



DEMOCRATS ABROAD CHINA

AMBER WAVES of GRAIN

OCTOBER
COUNTRY
MEETING

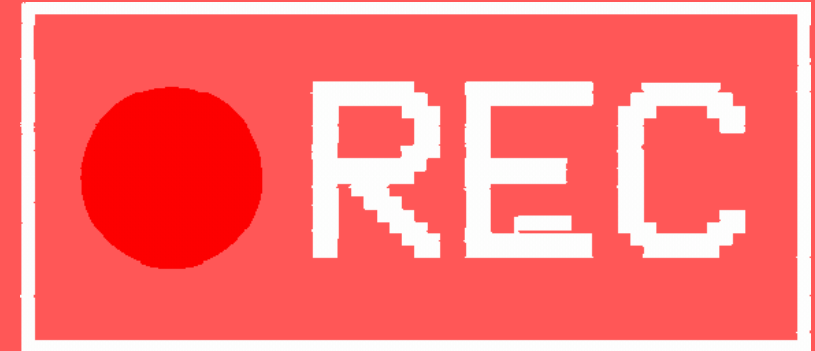
October 24, 2021

AGENDA

October Review

- Welcome & Attendance
- Meeting Minutes Review & Adoption
- Report on Finance, Fundraising
- Report on Verification
- Report on Counsel
- Report on Events
- GOTV: 2021 & 2022
- Report on Bylaws
- Vacancies, Call to Volunteer
- Global Report
- Regional Report
- Motions/New Business
- Minutes Reminder
- Connect & Close





Meeting Minutes

- SEPTEMBER 16
- SEPTEMBER 27

[DACN Records Page](#)





FINANCE & FUNDRAISING

Finances as of October 27

Sept 26-Oct 27, 2021

— EXPENDITURES:	101 RMB
— REVENUE:	100 RMB
— DONATIONS	
— TOTAL	12,246 RMB

Fundraising

— PINS	10 RMB
— SUNGLASSES	30 RMB
— CUPS	50 RMB
— TANK TOPS	110 RMB
— T-SHIRTS.	125 RMB
— DONATIONS	





Member Verification

Progress and Deadlines

Each year on January 31st, DA takes a snapshot of our database in order to determine the official number of each country's valid members, who must meet the following conditions:

- Be already approved as a member
- Have a full local street address and/or phone number
- Be verified as a valid member within the past 4 years.

More importantly, the annual membership cleanup serves to make sure we have valid information about our members. The secondary purpose is that the membership count numbers are used to determine DPCA votes per Country Committee.

Through the data clean-up efforts of the Global IT Team, DA Global has already resolved the following:

- Phone numbers: Fixed over 9,000 phone numbers and deleted about 1,000 inactive numbers.
- Emails: Removed about 6,000 invalid emails and verified 2,500.
- Duplicates: Merged approximately 900 duplicate member records.

DA China needs to do the same! Leadership Board members have been working on member verification. Since August, our Secretary and Vice Chair have begun the process of verification at the local level. We have a long way to go, however. November will be our largest push to verify current member info, we have over 1,000 accounts to update. While our host country has some of the strictest relocation policies, DA Global Chair Candice Kerestan has asserted members stuck outside of their host countries are still able to be counted and included.

Ensure your personal member data is accurate on our website today by logging in and adjusting settings as needed.

