

## **Democrats Abroad China Leadership Board Meeting**

Sunday, November 11, 2018 (7:30-8:30pm)

Aaron Kruse, Chair - present  
Samantha Wong, Vice-Chair - present  
Elizabeth Jenkins, Secretary - present (note taker)  
Jim Spear, Treasurer - present  
Cheng Xu, Legal - present  
Kira Leinonen, Comms/IT - **absent**  
Angie Bergeson, At-Large - present  
James Flanagan, At-Large - **absent**  
Faith Gary, At-Large - present  
Joshua Lally, At-Large - **absent**  
Chris Zombik, At-Large - present  
Ada Shen, Ex Officio - **absent**  
Rich Welch, Ex Officio - **absent**

### **Approving meeting notes - August and September**

Any comments? [Aaron: motion, Jim: second, Ayes: Chris, Sam, Cheng]

### **Recent Events**

All-Day Watch Party in Beijing

Shanghai -

Justin helped arrange with the Camel. Great venue and Justin went the extra mile finding backups  
Beijing -

Aaron and Elizabeth rounded up a bunch of cool raffle prizes. Gift card to Slow Boat, Jing-A Hats.  
Over 39 prizes and 36 winners. Over 3500 rmb.

### **Midterms Wrap Up**

Ongoing phone bank - georgia and arizona. One woman in Georgia.

Midterms - sharing -

- Jim watched everything. exciting day. Mostly happy. Voted in AZ. Confirmed counted.

- Elizabeth - Michigan Democratic governor. Legalized pot.

- Sam - Democratic governor. Laura Underwood - first black congresswoman for district. Chicago has a mayoral election in February.

- Cheng - Early election day. And rainy in Shanghai. Energy was great. Ohio had a red wave.

- Aaron - 3 dems of 4 districts in Iowa. Defeated Republican David Young. His district is now represented by Dem Cindy Ackney.

[ Action item: Photos from Aaron to Photo Archive ]

[ Action item: Travel Fund Application is now open ]

[ Action item: DA members in flipped districts ]

DA China debriefing session

[ Action item: Schedule debrief via WeChat ]

- Did a lot of work learning and need to plan for 2020

### Upcoming Events

- Wednesday - RBG movie night at Bookworm  
- Thanksgiving on Sunday 11/25 - need to confirm headcount. Brickyard is helping with transportation. (Jim notes that there will be doggy bags to take home!)

[ Action Item: Add Cheng to Women's Caucus ]

### Treasury Updates

- Current Balance (doesn't reflect election day fundraising) = 2439  
- Working on policy updates - Also, Sam notes that Tom (Global legal) also inquired about our fundraising.  
- Election costs and reimbursements. Close out by December. Need to get all settled pronto!

### Comms & social media

- WeChat - Recent changes we have added so we have 4 admins on the main wechat group.  
- Email and other channels for events.

[ Action item: to figure out who can help with this ]

### Open Floor

- Sam: SMS campaign (last time we sent was 11/1) to DA China members. But we assisted 12 more people!

Maybe in the future we can do something like use CallHub to contact people on WeChat.

[ Action item : how can we contact people on wechat ]

- Sam: Global AGM will be in May and travel fund application is now open. Will be in DC.

- Faith: Interested in forum event for wish list for what we'd like to see from Dems now we have the House?

Aaron - sounds good. When? IF in January, could be tied into Women's Caucus event.

Elizabeth - maybe around Thanksgiving. Sam won't be in town. Maybe Justin could help?

[ Action item: estimate interest agenda session with DA. Swearing in January. Maybe around women's march. ]

Angie - Sorry to be MIA. There are just so many people working so diligently with the women's caucus I know some leadership are feeling guilty about not dedicating as much energy as other members  
When will we have new people join or get involved?

Sam: We will be holding our AGM before May. Can we hold in April.

Aaron: Yes, we can start to encourage and think about who could be more involved. We can start making a list.

Faith: Thank you to all the leadership and members who have worked so hard.

Aaron: We have lots of members and leadership helped contribute to our success in the midterms. Definitely proud.

[ Action item: December determine requirements and start reaching out to candidates. ]

**NEXT MEETING: December 16, 7:30 pm**

[ Action item: Sam will book. ]



