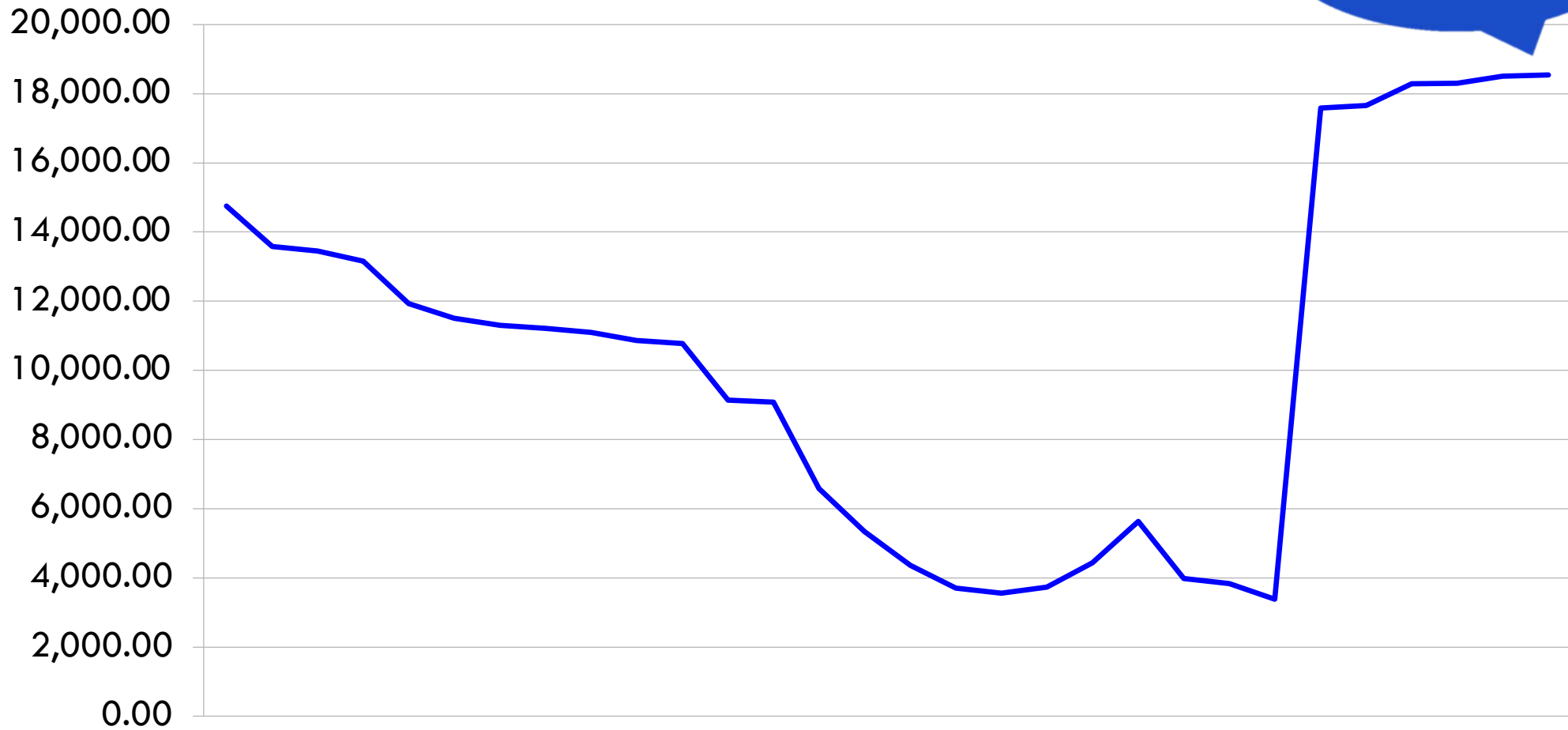
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DACN TREASURER, JUSTIN FISCHER