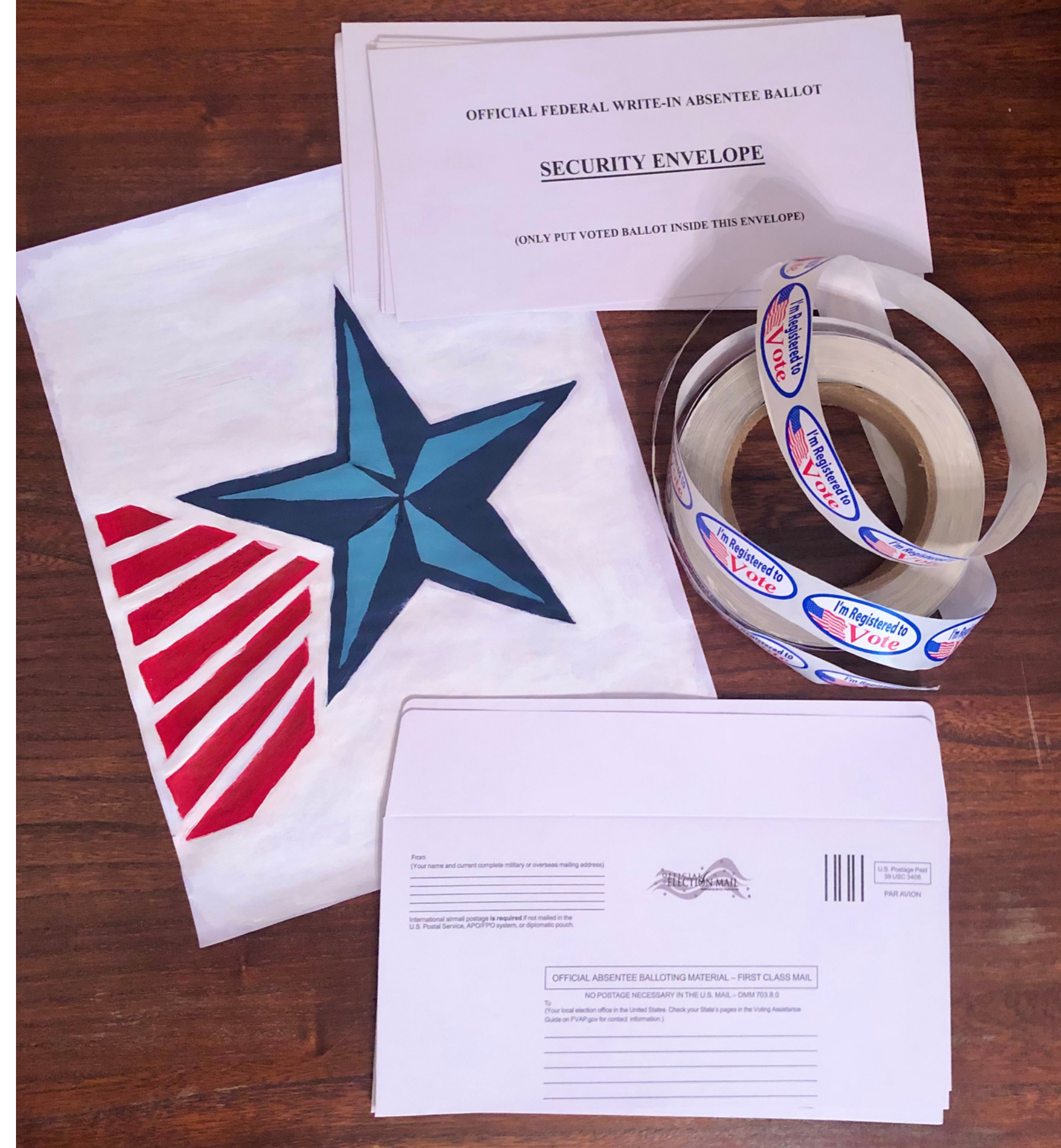
COUNSEL

REPORT

The first Council of Counsels Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 20th. Topics discussed included:

- Insurance
- GDP
- FEC
- Banking
- Mediation/Disputes
- Contracts
- Confidentiality
- Trademarks
- Policies
- DPO/ISO/IO Positions
- Incorporation Status
- Resolutions Reform

COUNCILOFCOUNSELS@DEMOCRATSABROAD.ORG





[DACN Events Form](#)
[DACN Design Form](#)

EVENT HOSTING

PROCESS

New Event Request Forms are available on the Wiki!

Ask a DACN Communications Team member to help select a date. Please try to submit information 14 to 30 days prior to an event.

