

DA CHINA

Voter Express

DECEMBER 18, 2023





DECEMBER AGENDA

TODAY'S TOPICS

- Welcome & Attendance
- Leadership Reports
- Membership Verification
- Scheduling 2023
 - Festive Fun
 - GPP Updates
 - Voter Registration Events
 - Black History Month
- Volunteers = Victories
- Motions and New Business
- Open Floor Celebration!

WECHAT





CHAIR REPORT & REQUESTS

DECEMBER 2023

- Global Presidential Primary Activities
 - Voting Center planning in Beijing and Shanghai
 - Guangzhou, Kunming BAE event preparations
 - Global GPP Team meetings on fundraising and more
 - Bi-weekly DACN GPP Team Meetings
 - Submissions collection for Kitchen Table Talks & Photo Gift Exchange
 - Meetings with volunteers interested in filling vacancies
 - Wisconsin Team meetings, State Team meetings, DACN Ohio event work
 - ProDA Caucus organizing
 - Women's Caucus event organizing
 - ECCC meetings on COP28 & December's Climate Cafe
 - Financial Compliance Committee & Subcommittee reports, meetings
 - Global meetings - [archived](#). Next meeting: January 8
 - Regional meeting - [archived](#), Next meeting: January 20
 - Sharing content on DACN social media and WeChat
 - WeChat group organizing
 - Membership Verification and database entry - help requested
 - December newsletter and website work - help requested
 - Holiday event preparations
 - Voter Assistance Event Planning - January 15th and Q1 of 2024
 - Speaker planning for Q1 of 2024
 - BHM planning - please contribute
 - Fundraiser preparations, budget planning
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ORGANIZING AHEAD

December

Membership verification. Call for volunteers. Launch events in 5 cities. End of year newsletter. Register certain states (early primaries).

Review

Evaluate 2023 results, goal set, look to primaries, GPP and generals. **CELEBRATE!**

