



# DEMOCRATS ABROAD

## China

## Democrats Abroad China Leadership Board Meeting

Thursday, February 1, 2018 (7:30-8:30pm)

WebEx Meeting Number: 730241611 (Password: dachina)

[Notes from Last Meeting](#) (12/17/2017)

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

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

James Flanagan, At-Large - present

### Recent Happenings

DEC 17	LAST LEADERSHIP MTG				
DEC 17	KUNMING MEETUP	5 ATTENDED			
DEC 18	MEMBER EMAIL	1,691 sent	12.89 % 218 open	0.18 % 3 click	★DA China News: Don't give up.★
JAN 9	MEMBER EMAIL	1,680 sent	13.51% 227 open	0.54% 9 click	★DA China News: Anniversary ★
JAN 14	BOOKCLUB MEETUP	5 ATTENDED			THEME: NEUROLOGY
JAN 15	MEMBER EMAIL	1,682 sent	12.25% 206 open	0.95% 16 click	★DA China News: A stone of hope. ★
JAN 21	POWER TO THE POLLS	60 ATTENDED SH 30 ATTENDED BJ			
JAN 22	MEMBER EMAIL	1,699 sent	13.42% 228 open	1.12% 19 click	★DA China News: Shut down.★
JAN 27	WOMEN'S CAUCUS	5 ATTENDED			
JAN 29	MEMER EMAIL	1,706 sent	13.72% 234 open	1.06% 18 click	★DA China News: Hey girl.★



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## Meeting Notes

- (1) Attendance - Elizabeth, noted.
- (2) Review and approve previous meeting notes. - Aaron, voted and approved.
- (3) Update from the Chairs - Sam.
  - (a) Recent Events -
    - (i) Beijing - About 30 people. At least 3 people found out about the event from the Women's March
    - (ii) Shanghai - Great event at Sproutworks with host by Kim Wong. Felt a little too slow without enough machines and printers.
    - (iii) Jan 31 was the deadline
  - (b) Upcoming events -
    - (i) Beijing women's caucus meetup on Sunday.
    - (ii) Book club meeting in March
    - (iii) Annual general meeting in Japan.
- (4) Membership Committee Update - Elizabeth
  - (a) slides presented

**Membership**

- Democrats Abroad membership includes only website signups.
- NationBuilder database includes:
  - US Voting Address
  - China Address
  - Email, Phone, Birthdate, Social Media
- Membership lapses if no contact for four years.

Platform	Jun 2017	Feb 2018
Facebook Likes	306	486
Facebook Followers	321	516
WeChat Chat Group	202	249
WeChat Shanghai	72	120
Email Members	2406	1526
Email E-mailable	1809	1705