Fill out a form to create an event, or graphic.

Get the form edited and approved.

DACN will publish your event on the DACN website events page, and assist with posting on social media.

Revolt

The Worldwide Uprising Against Globalization

Nadav Eyal




#1 NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLING AUTHOR
MICHAEL LEWIS
THE FIFTH RISK

BRUNCH

BOOK CLUB

October 10th, IPM
Boxing Cat in Shanghai
复兴中路521号
521 fuxing middle road

DACN members





TUESDAY, OCT 26

TACOS | DISCOURSE | ACTION

TACOBOUT IT TUESDAY

JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FUN!

#Autumn of Action





**ERA
NOW**

//// OCTOBER IS ////

**LGBTQ+
HISTORY
MONTH**

EMBRACE | INCLUDE | EDUCATE

CONGRESSIONAL
LGBTQ+
EQUALITY CAUCUS



SISTERS ABROAD

**STAND WITH
SISTERS STATESIDE**

DemocratsAbroad.org

JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST MEMBER EVENT

CONNECT THE DOTS

LET'S CONNECT, LEARN AND LEAD TOGETHER!

★ 30 OCTOBER
9 AM EST / 3 PM CET

 **DEMOCRATS ABROAD**
Global Disability Caucus



DISABILITY CAUCUS

SIGN UP!

Founded in 2021, the GDC hopes to speak to and for Americans with disabilities living abroad. We welcome and encourage the involvement of supporters of our members and our issues. We hope to form an inclusive, diverse, active and effective community which provides fulfilling experiences for all.

Members of DA China are attending and steering the Global Disability Caucus. Learn more about their missions, disability rights, and how to get involved by attending the GDC's first official event, Connect The Dots on October 30th!

<https://www.democratsabroad.org/dc>



GREAT PUMPKIN PARTY

CONTEST

Members in Shanghai are meeting up at a child-friendly charity event. Expect Halloween fun starting at 11AM, at Perch, on October 31st. RSVP to learn more about the spooktacular event. Wear costumes and carve pumpkins.

Not in Shanghai? Submit your jack-o-lantern pictures by 10PM on November 1st. A winner will be announced and a *prize* sent to the entry with the coolest DA or voting-related design! 'Merica!

YOUR STORY

GLOBAL BLACK CAUCUS



Black voices and experiences matter!

Send a video describing how you have encountered institutionalized racism in your daily life. Send your video (60 seconds max, horizontal format) to:

blackcaucus@democratsabroad.org



Veterans and Military Families Caucus

The VMF Caucus is working closely with Congresswoman Pelosi's office and meeting with numerous other Representatives and Senators to address the important issue of veterans not being able to use GI benefits to study at foreign universities.

Know someone struggling with GI Bill benefits?
Email the VMF Caucus Chair mike_nitz@democratsabroad.org

WATCH PARTY

ELECTIONS 2021

Democrats Abroad China is hosting DA's 2021 Special Elections Watch Party!

Starting at 8PM on November 3rd

Attendees can look forward to election-based discussions, learning more about the new Global Disability Caucus, and even joining breakout rooms for Midterms 2022 State Team discussions.

All members are welcome to attend!

www.democratsabroad.org/505405/special_elections_2021_watch_party

**APART
WE LIVE**



**UNITED
WE VOTE**



You don't need to be living in Wisconsin to be a true **Cheesehead!**

Put on your **green** and **gold**,
mix yourself an *old fashioned*,
and join fellow **Wisconsinites Abroad** for our very first

**VIRTUAL
TAILGATE**

We will be live-streaming the game we've been waiting for all summer and fall, the
Green Bay Packers vs. Chicago Bears



Stay tuned for an announcement of a

VERY SPECIAL GUEST

Sunday, October 17th

11AM **Toronto** | 6PM **Berlin** | 11PM **Beijing**





TASKS

Grow Membership



2021 has been quiet for DACN. We must be engaged and ready to take on 2022. We have been building a structure that will allow for more actions and fundraising. As membership grows, DACN needs to channel ideas and encourage activism to achieve Democratic goals.