January

Voter registration 2023!
ABC Event.
Final Membership Verification
GPP practice

February

Voter registration 2023! BHM!
Finalize GPP vendors, comms, & purchases

March

Voter registration
GPP Voting Centers
GPP BAEs



The Website

DPCA & DACN News & Events



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THINGS WE ARE
GRATEFUL FOR

CHICAGO IS CALLING





CANDIDATE PETITIONS

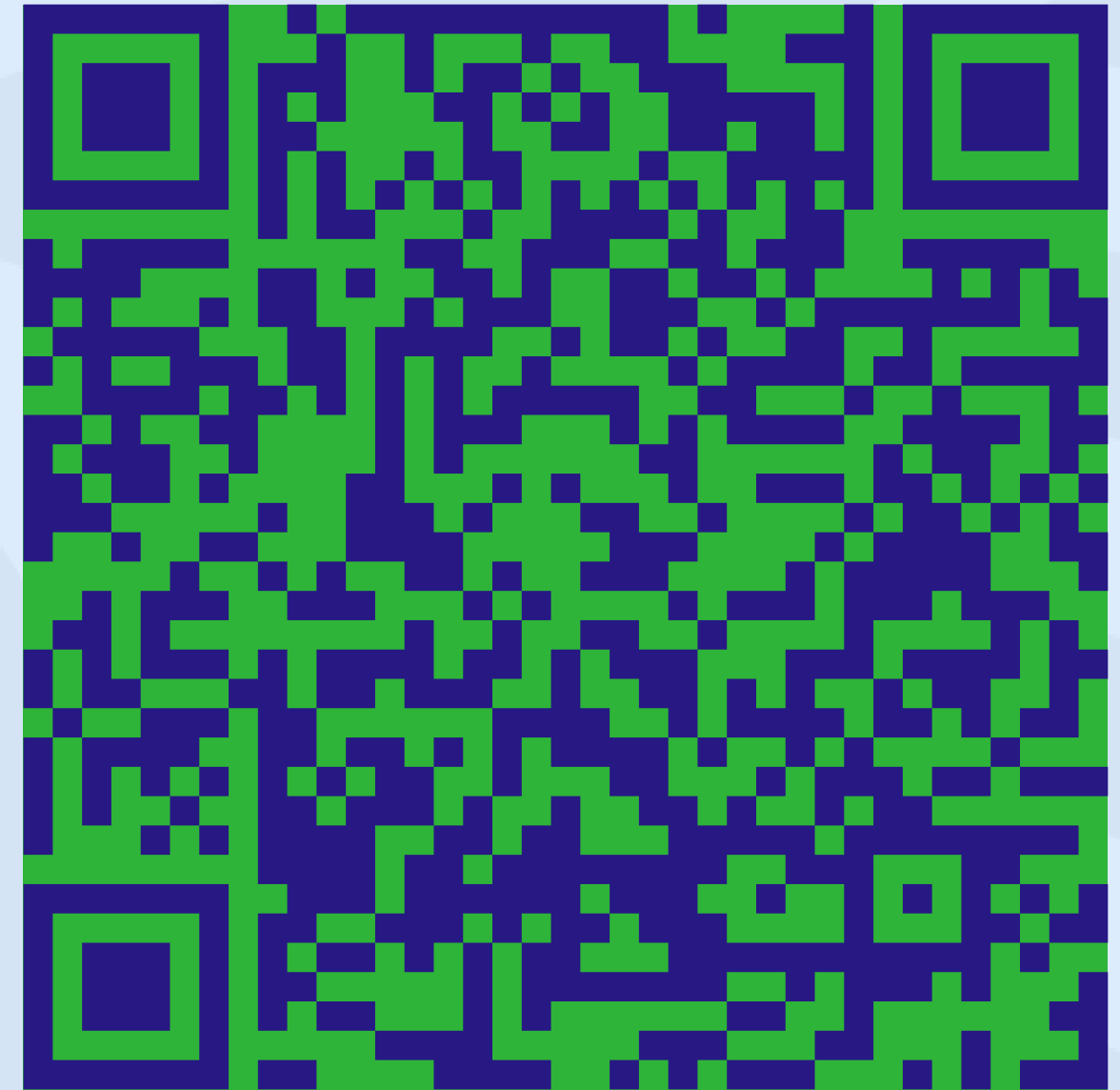
KEEPING MINUTES





The Wiki

DPCA & DACN Repository



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Annual Membership Verification

DA China Status and Plans



Membership Verification

- Why: We need valid information about our members
- Who: Our Members
- What: Things to check
- When: By January 31
- How: Resources, Spreadsheet and Specific things



WHY – Member Verification

- Members are DA's most important asset
- We need valid information about our members
- Our GOTV efforts center around our members
- Accurate member information is critical to outreach to our members
- The Membership Count Number is used to determine DPCA votes



WHO – Our members

- When a member joins, a membership expiry date is set for 4 years later. For example: Jennifer joined on October 7, 2017 and her membership expires October 8, 2021.
- Each country committee is asked to review your membership list each year and try to confirm that each of your members is still present in your country.
- Expiry date for members who have RSVP'd on the Website to an event is automatically updated.



WHAT to verify:

- Verification implies that you can confirm the member is still living in the country and has a valid phone number and/or local address.
- The Last Verified Date is the date that they or you last confirmed they are still a DA member living in your country.
- A Valid DA Membership means that they have been in contact or you have verified them within the last 4 years.
- Expired memberships should NOT be deleted from the database! They continue as members in all senses of the term, EXCEPT that they are no longer included in the official membership count taken each January 31.
 - They get listed among the percentage of members "excluded from the membership count".



WHEN – Every year before February 1

- Our annual Membership Verification drive or Membership Count begins every year in October or November.
- The Count is officially over on February 1.
- The IT Team generates country membership lists around the 1st or 2nd of each month from November through January.
- These lists are available to each country upon request.
 - Countries with chapters are responsible for distribution to their chapters.

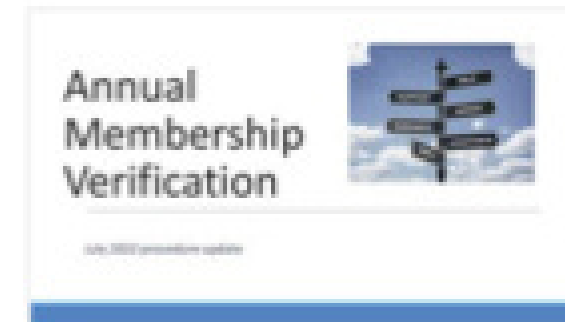


How: Resources on the DA Wiki

Membership Verification Tips and Links to Guides for 2023 are on the DA Wiki Page and includes tips to make your verification work easier.

