

# 2021 Charter Amendments

## Proposal No. 3 - Proposal to provide for more direct involvement by the DPCA Excom in appointments of global leaders and creation of global teams

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**Purpose:** The International Chair appoints leaders and creates teams with only "consultation" of the DPCA Excom, and I believe these things should be by simple majority vote of the DPCA Excom - with proposals by the Chair.

**Affected Sections:** Sections 3.3(b), 4.3(a), 4.6, 4.10, 4.12, 6.3,

### Resolution Text:

WHEREAS Democrats Abroad elects an eight-person International Executive Committee,

WHEREAS the global teams and caucuses represent all members of Democrats Abroad,

BE IT RESOLVED that the DPCA shall require a majority vote of the International Excom to fill important leadership roles for global teams and caucuses and the Democrats Abroad Charter be amended as follows:

#### Section 3.3 (Notice and Agenda)

(b) The International Chair may name, [pending a simple majority vote of the International Excom](#), a Resolutions Committee for the meeting to review any resolutions presented to the Chair as additional items for the agenda. The duty of the Resolutions Committee shall be to refine the language of proposed resolutions and obtain approval of the refined language from the person(s)/committee(s) submitting the proposed resolutions and to advise and make recommendations to the DPCA concerning the substance of the resolutions.

#### Section 4.3 (Nominations)

(a) Prior to the election meeting, the International Chair shall appoint, ~~after consultation with~~ [pending a simple majority vote of](#) the Executive Committee, five (5) members of Democrats Abroad as a Nominations and Elections Committee (NEC), at least three (3) of whom shall not be DPCA Members. Members of the NEC shall not be candidates for office nor be elected to office.

#### Section 4.6 (Responsibilities of the International Chair)

The International Chair shall be responsible for the carrying out of the programs and policies of the Democratic Party and Democrats Abroad. The International Chair shall preside at all meetings of the DPCA, establishing meeting agendas, and implementing decisions taken during DPCA meetings. [Pending a simple majority vote of](#) ~~Following~~

~~consultation with~~ the Executive Committee, the International Chair may appoint deputies or assistant officers (such appointments shall be promptly notified to the DPCA) and conduct the day-to-day business of Democrats Abroad. The International Chair shall be the chief spokesperson for the organization. The International Chair may, [pending a simple majority vote of](#) ~~after consultation with~~ the Executive Committee, create or terminate committees, task forces, caucuses and councils, determine their composition and purpose and appoint their chairs or cochairs. The International Chair shall ex officio be a non-voting member of all committees, task forces, caucuses and councils.

#### Section 4.10 (Responsibilities of the International Counsel)

The International Counsel shall be a qualified legal practitioner available for consultation on legal and procedural questions relating to Democrats Abroad and its activities, and the interpretation of and compliance with the Charter and Bylaws of the DNC, the Charter of Democrats Abroad and the bylaws of Country Committees, and serve as Parliamentarian at DPCA meetings. The International Chair may appoint, [pending a simple majority vote of the International Executive Committee,](#) a separate individual to serve as Parliamentarian.

#### Section 4.12 (Executive Director)

[Pending a simple majority vote of](#) ~~Following consultation with~~ the Executive Committee, the International Chair may name an Executive Director to perform such duties as the International Chair may prescribe.

#### Section 6.3 (Duties of Regional Vice Chairs)

The Regional Vice Chairs shall, under the direction of the International Chair, promote cooperation among the Country Committees in the respective Regions and implement any Regional programs or plans adopted by the Regional Committees, provided such programs or plans have been approved by ~~the International Chair in consultation with~~ the Executive Committee.