Technology Improved



Social media posts have increased visibility. Our Wiki page is being used as an example for other DA groups! We will continue to update this page and work on finding the best outlet to reach members. The Board will continue to discuss coordination of platforms and other programs used. Excited to fill the role of IT Director!

Voting Efficiency



Members require simple and easy ways to understand information regarding registration and voting absentee. Our Wiki, Newsletters and graphics need to be always be clear and simple. September and October brought major content changes to the Wiki. We must ensure all GOTV info is updated and current quarterly.

Overseas voters are making the difference in today's races!



Democrats Abroad's #1 mission is to Get Out The Vote. Find 2021 deadlines on the DACN GOTV page and VFA. Make it Count!

The pandemic has given new life to the term snail mail, courier services are recommended for submitting paper ballots. Request and submit your ballot ASAP!!!

Florida - Special Primary in Congressional District 20: U.S. House of Representatives.

- Ballot Requests due October 23 via email, fax, or postal mail.
- Ballots must be Returned via Fax or Postal Mail are due by November 2.
- Ballots must be Received by November 12.

Ohio - Special General Election in Congressional Districts 11 & 15.

Deadline to Request a Ballot by Email, Fax, or Mail is October 30.

- Returned Ballots via Regular Mail must be Postmarked by November 1, and Received by November 12.
- Returned Ballots via Courier Services must be Received by November 2. (DHL, FedEx...)
- Ohio voters should verify their voting district.
- Information in English and Spanish is now available on the DA website.

New Jersey - General: Governor and other state offices.

- Request ballots by October 29.
- Return Ballots by Email, Fax, or Mail. If returned by Email or Fax, voters must also put original ballot in the mail.
- Ballots are due November 2.
- Note policies regarding "intending to return" affect your ability to vote. Visit the DA page for NJ state for FAQs and to learn how to ensure A5306/S3761 passes the NJ Senate.

Virginia - General: Governor and other state offices.

- Return ballots by November 2 (by 7PM Eastern).
- Ballots must be received by November 5 (by 12PM Eastern).
- All About VA
- Keep Virginia BLUE! All ballots must be mailed, RETURN YOUR BALLOTS TODAY!

ALL VOTERS - If you have not received a ballot yet, we recommend you mail in a Backup Ballot (the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot, or FWAB).

FWAB is only for overseas voters and protects your right to vote in case your official ballot doesn't arrive in time.

For detailed information, please immediately visit www.votefromabroad.org/fwab.

Safety - Democrats Abroad members are working hard to ensure all American Voters are Informed and Protected.

STATES THAT HAVE ELECTIONS ON NOVEMBER 2ND



Other 2021 Elections - Learn more about all upcoming state and local elections by scanning the QR code, or visiting:

<https://www.reddit.com/r/VoteDEM/wiki/index/elections/>

You can find the full list here 



LAST CHANCE

To Vote by Mail from China!!

HOW TO MAIL BACK YOUR BALLOT

All States have a deadline for when they will accept arrived ballots, even if the ballot was postmarked before November 3rd! So SEND IT ASAP!



Download and print your envelope!

Either print directly onto an existing envelope or print on paper and paste to an envelope.

fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/Forms/fwab_envelope.pdf

Check Courier Services!

FedEx 7-14 days est ~387rmb

DHL 7-14 days est ~372rmb

SF Express 3-5 days est ~222rmb

Make sure you:

- have a non-PO box address
- keep envelopes unsealed until the courier shows up
- categorize the envelope as "Completed Document"

Wait! Some states allow email/fax return. For the latest:

VOTEFROMABROAD.ORG/STATES

VOTER INFO

- VFA: votefromabroad.org
- DA Site: <https://www.democratsabroad.org/voting>
- DA GOTV Wiki Page: <https://democratsabroad.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/home/pages/6381408811/GOTV+-+Voter+Turn-Out+Resources>
- DACN's GOTV Wiki Page: <https://democratsabroad.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/ccChina/pages/5476223754/Get+Out+The+Vote+-+Voter+Registration>
- E-mail to Fax Service: fax@fvap.gov