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JUN – DEC 2020

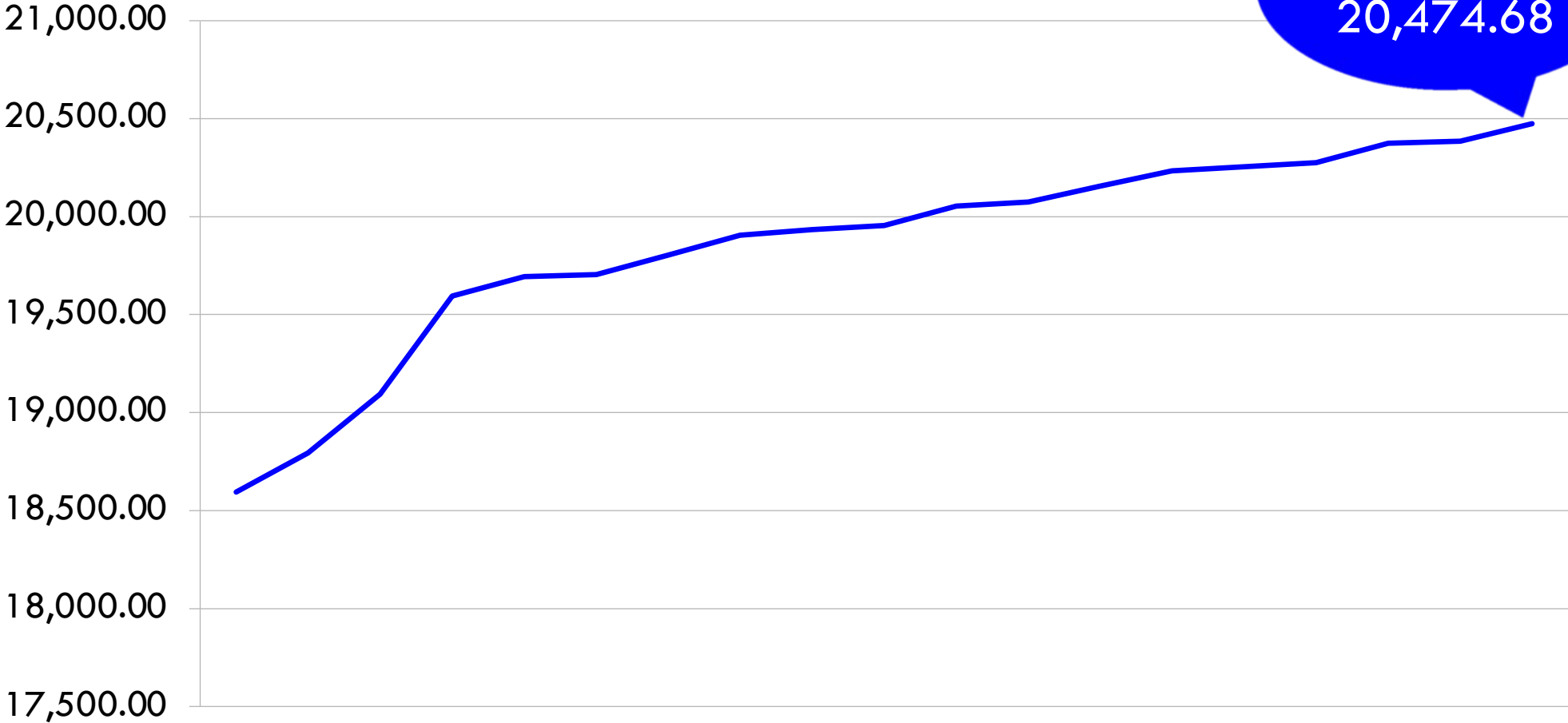


RMB
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JAN – MAY 2021

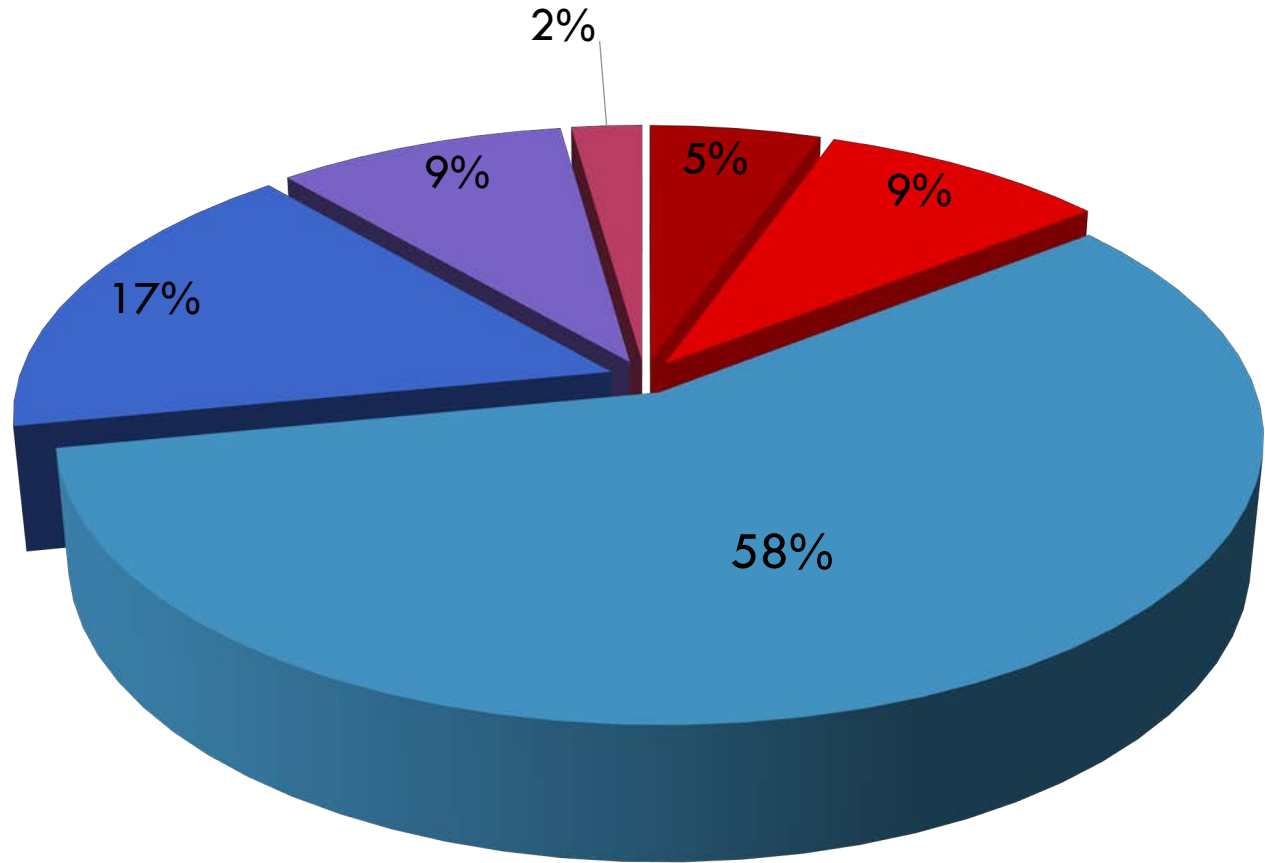


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DACN FUNDS

Expenditure Breakdown JUN 2020 – MAY 2021

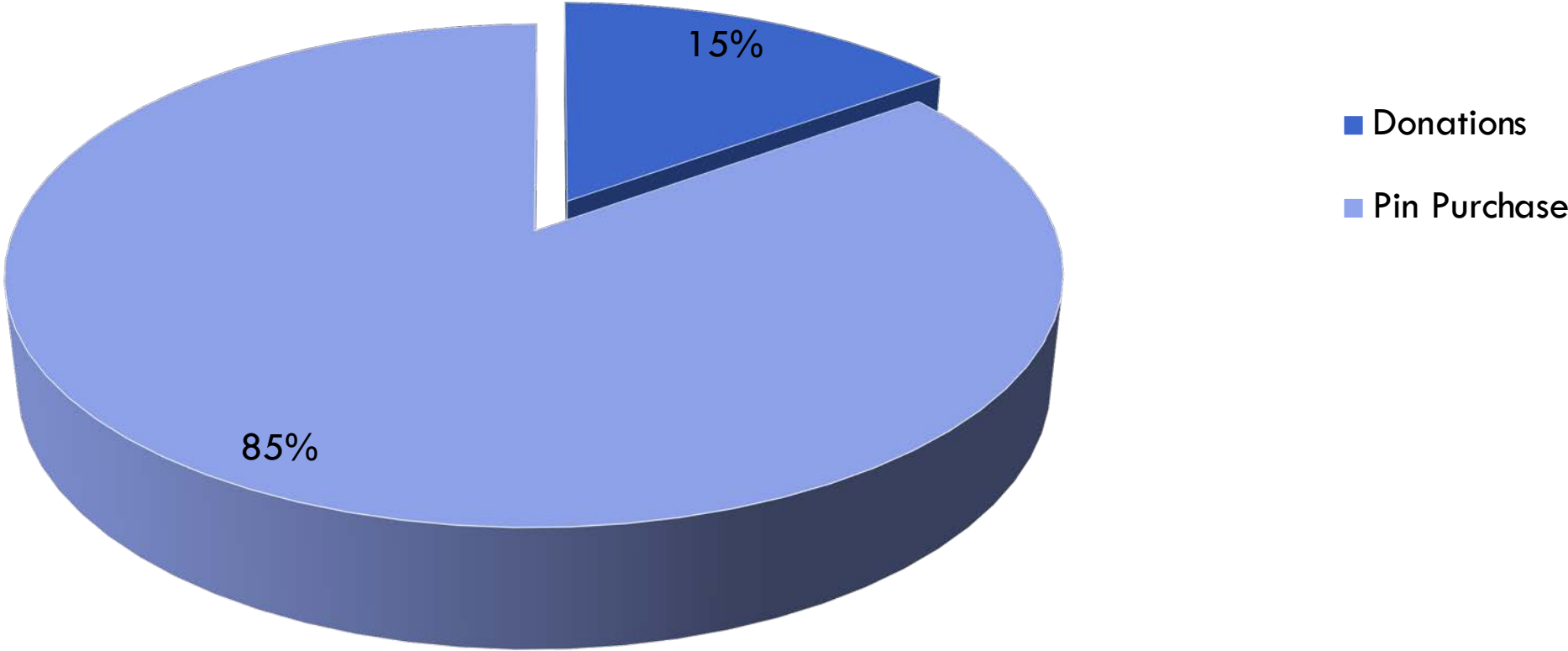


- GOTV Supplies (Printer ink, paper, pens, hand sanitizer)
- Communications (Zoom, SIM Card)
- Printing (Stickers, Posters, Envelopes, T-shirts)
- Buttons
- Celebrations (Post July 4 GOTV Action)
- Outreach expenses



DACN FUNDS

Revenues Breakdown JUN 2020 – MAY 2021





DA CHINA MEMBERSHIP

DACN SECRETARY, ELIZABETH JENKINS



Democratic Party Committee Abroad (DPCA)



VOTING REPRESENTATIVES

- When a Country Committee is in compliance, they have voting representatives at meetings of the global body (DPCA).



COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

- The DPCA has compliance requirements Country Committees to become established, as well as to maintain their voting representatives.



ALLOCATION OF VOTES

- The DPCA allocates votes to Country Committees based on the annual membership certification and is recalculated in odd-numbered years.

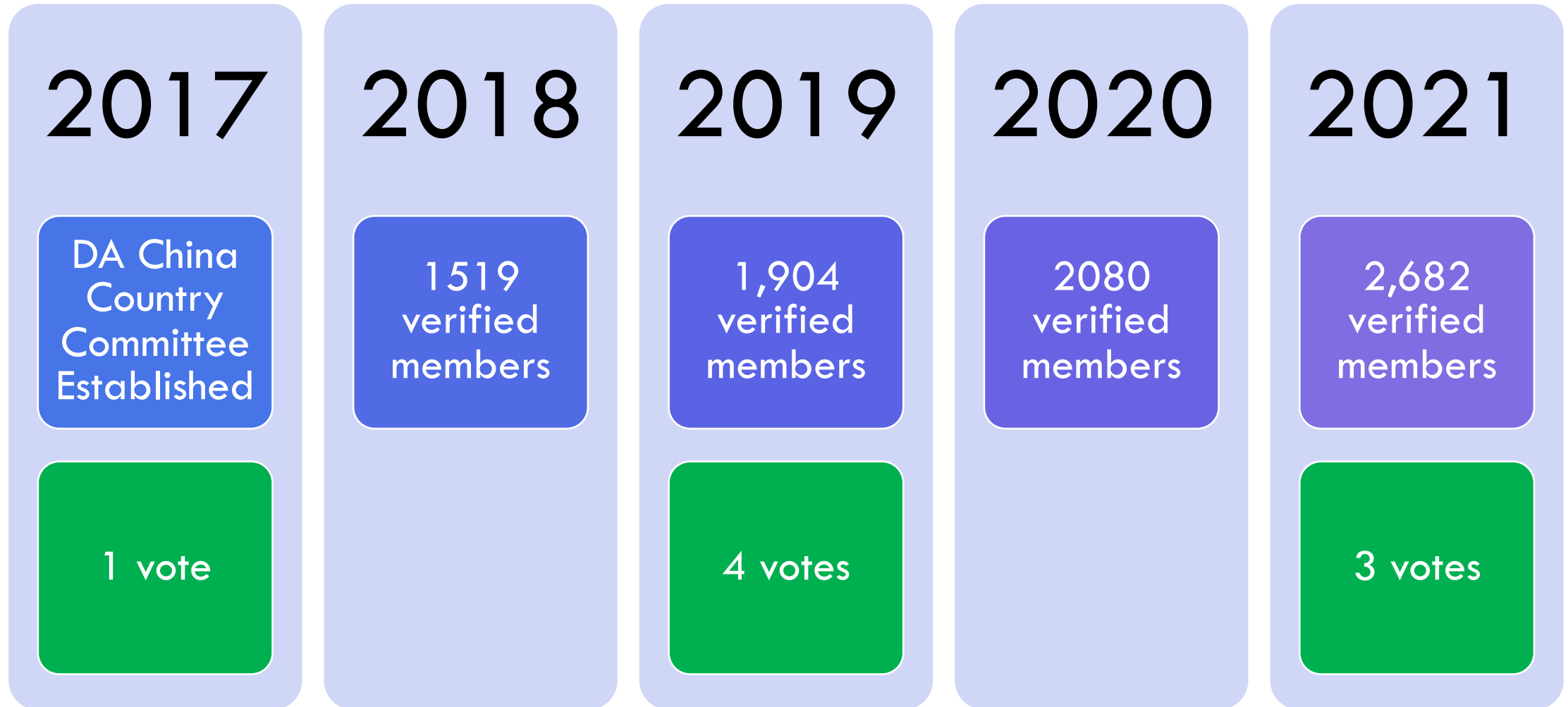


DPCA MEETINGS

- The DPCA meets both virtually and in-person. Attendees can apply for travel funds.