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**WeChat**

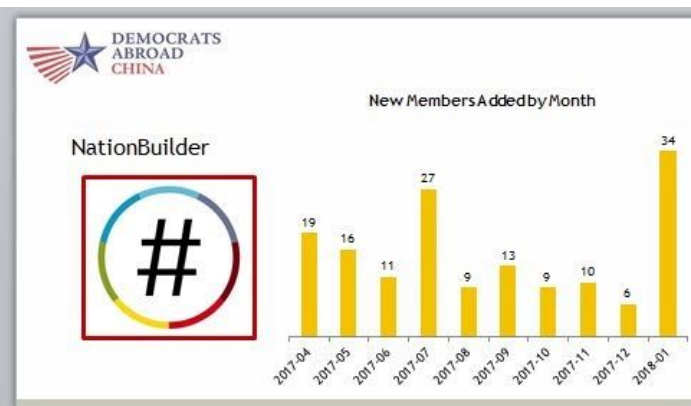
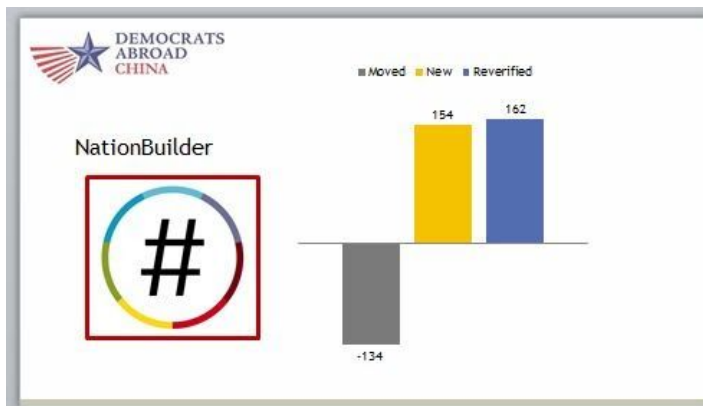
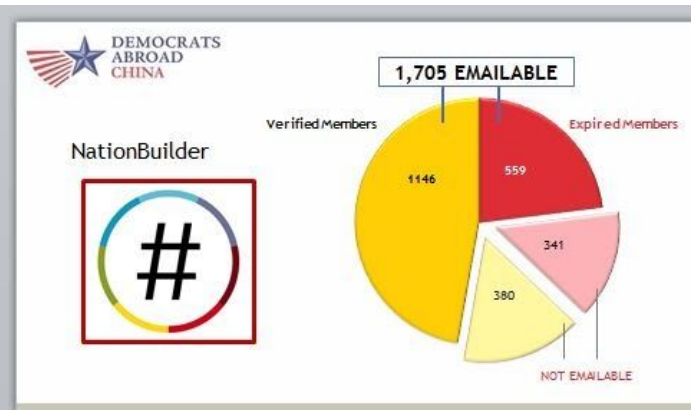
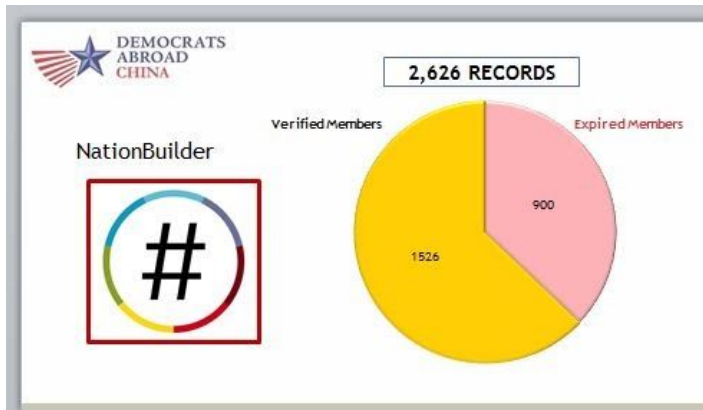
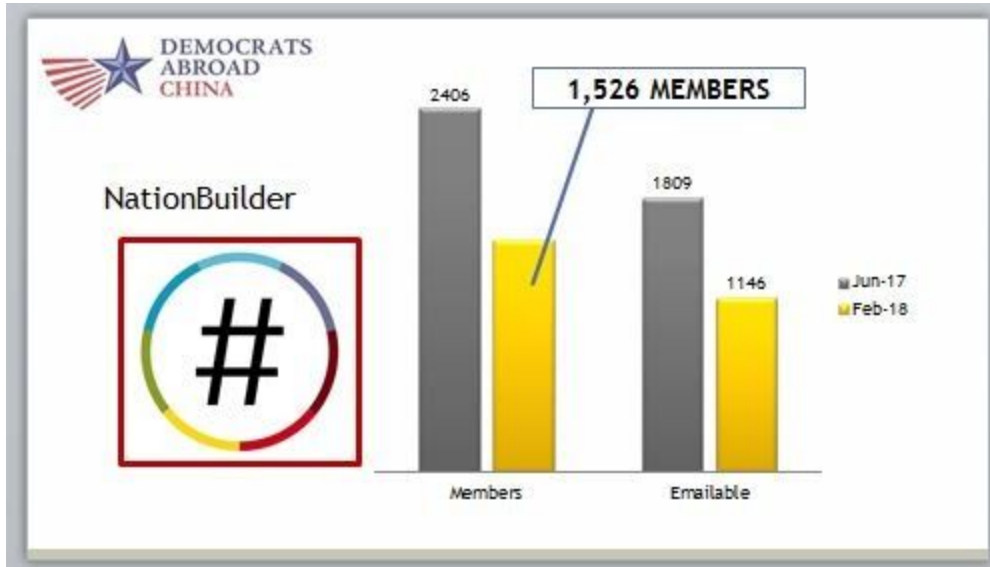
Category	Jun-17	Feb-18
Announcements	131	249
Chat	202	249
Shanghai	72	120
Beijing	25	16
Kunming	16	14
Pearl River Delta	14	49
Book Club	49	39
Women's Caucus	39	39