[Click here to access the Wiki page.](#)

Membership Verification Tips and Links to Guides - 2023



[A few tips to make your verification work easier](#)

Saved NationBuilder Filters, Tags, and Training Guides

Membership Verification is an annual process.

The official membership count is taken each January 31st. Your country committee's role is to verify as many "expired" members as possible. When a member joins and is approved and verified, an expiry date (as valid member) is set for 4 years later. So, unless they expire before 2024. **Note:** An expired membership date does NOT mean that a member's record disappears or is to be deleted from the system.

1. They are no longer included in the official membership count
2. They are included in the percentage of members "excluded from the membership count".

Each country committee is asked to review your membership list each year and try, as far as possible, to confirm that e



How: Other Resources

Additional references for more technical specifics including:

- [Membership Verification Tips](#)
- [Membership: Approving, Welcoming, Moving and Deleting your members](#)
- [Membership: Dealing with Duplicates](#)



Important Areas of Membership Management by Local Admins

- Make sure phone numbers entered are in callable format
- Try to make sure all members are emailable
- Addresses - Encourage members to give full voting & overseas addresses
- Reach out to volunteers to assist with outreach to members
- Remove uncontactable, deceased, and non-US citizen members
- Log Contacts CORRECTLY. Forgot how?
See pages 3 and following of the special guide on [Approving, welcoming moving and deleting members](#)
- Remember to list your events online so you can reduce the amount of verification work you do!



GDPR and Membership Verification

- **NO** information should be **changed** unless it comes directly from the member themselves.
- If the member is deceased and the source of your information is a family member or an obituary, you must delete them. Add the tag “delete member” and the member record will be processed within 48 hours.
- You **MUST** delete the Excel list of members 30 days after you received it.
- You may not copy any information about members into a personal list of *any* kind.
- You may not send a personal email to your members asking them to verify themselves.
 - **Only Exception**: if they are a close friend of yours, not just someone that you know through DA.
- A Useful list of do’s and don’ts and the [explanation of GDPR is in the Wiki](#).




GDPR and Membership Verification

Do:

- Call your local members at home or on their cell, depending on the database information
- Send them a local email blast
- Send them an email from their record

Don't:

- Text your members using 
- Email them from your personal email to ask them to verify themselves
- Call them or email them using their work information
- Look them up on Google to find more contact information
- Update their records because of Google, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn information



DACN Proposed Cleanup Plans

- Global
 - Emailing expired members that are emailable every 2 weeks
- China Level
 - Set goal to reduce expired members by at least 50%
 - Call/WeChat/Test expired members with mobile number
 - Email expired at least 2 or 3 times – from NB broadcaster or directly with a DA email address
 - Google to look for member – if clearly still in China then can verify them



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Account settings updated

YOUR DEMOCRATS ABROAD ACCOUNT

First Name* Middle Name Last Name*

Your Democrats Abroad Account Number is

[Click here to change/reset your password](#)

[Click here to view and update your PUBLIC profile settings.](#)

[Click here to view and update your PRIVATE profile settings.](#)

SAVE PROFILE SETTINGS

Even if your setting are all correct, please click the 'SAVE' button anyway. This serves to confirm your profile is up-to-date.



The season of giving and receiving

Every donation equates to a vote. It's as simple as that. DACN and the greater organization keep the fires burning so that voters everywhere - no matter how they vote - know they have the right to. Donate today to enable us to hold future voter booths and online voter assistance.



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REVENUE
(USD)

0

EXPENDITURES
(USD)



Total Raised 2022:

\$133.09

Total Raised 2023:

\$55.11

Total Spent 2022:

\$0.00

Total Spent 2023:

\$-52.88

Total Country Balance

\$135.32



Donate



GRATEFUL



COMMS & IT





- **CREATE CONTENT FOR DACN SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS**
- **WECHAT GROUP AND MOMENTS POSTING**
- **DECEMBER NEWSLETTER COPY AND PHOTOS - SUBMIT ASAP**
- **EVENT SUPPORT - GRAPHICS AND COPY HELP REQUESTED**
- **REGULAR POSTS BY MULTIPLE VOLUNTEERS = VOTER SUCCESS**
- **BUILDING OUT OUR COMMS TEAM - JOIN OUR WECHAT GROUP!**
- **MEETINGS: 12/28 AND 1/4**