RESOURCES

- [billtrack50.com](https://www.billtrack50.com)
- ballotpedia.org/State-by-state_redistricting_procedures
- govtrack.us/congress/members/map
- [house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative](https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative)
- ballotpedia.org/Who_represents_me%3F



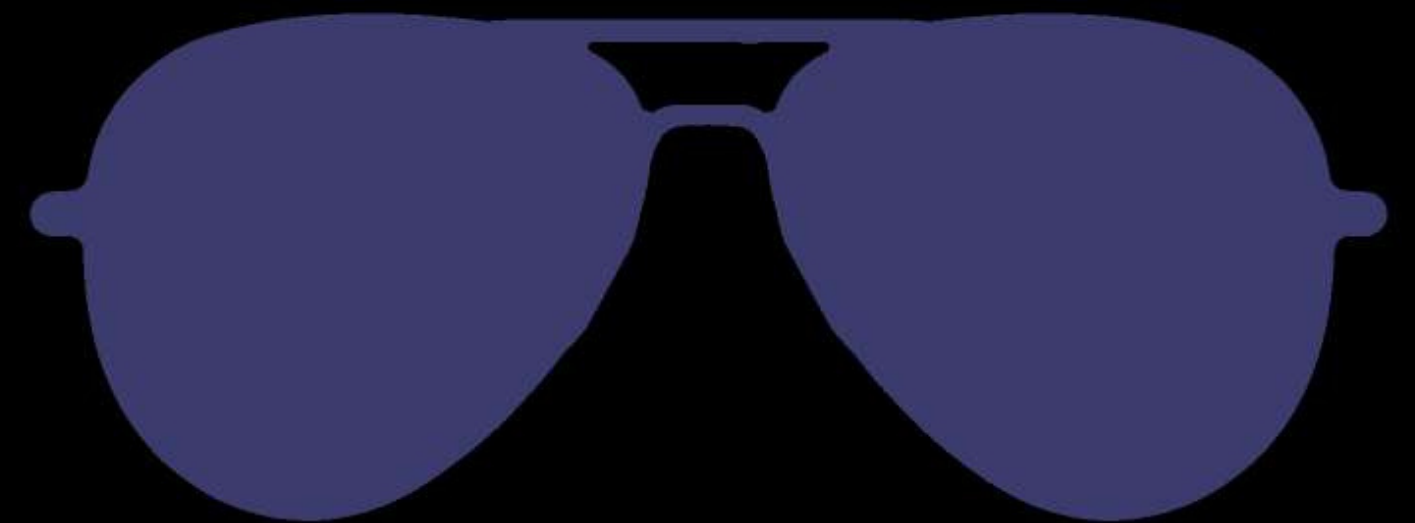
BYLAWS

AMENDED

Proposed Bylaw Amendments have been and will continue to be announced and voted on. Please see the Legal & Parliamentary Library for current Bylaws and updated information on proposed amendments. Leadership Board changes were adopted to better serve DACN member and organizational needs.

This term, DACN has amended Articles and adopted new clauses. Bylaws have been posted:

https://democratsabroad.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/ccChina/pages/5476223683/Legal+Parliamentary+Library_



BOARD

SHUFFLE

The Executive Committee will henceforth consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Director, and IT Director.

