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## Democrats Abroad China Leadership Board Meeting

Sunday, June 24, 2018 (7:30-8:30pm)

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

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

### Meeting Notes

- (1) Attendance - Elizabeth, noted above.
- (2) Review and approve previous meeting notes from April (AGM). - Aaron, voted and approved.
- (3) Update from Chair - Aaron has decided that we need to ask Randi Miller to remove leadership board. No one is .
  - (a) Aaron: move to vote. Josh: seconded.
  - (b) Comments - numerous efforts have been made in making this decision and every attempt has failed to trying to . support
  - (c) Motion to close debate. Aaron: seconded. All ayes.
  - (d) Roll call:
    - (i) Aaron: aye
    - (ii) Sam: aye
    - (iii) Elizabeth: aye
    - (iv) Jim: requested Aaron to proxy vote aye
    - (v) Kira: aye
    - (vi) Angie: aye
    - (vii) James: aye
    - (viii) Josh: aye
    - (ix) Chris: aye
  - (e) Motion passes unanimously 9-0 of all present board members.
- (4) Recent events - GOTV events.
  - (i) second Kunming
  - (ii) Juneteenth in Shanghai
  - (iii) Bookworm in Beijing
  - (iv) Jim has made a donation to help support GOTV
- (5) Upcoming events
  - (i) Social event, pride event, July 4th.
  - (ii) Social on July 7th in Shanghai
- (6) global meeting recap - Chris
  - (i) Also Elaine Chow, a Shanghai member joined. It was really cool. It was great to meet our



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counterparts across the world and meeting people we've heard from only online. Morale was really high. There was conflict around issues of super delegates, one person - one vote. It was definitely worth it.

- (ii) Aaron: Great to finally . One person = one vote. Aaron and Ada drafted proposal. "Boring and obstruse" issues of the bylaws.
- (iii) Ada: It was so fantastic to see members from China and everywhere. First in AP since 2011. It helped give others the perspective to have AP. First time to have DNC members attend DA AGM. Julie "Margin of Victory" Bryan (ha ha). Also attended: Ken Martin, Chair, and Michael Blake, DNC vice chair and rep in NY. Will Hayler, started organizing with Wellstone, now Keith Elison and Tom Perez. Great to have that kind of support and attention from DNC leadership. New governance committee. If you are organizationally minded we , . Aaron has been a great p

### (7) Keep Our Families Together June 30th

- (i) Ideas for how we can participate.
  - 1) Maybe a jacket on "I really do care"
  - 2) Ada: resources collected on wiki - <https://wiki.democratsabroad.org/display/AYM/Keep+Families+Together+Resources>
  - 3) Angie: for those in the US. I'll be in NYC at Trump towers. Democrats abroad at home.
  - 4) Katherine: DA china member appeared at a Texas march
  - 5) Maybe a photo thing like

### (8) July 4th

- (i) Last year - this year. Do a softer presence - with stickers. Promote VFA website.
- (ii) Expat magazines.
- (iii) QR code for a sim card that Aaron has.
- (iv) Ad - facebook/wechat friendly. With or without the QR code.
- (v) Success rate measured by contact. Soft ask - scan so we can help you vote some time.

### (9) Summer strategy.

- (i) Also need to make sure all our members are registered to vote.
- (ii) Update group alias with a check if registered to vote.
- (iii) Call our members - contact for voter
- (iv) Also Angie's idea of sending photos of active back home.
- (v) Local markets with those VFA cards.
- (vi) Success rate measured by members who are registered to vote.
- (vii) We can use July 4th to recruit for a July 7th social event - Four Corners or Local event? Josh agrees.

### (10)Open Floor

- (i) Sam: Someone was turned away from returning a ballot. Send an email to put a box out at the Beijing embassy. American Citizens Services.
- (ii) Angie: Caucuses. Working on meetings and having a candidate to speak with them. Also creating a list of great women candidates. Working with DA Women's Caucus.

### (11)Wrapup

- (a) All questions about removal of Randi from board should be directed to Aaron.



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(b) Next meeting will be July 29th at 7:00pm