AMERICANOS EN EL EXTRANJERO



**¿QUIEREN SABER CÓMO
VOTAR EN LAS
ELECCIONES DEL 2024?**

LINK ROUNDUP

- GPP on the Wiki bit.ly/2020GPPWiki
- This presentation: bit.ly/GPPCommsReady
- Primary (Im)partiality: bit.ly/DAPrimaryComms

- Media interviews & practice: bit.ly/DAMediaReady
- GPP media invite: bit.ly/GPPMediaInvite
- GPP member email: bit.ly/GPPMemberEmail
- Facebook advertising: bit.ly/GPPFacebookAds



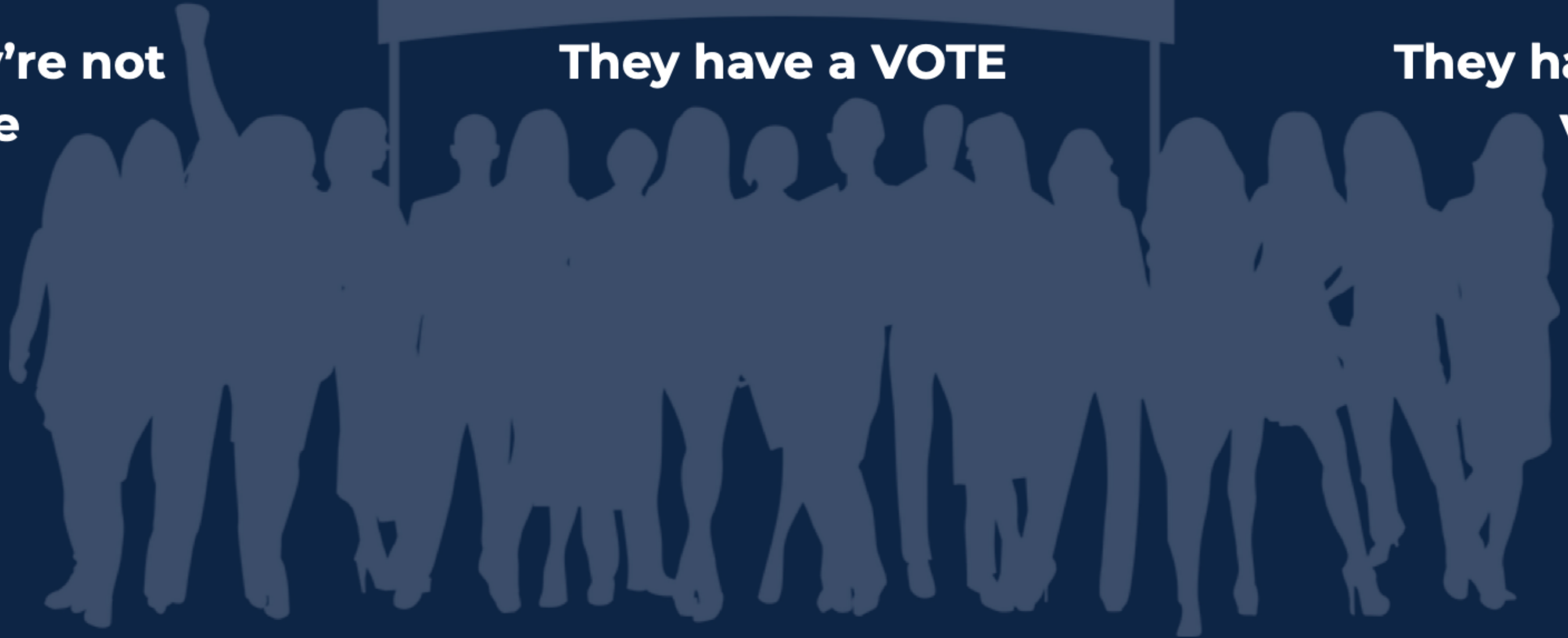
GIVE THEM A REASON TO

BELIEVE

**They're not
alone**

They have a VOTE

**They have a
voice**





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obamalibrary It's time to kindle the spirit of the season with an #ArchivesGiftExchange! 🎁

Today, we're unwrapping gifts of Presidential history together and serving up delectable slices of the past with items from our artifact treasure troves. In the spirit of the holiday season, stick with us throughout the day as we jingle our hashtags for an #ArchivesGiftExchange! 🎁

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First Lady Michelle Obama is joined by White House Executive Chef Cris Comerford, right, and children of military families for a craft project during the 2012 holiday decorations press preview in the State Dining Room of the White House on November 28, 2012.