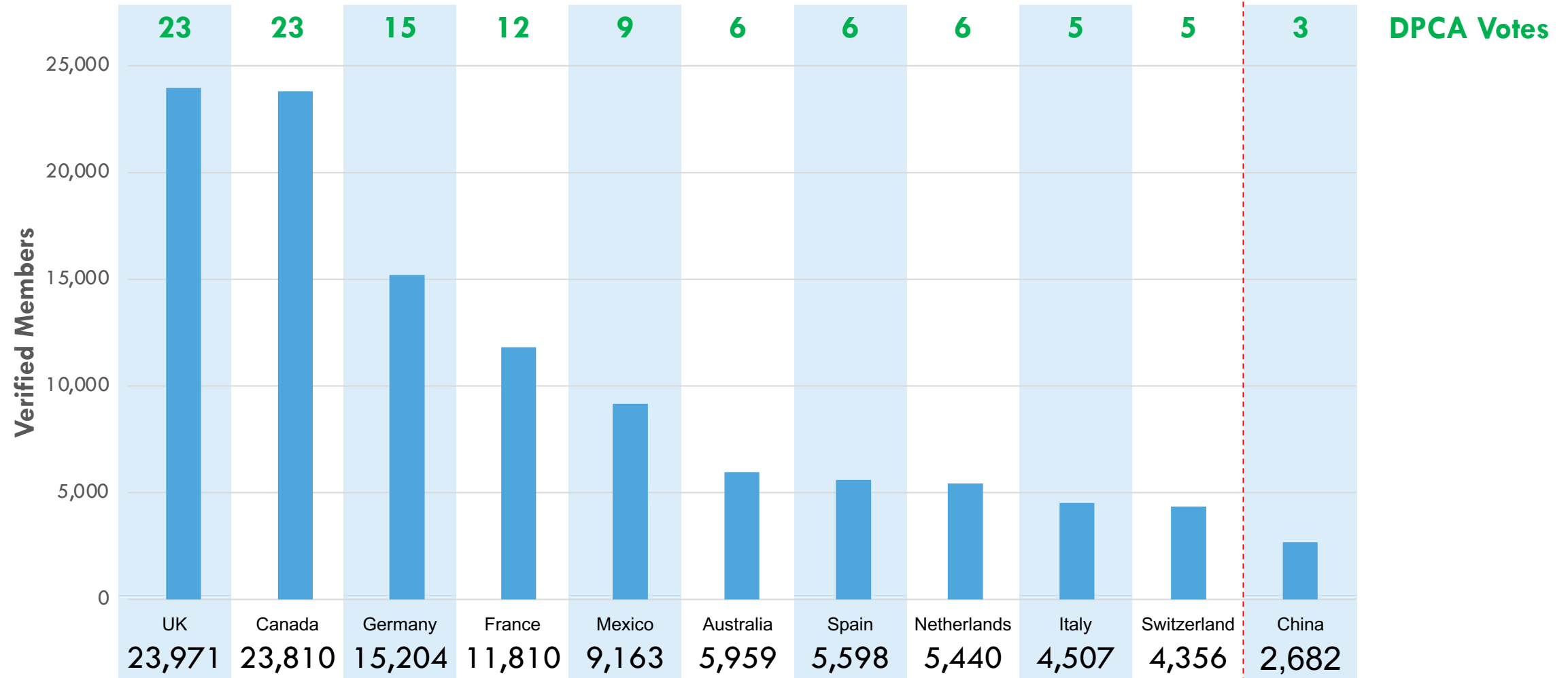


Verified Members = DPCA Voting Power





Top 10 Country Committees by Most Members, 2021:

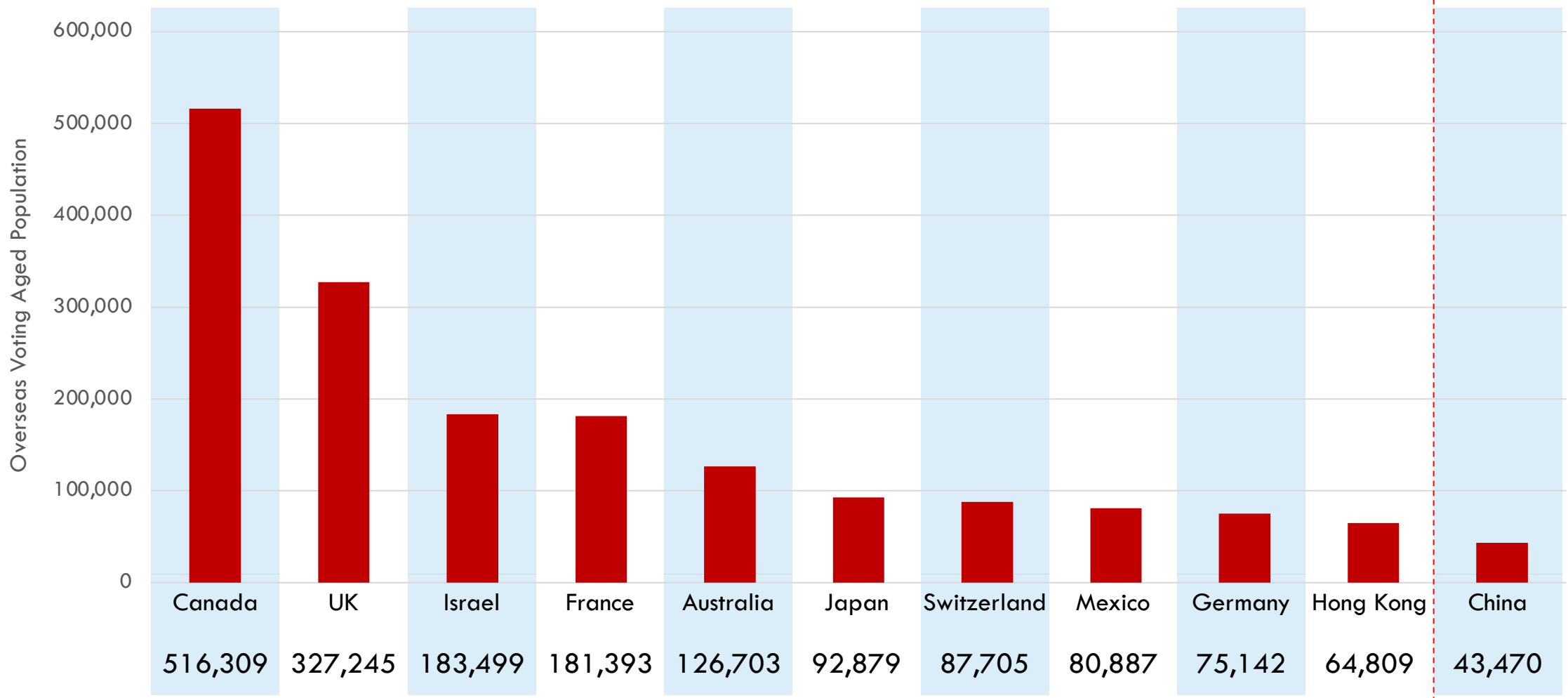


China Ranks #15
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DPCA Votes



Top 10 Countries by Overseas Voting Aged Population, 2018



China
Ranks
#15





Ballot Requests from Voters in China

VoteFromAbroad.org Users

2016

668 members

2018

551 members

1,462 total

2020

756 new members

1,602
total members

3,518 total

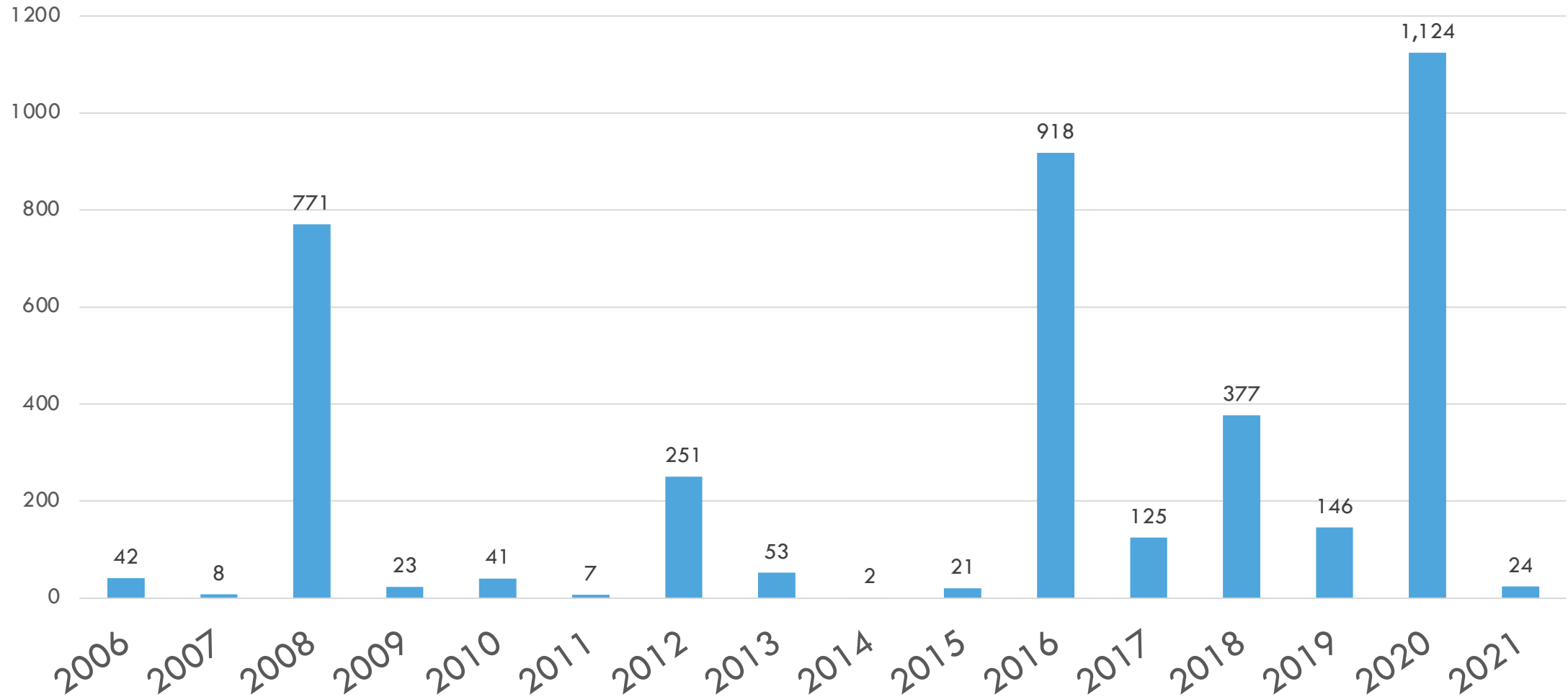
2016: Database Search for Tag “VFA 2016”, VFA Usage Report (no China data) <https://democratsabroad.atlassian.net/wiki/...>

