

MEETING MINUTES

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Date:	August 21, 2022	Time Called to Order:	11:03 am	
Venue:	Zoom Conference Call	Time Ended:	11:54 am	
Meeting Chair:	Elizabeth Blackbourn	Meeting Secretary:	Tricia Williams	
DACN Board Attendees:	 ☑ Chair Blackbourn ☑ Vice Chair Aldaco ☑ Secretary Williams ☑ Treasurer Hove ☑ Comms Director Bucky ☑ IT Director Roberts 	 □ At-Large Kloosterman □ At-Large Movius ☑ At-Large Walsh ☑ At-Large Watkins 	 Counsel Vanderpol Deputy Comms Officer Deputy Comms Officer Deputy Comms Officer Officer 	
DACN Member Attendees:				
Guest Attendees:				
Quorum: Achieved Meeting Called to Order by: Elizabeth Blackbourn Recording Started Time: // Time Stamp: 11:03 am				
Welcome & Opening Remarks				

Elizabeth Blackbourn:

- Agenda Review
- Election Day is only 80 days away!
- Ballot Drip Day is September 24
- We've had lots of great August events
- Need to GOTV everyday
- There's an ECCC event coming up

IT Director Election

Dustin Roberts

Dustin has been in China since 2015 and was motivated to get involved with DACN after the overturn of *Roe*.

Dustin has completed the trainings required of new volunteers/leaders.

He has an interest and background in computer applications.

Communications Director Bucky – looking forward to having someone in the IT space to work with.

MOTION - Elizabeth Blackbourn to vote on Dustin Roberts to serve as IT Director for DACN.

- Seconded by Anders Hove
- Motion vote passes with unanimous vote from Leadership Board Members (minus Terry Watkins who had not yet joined the meeting).

Upcoming Events

Elizabeth Blackbourn:

· Looking to have voter booths and more GOTV events in September.

Electric Vehicle Discussion

Anders Hove

Works for a Sino German energy cooperation and has been working in the energy field since the late 90s.

Has an interest in Renewable Energy, such as wind/solar - how power is used in a cleaner way Electrification

US is 2nd largest car market behind China; however, 30% of Chinese cars looking to be electric, US moving towards 5%

US loosing out to China, Europe - Why?

EV not moving in to US, seen as a compliance market

US tends to prefer larger, SUV models

Elon Musk has criticized Hydrogen EVs, not necessarily a fair criticism

Hydrogen has been pushed by car manufacturers, perhaps as a way to slow down EV production/legislation

Need to be $\frac{1}{2}$ to net zero by 2030. Building new nuclear plants takes 15-20 years in the US. Not going to happen. Option is to extend the life of some nuclear power plants.

Liz: Do you think the greener infrastructure laws, part of the recently passed IRA (Inflation Reduction Act), will in fact reduce carbon pollution by 40%? What policies should Dems to promote EV, increased storage of renewables, and favorable consumer response?

Anders: Recommend the Dave Roberts podcast, *Volt*. He has a rundown on the IRA. Experts believe that the IRA will achieve the 40% target on time and will spur states into additional action. With the funding available, the US will continue its leadership in the R&D in this sphere. Need to increase production – will lead to used EVs on the market, good for people who can't afford new EVs. May be hard to ban imports from China, at least short term.

Jacob - Are the collaborations between the Chinese and German governments promising? How has China been able to accelerate their renewable energy adoption at the rate they have been? Anders – Yes, though international cooperation is difficult. In China, coal is still seen as energy security

What are the main bottlenecks for the US to keep pace with Europe & China in adopting of clean energy?

States which rely on traditional energy sources; red states benefit

So many different markets – not just states, but cities/counties not wanting to make changes to power lines

Terry - What are effective green marketing tools that have helped you convince people of the benefits of certain climate policy? How do we sell IRA more efficiently?

Anders – the weather. Important to understand that change needs to come from the government level/energy companies (some things we can do as individuals).

Jacob - Which countries serve as the best exemplars in tech innovation (energy) and adoption of clean energy?

Anders – the US is still an innovator, one of the earliest innovations came from the US. We have leading technology in our national labs. China is leading the patent/publication race, more in the manufacturing process. US is more in the development phase.

Speaking of publications... Read more about Anders' research: https://www.oxfordenergy.org/authors/anders-hove/. Wilson Center video on Super Grids and Power Reforms: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ibdHIRPIL-E.

 $\underline{https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2022-08-15/why-charging-a-car-needs-to-be-as-easy-as-filling-up-with-gas}\\$

Treasurer's Report

Anders Hove

0 expenditures, some online donations.

Purchase items online to support DACN.

Wrap Up

Elizabeth Blackbourn

Need to register to vote by state deadline!

Promote DACN and voting on social media - Votefromabroad.org, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter

Some states primaries still coming up; all voting information is available on the Wiki Write Your Alma Mater campaign – reach out to students who are studying abroad (and information for their parents)

Going to miss Anders and wish him the best.

No new business/motions at this time.

Closing Remarks

MOTION – Jacob Aldaco moves to adjourn the meeting.

- Seconded by Elizabeth Blackbourn
- Motion vote passes with unanimous vote from Leadership Board Members.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:54 am

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Minutes Voted in Approval by:	☑ Chair ☑ Vice Chair ☑ Secretary	☑ Treasurer☑ At-Large☑ At-Large	✓ At-Large✓ At-Large✓ At-Large
Date & Time Minutes Approved:			