



# DEMOCRATS ABROAD

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## Democrats Abroad China Leadership Board Meeting

Thursday, March 27, 2018 (7:00-8:00pm)

[Notes from Last Meeting](#) (3/1/2018)

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

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

### Meeting Notes

- (1) Attendance - Elizabeth, noted.
- (2) Review and approve previous meeting notes. - Aaron, voted and approved.
- (3) Aaron - agenda, flag major issue is AGM.
  - (a) AGM -
    - (i) Scheduling - Have already emailed and wechat messaged members with April 27 date for AGM. Saturday, April 28 2:30pm, preference (maybe April 27 7:30pm). April 28 is better for Shanghai location. Venue for Beijing is TBD, maybe Bookworm. Randi is calling in from there for this meeting to test the viability of the internet improvements.
    - (ii) Goals: member turnout.
    - (iii) Logistics: Webex.
    - (iv) Agenda: Requirements, no elections, but opportunity to bylaws changes.
      - 1) Bylaws - Ada notes: There is a notification requirement. Introduce and engage members, but maybe anything more than housekeeping changes. Randi: not talking about language about chapters, board members and officers - change to voting, resignation from position or from board. Ada: process might be helpful to have a bylaws committee. Committee members can be from general membership.  
\*\* Create a committee: expiring with the end of our terms, chair: Randi.  
Take a vote: Ayes = Randi, Elizabeth, Phong, Kira. PASSED. Feel free to recruit for that committee. Aaron as chair is a default member. We can clarify the process. Aaron and Randi will discuss next steps.
      - 2) Another agenda item from Randi: a document to evaluate everything we have done and an outline for discussion of a strategic plan. Aaron: please share bylaws and strategic document with him. Randi will share document with leadership by the end of the week.
      - 3) Formalize Women's Caucus.
      - 4) Participation in PRD, Chengdu, other geographies  
\*\* Elizabeth please reach out.
  - (v) Include social.



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- (b) Membership - March 24 Book Club Event
- (c) Treasurer Update - 1800 RMB from Bookworm event.
- (d) Fundraising - Ada - France has about 12,000 Euros, is a registered non-profit organization. So they have a bank account and accept donations. Mostly have come from people writing check (they do that in Europe!), always pass a hat at every event (AGM, caucus events also do this), no money to DPCA, suggested donation in RMB, probably inconsequential in terms of raising concerns locally. WeChat account for incoming donations. (\*\*April 7-14 Ada will be in Beijing. -- had to drop off the call)
- (e) Comms - WeChat Guidelines. Kira - nothing yet. But Aaron suggests this might be included in the AGM, Randi notes this is part of the strategic plan.
- (f) Upcoming Events:
  - (i) Black Panther Panel Discussion (April 7) - In Shanghai. Also... Beijing event same day? Kira and Phong have talked to the organizer to do Voter Reg on this - still checking. Branding - Vote from Abroad might be preferable. Aaron/Sam: voter reg always needs to be non-partisan. Two entities.
  - (ii) AGM - April 28.
  - (iii) Global AGM - May 25-27.
    - 1) Who will attend: Faith, Aaron, Sam, Chris...
    - 2) Items for global bylaws - Aaron and Ada are on the Global bylaws committee. China's votes will be cast 1 by Aaron and 1 by Sam.
- (g) Secretary Update (slides)
  - (i) membership
    - 1,527 members in good standing
    - + 906 expired members
    - = 2,433 database
  
    - 76 members used VFA 2018
    - compare to 693 used VFA 2016
  - (ii) announcements
    - Previously - Email (1600 sent / 200 open / 20 click)
    - Now - Simplify with WeChat, email, signup form
    - Contents:
      - Upcoming for the Week
      - Mark Your Calendars
      - Do Something
      - Signup
  - (iii) surveys - wechat surveys, women's caucus. \*\*Aaron wants survey results, Randi - asked for wechat surveys.
- (h) Treasurer Update (slide)



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### DACN Treasurer's Snapshot 26 March 2017

<b>Cash On Hand:</b>	Rmb 2,650
<b>Pending Transactions:</b>	Rmb 1,800 (approximate) -- Bookworm Proceeds
	Rmb 175 -- Reimbursement to Aaron Kruse
<b>Donations Since 19 June /2017:</b>	
Cash	Rmb 5,000
In Kind Value Recorded	Rmb 674
<b>Activity Proceeds:</b>	None recorded
<b>Major Inventory:</b>	
DACN 0001 Tee Shirts	33 on hand

- (i) Black Panther
  - (i) location troubles. reclaimed a location
  - (ii) Sam will follow up with Faith on this.
- (j) Open Floor -
  - (i) Phong is moving. Need to resign.
    - 1) Phong submitted letter of resignation to chair, effective 7 April 2018
    - 2) Discussion about recruiting talent for filling the role, especially focused on critical areas and needs
    - 3) Angie Bergeson identified as a candidate. \*\*\*Aaron to follow up by discussing with her
    - 4) \*\*\*All leadership are welcome to share potential candidates
  - (ii) Elizabeth -
    - 1) Events Committee - James as Chair - declined this role but maybe help with Schwarzman scholars. but Can help with BP?
    - 2) Fundraiser Coordinator
  - (iii) Aaron - maybe Angie Bergeson could fill Phong's position or could help with Events Committee or Fundraiser Coordinator.
  - (iv) Comms call - discuss in Wechat.
- (k) Wrapup



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- (i) next meeting will be April 28 AGM.