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#ObamaLibrary #PresidentialLibrary
#ArchivesGiftExchange! 🎁 #ArchivesHashtagParty



Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (NY) meets with some leaders of Democrats Abroad China in May 2011.



JOIN US FOR THE GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACTION TEAM LAUNCH!

Florida
Representative
Maxwell Frost will be
speaking.

Thursday, 14 December
at 2 pm ET/8 pm CET



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Absentee ballots for Americans

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**EVENTS
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FORM**



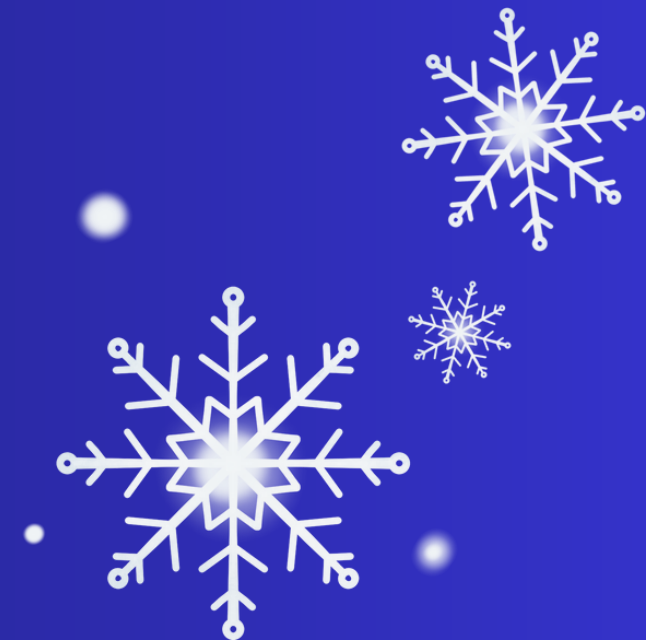
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Solstice Social

Wednesday
December 20
6:30 - 8 PM



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Truth, Accountability,
and Protecting
Democracy: Jamie
Raskin on J6 Justice and
the Power of the Vote

Saturday, January 6, 2024
8:30 am ET / 2:30 pm CET



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*“Now is the time to
make real the
promise of
democracy.”*

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Intro to the Global Presidential Primary (GPP)

Democrats Abroad

Sept 23, 2023



Glossary

Ballot Assistance Event non-official voting event designed to assist voters in remote voting; no ballot collection or tabulation

Global Presidential Primary (GPP) our party-run primary that allows Democrats Abroad members living outside the United States to participate in the Democratic Presidential candidate nomination process

Democratic National Committee (DNC) organization within the Democratic Party responsible for supporting US Democratic Party candidates. Also responsible for organizing the Democratic National Convention every four years

Democratic National Convention (DNC) presidential nomination convention held every four years to officially nominate a Democratic candidate for President of the United States and define the Democratic party platform. Delegates attend from the 50 states, plus DC, the territories, and Democrats Abroad

Delegate Selection Plan (DSP) outlines the rules and procedures that Democrats Abroad follows in order to participate in the Democratic primary process and select delegates to attend the Democratic National Convention

Voting Center Manager responsible for maintaining voting center rules and guidelines and managing a voting center during the GPP

Voting Center official voting location for in-person voting, must be declared by Dec. 31, 2023; includes ballot collection and tabulation; must be publicly accessible; must be publicized



The Global Presidential Primary (GPP)

The Democrats Abroad Global Presidential Primary (GPP) will run from March 5 to March 12, 2024 at voting centers around the world to help select the next Democratic presidential candidate.

Democrats Abroad will send delegates to the Democratic National Convention (DNC) in August 2024 who reflect the results of our primary. These delegates are elected at our regional and global conventions next year.

- Voters must meet the following criteria to participate in our primary
 - Reside abroad and be a U.S. Citizen
 - Be a member of Democrats Abroad
 - Be 18 as of November 5, 2024
 - Not have voted, or plan to vote, in any other 2024 state **presidential** primary
- Besides in person voting, voters abroad may also vote by downloading a ballot and emailing, faxing, or postal mailing it to Democrats Abroad from February 13, 2024 through March 12, 2024.