2018: VFA Usage Report on Wiki: <https://democratsabroad.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/gotv2018/...>

2020: VFA Stats on Wiki: <https://democratsabroad.atlassian.net/wiki/...>, File from Shari Temple: 2020-Jan-Dec VFA Report File.xlsx



New Members: Year Joined



References

VoteFromAbroad.org Reports on Wiki:

VFA Usage/Stats wiki.democratsabroad.org

Also, request anonymized data from

helpdesk@democratsabroad.org

VFA Usage

FVAP Reports and Surveys

<https://www.fvap.gov/info/reports-surveys/search-reports-surveys>

Membership Database

U.S. Overseas Population Statistics

Database Access Info on Wiki:

Nationbuilder Training

<https://democratsabroad.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/home/pages/6381408827/NationBuilder+Training>

Data Used in this Report*

DACN Membership Report, 2017-2021

(Google Spreadsheet)

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sE6xplHbxbXdUakdDGn3WLtL736p3D_63obTvo_5W9s/edit?usp=sharing



DA CHINA COMMS

DACN COMMS/IT, ELAINE CHOW



What did DACN Comms do in 2019?

Set up the structure for the Comms team, graphic design capabilities & graphic design templates.

Designed and executed “pledge to register” campaigns for September (focus on Climate Collapse), October (#vegtober) and Christmas (holiday gift idea). Launched the DACN Instagram, managed the DACN Facebook, began expanding the DACN Wechat Groups.

Helped write, source & edit 18 posts for the Website and 10 newsletters (monthly + ad hoc).

Helped draft materials for the launch of the Black Caucus and LGBTQ+ Caucuses, as well as create flyers for many, many DACN events & meetups.





What did DACN Comms do in 2020?

Helped project manage and create all graphic materials for 40+ events for China membership.

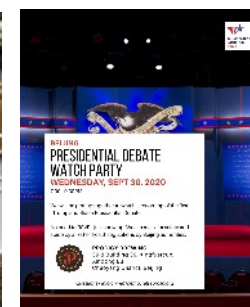
Created & executed **Global Presidential Primary** Communications plan to inform China members, complete with numerous social media posts, newsletters, and other messaging.

Co-led the **live voter registration initiative in Shanghai** (20+ live tables – including 4 in one day), while providing live voter registration event support to Beijing, and helping to source venues in Guangzhou. Led **election night livewatch event** in Shanghai (150+ people attended)

Additionally, personally helped 50+ people through WeChat to troubleshoot voting issues as the DemocratsAbroad China WeChat ID.

Altogether wrote, edited & sent out 50+ newsletters, 20+ articles on the blog, 70+ social posts across our growing social presence.

Helped with voter logistics research, communications and materials. Worked with Secretary for database compliance cold calling and for adding over 300+ members to our WeChat community manually.





While also helping out Global DA

Set up the Style Guide for Democrats Abroad Global Social Comms, and co-ran the Instagram account, growing it from 600+ members to 2500+ pre-election.

Produced event posts & social designs for the Global Black Caucus, the Taxation Task Force, the Vote From Abroad advertising team, the AAPI Caucus, and DA APAC regional teams.

Worked with Global on the #FliptheSenate campaigns & #MarginofVictory campaigns.

Led the Infographics team, personally creating & editing sharable content demystifying the VRA, the attack on our postal service, Martin Luther King's activism, FWAB, managing volunteer burnout, the Biden-Harris plans for Workers, Climate Change, Education, and Healthcare.





Now the 2021 DACN Comms Handover!

Congratulations to the new Communications head! In order to properly hand over what Comms was managing, here is an expected timeline and list of “easiest” to “hardest”

Within the Day (if wanted)

- Instagram - @democratsabroadchina

Within the Week (requires set up & some walk through)

- Facebook - @dainchina
- WeChat: DA China ID – democratsabroad
- Powerpoint & Other Templates
- Addition to Canva Account

Whenever!