Summary: +4 GROUPS, CHAT +47 MEMBERS, SHANGHAI +48 MEMBERS



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(5) Finance Update - Jim

- (a) Refresher on financial procedures
- (b) System to keep track of money and goods on hand, also approving and tracking sources.



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- (c) November 2017, approved from September 2017 - all should have a copy.
  - (d) Need permission to share the financial google doc beyond Jim, Aaron, Sam, Randi, Elizabeth
    - (i) June 2017 - opening balance, pending reimbursement from Aaron, and then nothing.
  - (e) Money given to DA China - need details of donor
    - (i) only is opening balance from Jim
  - (f) Activities - sell tickets, net proceeds
    - (i) none
  - (g) \*Cannot be handled on WeChat, but email so we have an audit trail.
  - (h) Goods on hand
    - (i) T-shirts - inventory June 2017, nothing more recorded.
  - (i) Elizabeth will post to wiki
- (6) Open Floor
- (a) Sam - How is the Women's Caucus activity going in Beijing? - Randi
    - (i) Melinda, Diana and Megan (as well as Randi and Elizabeth)
    - (ii) Bookworm March 7 film screening
    - (iii) April event with women running for office
    - (iv) Trying to be inclusive and not confirmed how to formalize the women's caucus
  - (b) Ada -
    - (i) Suggestion: All DACN events in 2018 should offer voter registration.
      - 1) All DACN events
      - 2) Outreach to other activist groups - like indivisible, women's march, etc who may not want to host a "DA" event -- offer VFA support and voter registration. For example, Angie with her Women's March activity in Shunyi that she did not want branded as a DA event, we could have offered VFA support.
    - (ii) 2018 Elections Messaging: Why is this important? Why are we even bothering to have a country committee, and to be organizing?? It's all about the VOTES.
      - 1) If we can flip either HOUSE or SENATE, we can pressure and stop Trump and GOP legislative agenda. Maybe even impeach. Certainly support proper investigations into Trump Administration. But we need to flip House or Senate, hopefully both.
      - 2) All 435 seats in the House, 34 seats in Senate, 35 attorney general races (NY, CA), 35 governorships, state legislatures are in play
      - 3) The results of 2018 will affect the US census and redistricting (2020) - if we want to stop gerrymandering, part of it will depend on big turnout in 2018
      - 4) (Forgot to say this on the call) - if we flip the Senate we can stop Trump's Federal judge appointments, and other nominations.
  - (c) Voter registration events
    - (i) Training event - school requested in Shanghai. Will be planned.
    - (ii) Everyone can complete - FVAP's Voter Assistance Officer training.  
<https://www.fvap.gov/vao/training>
    - (iii) More ideas?
  - (d) Phone Bank to alert voters about election deadlines



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- (i) 2018 first few primary and special election deadlines - we can make call our members.
  - (ii) Script and phone lists prepared TX, AZ, PA, IL - please contact Elizabeth to get involved.
  - (iii) 3 members have volunteered, but no calls made
- 6) Next meeting - TBD (Sam and Elizabeth will coordinate scheduling)