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GPP in 2020 - Facts & Figures

- Voters in **180** countries successfully cast their ballots
- **39,984** voters participated in the primary
- Voting took place at more than **230** voting centers across our country committees
 - [List of 2020 voting centers](#)
- The majority of voting events were held on **Super Tuesday** and the **next weekend**
- Voters cast their ballots in person, by **email, fax, and postal mail**
 - [2020 totals by ballot type](#)

Democrats Abroad 2024 GPP Timeline

Nov 10, 2023 Delegate workshops roll out

Dec 31 Country Committee (CC) Voting Center info due

Jan 3, 2024 Last day for Presidential candidate GPP sign up

Feb 13 Ballots on DA site for download

March 5 - 12 DA Global Presidential Primary (GPP) week

March 12 Latest date to email or fax a ballot or postmark a mail-in ballot

March 17 Deadline for mail-in ballots to be received by Committees or RVC

March 26 Delegate filing period begins

Apr 15 CC Elector certification deadline

Apr 19 Delegate filing deadline

Apr 26 Approved delegate list due from campaigns

May 25 AP Regional Convention (online)

May 26 EMEA Regional Convention (online)

May 30 Americas Regional Conventions (in Costa Rica and online)

May 31-June 1 Global Convention (in Costa Rica and online)

August 19-22 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, IL



Voting Center 2023 Decisions

Country Committee info due Dec 31, 2023

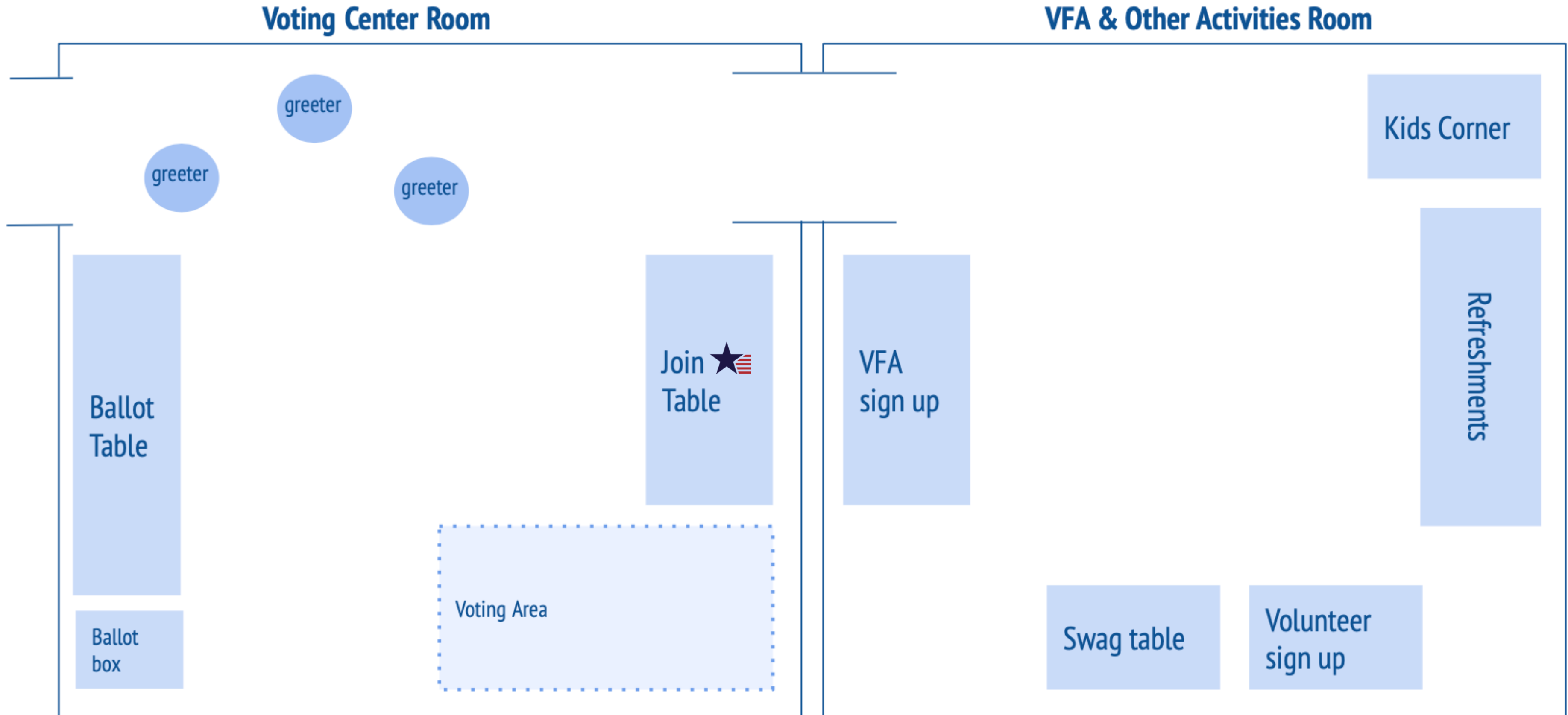
- Voting Center(s) location, dates and times
- Voting Center manager name
- Name & address of local person who will send out mail-in ballots
- Name & address for local mail-in ballot deliveries
- Waiver requests