- Advice on best practices
- Introductions to Global Comms team & Global Caucus leads



DA CHINA CAUCUS UPDATES

CAUCUS LIAISON, JUSTIN FISCHER



HISPANIC CAUCUS

Cinco de Mayo Event

- Discussed Hispanic peoples' history in the US.
- Discussed How Hispanic people have molded legislation throughout history.
- Discussed Hispanic-Latinx Democratic legislators and how stay better engaged with them through their social media accounts.
- Membership drive ongoing.

BLACK / PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS

Earth Day Event: *Opportunities for Environmental and Climate Justice in the Biden Era*

- Panel discussion featuring Michelle Deatrack, Dr. Michael K. Dorsey, Professor N. Bruce Duthu, Moderated by Alexander Lee.



DA CHINA BYLAWS

DACN VICE CHAIR, PATRICK CRANLEY



DA China Bylaws – Proposed Changes

- **Multiple formatting and grammatical changes**
 - [See the proposed Bylaw amendments as circulated previously]
 - Proposed by Alexander Lee



DA China Bylaws – Proposed Changes

Article XIX: Changes "no later than June 30" to "prior to the the DPCA's AGM"



DA China Bylaws – Proposed Changes

- **Article III, clause 7**

DACN recognizes the right of all DA members to volunteer in an environment free of harassment and to attend events free of harassment. DACN will consider behavior to be harassment when such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment for DA members or volunteers, or interfering with a volunteer's performance.

[section 3.7 continues on next slide]



DA China Bylaws – Proposed Changes

- Harassment can include behavior or communications (verbal or non-verbal) and can include statements or actions that are offensive or objectionable to the recipient, cause the recipient humiliation, or interfere with the recipient's ability to participate in an event or activity. Sexual harassment occurs where the perpetrator engages in unwanted conduct of a sexual nature and that conduct has the purpose or effect referred to above. DACN Board members will be held responsible for protection of the entity. Any reports, consequences, and situations regarding harassment and sexual harassment will be dealt with seriously.

Proposer: Kim Wong



DA China Bylaws – Proposed Changes

Article XII.7

- **Vote Extension:** If the number of allowed DPCA Voting Representatives for DACN extends past two votes, the remaining DPCA Voting Representative duty will be given to the DACN Secretary, then the DACN Treasurer, etc., in order of elected offices of the executive committee.

Proposer: Elizabeth Jenkins



DA China Bylaws – Proposed Changes

- **Article XIV, clause 2 Liaisons**

The Leadership Board shall appoint a China Global Caucus Liaison to monitor, oversee, coordinate with, and report to the Leadership Board on China Caucuses. (Proposer: Randi Miller)

- **The Global Caucus Liaison** is a member of the leadership board that serves as the point of contact between the country caucuses and the Global caucuses, as well as the country leadership board. The GCL also works with the Global Caucuses to promote their agenda while aiding the direction of the caucuses at the country level. The GCL also acts as the support for country caucuses by providing them with resources, information, and assistance of any kind that may promote their initiatives. (Proposer: Jacob Adalco, per Julia Bryan)



DA China Bylaws – Proposed Changes

- **Article XV, clause 3**
- *Resignation or Disqualification.* Any member of the Board may resign by written notice to the Chair or Vice Chair. A Member of the Board who is determined to no longer qualify as a Member of DACN by vote of seven (7) members of the Board at a duly convened Board meeting is deemed to have resigned.

Proposer: Randi Miller



DA China Bylaws – Proposed Changes

- **Article XVII: Vacancies.** Any vacancy among the Officers may be filled by a majority vote of the Board from among its members. Any vacancy on the Board may be filled from among the members of DACN by a majority vote of the Board, provided that any member so appointed may not serve as an Officer unless he or she is elected to that office by the members of DACN either in a regularly scheduled election or in a special election held at any subsequent meeting of the members of DACN in accordance the election and meeting procedures and notice requirements herein. Members of the Board and Officers who fill a vacancy shall serve the remaining term of the departing Board member.



DA China Bylaws – Proposed Changes

- **Article XVII: Vacancies (Continued)**

Any Board Member or Officer who fills a vacancy for a remaining term of more than one year shall be deemed to have served a full term.

Proposer: Kimberly Wong



DA China Bylaws – Proposed Changes

- **Article XXI Removal of a Board Member**
- 121.1 At the first Executive Committee meeting after a new Leadership Board is elected, the Executive Committee shall adopt rules for giving Board members due process before a vote to remove a Board member is taken, as well as for when a Board member may be censured and what the effect of censure will be. Once adopted, these rules cannot be changed until a new Board is elected.
- Proposer: Randi Miller



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ELECTIONS!!!!



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**CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE NEW
BOARD!!!!**



2020 Poet Laureate



Alexandra Smith, China

“The World We Live In”



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**MOTIONS +
NEW BUSINESS**



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