

2021 Charter Amendments

Proposal No. 5 - Remove requirement to hold the DPCA Officer elections at the first meeting of the year

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Purpose: With the growth of the DPCA and Democrats Abroad as a whole, the business of the DPCA now requires and/or benefits from more frequent meetings than in previous periods of time in the organization's history.

DPCA Officer elections have been, for several election cycles, held in May of each odd-numbered year, thus preventing any DPCA meeting from being held prior to that point in the calendar year. It would be preferable for the DPCA to be able to hold meetings earlier in the year, without disturbing the election cycle.

Affected Sections: Section 4.2 (Election)

Text:

WHEREAS the business of the DPCA now requires and/or benefits from more frequent meetings than in previous periods of time in the organization's history;

WHEREAS DPCA Officer elections have been, for several election cycles, held in May of each odd-numbered year, thus preventing any DPCA meeting from being held prior to that point in the calendar year;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democrats Abroad Charter, Section 4.2, be amended to remove the requirement that officer elections be held at the first meeting of the year, and allow for meetings of the body to be held prior to DPCA officer elections, while stipulating that elections be held in the first half of the year.

The language would thus change from:

Section 4.2 (Election) (a) The Officers other than the Regional Vice Chairs shall be elected at the first meeting of the DPCA held in odd-numbered years, to serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successors have been elected. Election shall be by majority of the votes cast by the DPCA, subject to the provisions of Article 3.

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