How to submit CC voting center info

- Via form, email or postal mail [gpp@democratsabroad.org]

Copy and customize this map for your own event! *

A Bird's Eye View of a Sample Voting Center



*Google Slides work well for a fast sketch



GPP Costs and Contracts

- Expected Costs
 - In-person balloting materials
 - Decorations and swag
 - Voting center venue rental (if applicable)
 - Postal costs for shipping tabulated ballots to Int'l Chair
 - Advertisement (if any)
 - Vote-by-mail printing and delivery costs
- Budgets differ by committee
 - Review numbers from previous voting centers (either your own or comparably sized committee)
- Costs associated with each committee's voting center(s) must be paid by the committee
- Contracts must be signed in coordination with the Global Executive Committee



Voting Center Manager Responsibilities

- Opens and closes voting at the center
- Makes sure Voting Center rules are followed
- Responsible for the safety of ballots during voting & until posted to Int'l Chair
- Keeps tally of ballots each day; makes note of challenges and provisional ballots
- Ensure ballots are accurately tabulated
- Sends ballots to Int'l Chair w/ tabulation + other details
- Reports results to Int'l Chair or designees by phone & email immediately after tabulation
- Organizes and manages volunteers to help with the Voting Center
- If applicable, contacts embassy or local police to notify them of expected large crowds, other safety concerns

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rules and guidelines and
managing a voting center
during the GPP



Other Volunteer Roles at the Voting Center

- Greeter (traffic controller)
- Voter registration assistant (join Democrats Abroad!)
- Voter verification assistants (2-3, checks membership & whether voted remotely)
- Ballot distributor and logger
- Ballot box watcher
- Dedicated adviser to resolve questions and disputes regarding the rules
- VFA assistant for registering to vote in the U.S.
- General voter help (including remote voting and interest in being a delegate)
- Media coordinator
- Tellers for vote tallying after close of voting

Depending on voter numbers, one volunteer may fulfill multiple roles.

Numbers of volunteers needed for tellers, etc increase with number of expected voters. All roles are suggestions only, with the exception of the **teller** positions, which are **required roles**



Ballot Assistance Events (BAE) Important Dates In 2024

Feb 13 Ballots ready to roll - early voting starts!

March 5 to 12 DA Primary week

March 12 In person/Email/Fax voting closes

March 13 All postal ballots due to committees

March 18 All CC ballots due to Global Chair

March 26? Primary results announced





Vote from Abroad.org



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Voters**



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Many Hands Make Light Work

After years of organizing, we know that volunteers are key to election victories. Increase voter participation by becoming a DACN volunteer today!

Raise your hand and reach out to folks you know to fill important Board roles like Volunteer Coordinator and Communications Deputy Officer. DACN also needs to find City Coordinators to aid local events.



Volunteer Coordinator

Communications Deputies

Callhub Coordinator

City Coordinators

Caucus Coordinators

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2024





Register With Resolve



January 15

Mark your calendar in advance (and make this a recurring event!), then register to vote using *VoteFromAbroad.org*.

Voters must re-register to be eligible in the 2023 election cycle.



MOTIONS & NEW BUSINESS



As we celebrate winter weather and holiday festivities, we reflect on the year gone by, remembering all we are thankful for this year - especially you!

2023 was a new dawn for members of DACN.

You got out. You spoke up. You organized. You donated. You voted.

Because of you, Democrats won major elections and ballot initiatives in 2023!

Have a lovely holiday season and thank you for being part of the team fighting for a better, fairer, and brighter future!



THANK
YOU!

