



# DEMOCRATS ABROAD

## China

## Democrats Abroad China

### 2018 Annual General Meeting

Sunday, April 29, 2018 (3:00-4:30pm)

### Attendance

#### Leadership Board

Aaron Kruse, Chair - present  
Samantha Wong, Vice-Chair - present  
Elizabeth Jenkins, Secretary - present (notetaker)  
Jim Spear, Treasurer - present  
Randi Miller, Legal - present  
Kira Leinonen, Comms/IT - present

James Flanagan, At-Large - present  
Faith Gary, At-Large - **absent**  
Joshua Lally, At-Large - **absent**  
Chris Zombik, At-Large - present  
Ada Shen, Ex Officio - present  
Rich Welch, Ex Officio - **absent**

Beijing Members (21): Aaron Kruse, Anders Johnson, Andrew Braun, Angie Bergeson, Anthony Tao, Brad Janzen, Devika Koppikar, Elizabeth Jeknins, Elizabeth Winship, Evan Schmitt, Gaio Doria, James Flanagan, Jen Kirn, Jim Spear, Jonathan Borock, Kira Leinonen, Melena Slaven, Melinda Yang, Nathan Peterson, Randi Millier, Stacy Andell

Shanghai (13): Barbara Wagner, Eric Heise, Hans Wagner, Lisa Movius, Michael Crotty, Savita Iyer, Adam Bucky, Peter Lee, Jared Summerville, David Henry, Samantha Wong, Chris Zombik, Grace Gary.

WebEx (4): Justin Davis (Beijing), Bill Bleisch (Kunming), Ned Downie (Kunming), Ada Shen (Paris).

## Meeting Notes

- I. Welcome - Aaron Kruse, Chair
  - A. Who We Are: We are Democrats Abroad and we are official part of DNC. We are going to celebrate and look forward! We have been doing this for one year, but our ex officio (Ada Shen and Rich Welch) have been organizing here over 10 years. Leadership board. Volunteers. It is YOU!
  - B. Where we... have been, are now, where we are going
- II. Where we have been: slideshow (thank you Aaron!)
- III. Agenda overview
- IV. Approve previous leadership meeting notes – emailed to leaders, on wiki
  - A. 🗳️ **Vote:** PASSED (unanimous)
- V. Updates
  - A. Secretary - Elizabeth Jenkins
    1. Democrats Abroad Members: 1,536 in good standing + 906 expired = 2,442 TOTAL



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2. Requested 2018 Absentee Ballot, VoteFromAbroad.org Users in China:  
89 Democrats Abroad Members + 70 others = 159 TOTAL
  3. WeChat Groups: 258 Chat + 141 Announcements + 127 Shanghai = 526 TOTAL
  4. Suspending Weekly Email Newsletters, Sent Sep 2017 – Mar 2018.  
Each time engagement measured: 1,600 emails, 12% opened, 1% clicked
- B. Around China
1. Shanghai – Sam Wong, Chris Zombik - Women’s March Anniversary, Black Panther
  2. Kunming – Ned - regular GOTV voter reg tables, flyers around town
  3. Beijing – Aaron - Black Panther - Kira organized, Voter Reg
- C. Beyond China
1. Global meeting – 4 people will attend in Tokyo - now we have 3 votes!
  2. Asia Pacific Regional Vice Chair – Sam
  3. Asia Pacific Region GOTV Coordinator – Elizabeth
  4. Asia Pacific Region Women’s Caucus
  5. Vice Chair for Global Youth Caucus & On the Global ByLaws Committee - Aaron
- D. Treasurer - Jim Spear
1. Cash on hand, taking donations about 5,000 RMB,
  2. Suggested: We need a QR code to accept donations.
- E. Counsel - Randi Miller
1. Changes to ByLaws
    - a) §13.4 revised, 14.6 deleted – About how we can remove leadership board member.
    - b) 🗳️ **Vote:** PASSED (15 ayes in Shanghai, 14 ayes in Beijing, 1 in Kunming)
- VI. Plan Together the Future
- A. Goals: GOTV, Chapters, Caucuses
- B. Brainstorm (see notes and images below)
1. Distributed post-its and asked everyone to write down ideas and post.
  2. Volunteers groups the post-its by theme. And reported to large group.
  3. Everyone joined a small group discussion based on the theme most interesting to them.
  4. Everyone was assigned to take one post-it home with their own action item.
- VII. Final item of Business and Good-bye
- A. Chair appoints Angie Bergeson to fill vacancy and she accepted the appointment. She will be point on Women’s organizations, and caucuses.
- B. Thank you for your participation. Notes will be shared with all participants.
- C. WebEx ended. Beijing dismissed to Happy Hour. Shanghai continued informal discussions.

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## Brainstorm





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### I. Beijing and WebEx -

[Full-size images of all our Post-It Notes in Photo Archive](#)

#### A. Partnerships -

1. Target research grant recipients with materials to be added to their intro packets.
2. Target research grant recipients with ads or other outreach on Linked in , ResearchGate.
3. Target newly arrived Americans via INN – International Newcomers Network.
4. Target Americans who have connections through Chinese American organizations.
5. Create a Google doc of people's local connections.

#### B. Events

1. Have more (and regular) social events.
2. Rethink events like phone banking to focus more on the aspect of volunteering to GOTV for specific candidate. We need to work on our pitch because “phone banking” sounds boring and/or incomprehensible to many people.

#### C. Schools

1. Host a dinner.

#### D. Chapters

1. Identify our American friends in other parts of China.

#### E. Messaging and Audiences

1. Create meetups for Americans with dogs.

### II. Shanghai

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#### A. Skills

#### B. Materials

#### C. Social Media

#### D. Targeted Outreach

#### E. Alumni Groups