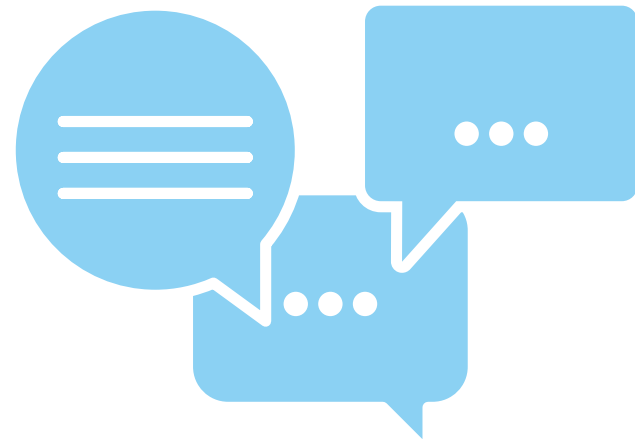
Members-At-Large position changes are coming! Prior to 2023's AGM, the current group of five Members-At-Large will be split. Two Members-At-Large will be elected with pre-designated duties (e.g. Volunteer Coordinator, or Caucus Liaison). Two Members-At-Large will be elected without pre-designated assignments, will be termed "General Members-At-Large." Each will assist the Board with DA China missions and have responsibilities designated throughout the term. Additionally, a GOTV Coordinator will serve as a voting member of the Board and be tasked with leading voter registration for DACN.

The non-voting members assisting and advising the Leadership Board shall consist of up to three appointed Deputy Communications Officers, as well as an appointed General Counsel.



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WHAT YOU CAN DO



OUTREACH



CONTENT



LEAD

“THE *COST* OF THE BUILD BACK BETTER AGENDA – IN TERMS OF ADDING TO THE DEFICIT – IS *ZERO*.”

IT’S PAID FOR BECAUSE BIG CORPORATIONS AND THE VERY WEALTHY WILL *START PAYING THEIR FAIR SHARE*.”

President Biden on the Build Back Better Plan



DNC

FALL MEETING 2021

During the Fall Meeting of the DNC, which was held from October 7-9, Adrienne George, who resides in Sweden and is one of eight members who represents Democrats Abroad on the DNC, was elected to the Credentials Committee along with the full slate of Chair Harrison's nominees.

DA China's former Chair, Aaron Kruse, also attended the Fall Meetings. Aaron serves as DA's APAC elected DNC member. We would like to recognize and thank him for his dedication to the Democratic cause!

The most prominent agenda item on the otherwise predominately procedural meeting was the status of the upcoming 2021 gubernatorial races - in Virginia and New Jersey - now just a week away. Saying we are "laser-focused on the elections underway in Virginia," DNC Chair Jaime Harrison said the national Party had made an unprecedented \$5 million investment in the battleground race where Democratic nominee and former Governor Terry McAuliffe and Republican Glenn Youngkin are in a dead heat.

The DNC followed in DA's footsteps and created an official Disability Caucus. This could not have been done without DNC member and DA Global Disability Caucus Steering Committee Member Ken Sherman.

In his remarks, President Biden was forthright in his assessment of the challenges before us as a party, and as a people, on the pandemic, voting rights, immigration, the courts, gun safety, healthcare and a woman's right to choose. His central message was a call for unity, saying:

"We need to stay together, bound by the values we hold as a party.

Here's the deal. We won 2020 as a unified party, and as we look to 2022, we need to stay unified...

Let's get it done."

TRAINING

AP REGION

October 24th - 1PM | Media
October 27th - 8PM | Writing
November 10th - 8PM | Writing
November 20th - 2PM
December 12th - 3PM

GLOBAL

October 27th - 1PM | IT Q&A Session + Training
November 13th - 1PM | Chair & Vice Chair Training

REQUIRED

GDPR
WEBSITE CONTENT
E-MAIL TRAINING
MEMBERSHIP DATABASE
CALL HUB

COMMUNICATIONS
IT
WEBEX
GOTV
CAUCUSES BEST PRACTICES

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

ARTICLE XVI

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 16.8

16.8 Finance. The NEC has no direct spending authority. Any election expenditures deemed necessary by the NEC must firstly be submitted in written form to the Chair or Treasurer at least 30 days prior to any election or AGM. Expenses must be approved by a majority ExCom vote in a special meeting held within 5 days of formal request.

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LET'S GET TO WORK!

