Democrats Abroad China Leadership Board Meeting

Saturday, March 2, 2019 (8:30-9:30am)

* Aaron Kruse, Chair – **present**
* Samantha Wong, Vice-Chair – **present**
* Elizabeth Jenkins, Secretary - **present** (note taker)
* Jim Spear, Treasurer – **absent - yes**
* Cheng Xu, Legal – **absent - no**
* Kira Leinonen, Comms/IT – **absent - yes**
* Angie Bergeson, At-Large – **present**
* James Flanagan, At-Large – **present**
* Faith Gary, At-Large – **present - yes**
* Joshua Lally, At-Large – **absent - no**
* Chris Zombik, At-Large – **absent - yes**

NOTE: This meeting has been rescheduled from the original date (Feb 24) due to low attendance. Only Aaron Kruse, Samantha Wong and Elizabeth Jenkins were present and quorum was not reached to convene.

Aaron: Convene with 6 members.

Update from Aaron and Sam

* Currently Sam is in Chicago
* Global meeting reminder: May 15 in Washington DC
  + EXCITING: Really exciting part is to talk to Congress members. Starts earlier.
* Primaries and candidate communications
  + IMPORTANT: We can speak privately about primary candidates, but official DA communications must NOT mention or endorse primary candidates. Sam and Aaron attended the training call on this. If you have questions, please talk to them.
* Official Membership Count
  + AWESOME: We have increased our vote count with global.
  + DATA: Official Membership Count is at 1904. And retention rate is increasing. We want to increase membership 2500 and 2% of global.
* ByLaws
  + We will need to change our bylaws from opposite sexes to different sexes to be more inclusive.
  + ACTION: Write a proposal to amend bylaws.
* AGM & NEC
  + NEC Appointments:
    - Melinda Yang (Beijing – Chair)
    - James Bernard (Beijing)
    - Lisa Movius (Shanghai)
  + Remember nominations and
  + April 14 is AGM
  + Please be careful not to contact them about you or anyone running for office.
* Any other updates?
  + Sam: For the NEC, Rose in Shanghai can help out on the day of. Because physical meeting space in Beijing and Shanghai. Aaron may go to Shanghai for the meeting.
  + Sam: Left China for family issues in Chicago and working on mayoral campaign there. Will return to China after April 2.
  + Faith: Recently talking about the Black Caucus, but haven’t been successful. I have a group that is interested in watching, but no one is ready to commit 5 hours a month on it. I think I will redirect my efforts to disinformation campaigns – like Facebook disinformation campaigns targeting the African Americans. Glorifying non-voters. There is a lot of paranoia around Democratic Party and “the establishment”.
    - Aaron: Yes, this sounds good. If you want to incorporate a blog or other content, we should help share that information. I have marketing experience and help with that. Frequency?
    - Faith: Monthly. And also interested in how DA Leaders
    - ACTION: Monthly update on voter disinformation specifically targeting African Americans. Faith and Aaron.
* Wrap up and goodbye
  + OUR LAST MEETING BEFORE AGM – March 23 at 9:00 am China Time