

## 2021 Charter Amendments

### Proposal No. 10 - Section 6.2 Election of RVC by One Vote Each for Chair and Vice-Chair

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**Purpose:** To apply the one person one vote principle to the election of RVCs without changing any voting weight allocations.

**Affected Sections:** Section 6.2

**Text:**

WHEREAS Democrats Abroad has enshrined the principle of One-Person-One-Vote in all other aspects of DPCA voting;

WHEREAS both the Chair and Vice-Chair are recognized as full DPCA voting members, and both are responsible for casting a ballot in the election of an RVC;

WHEREAS it is longstanding practice that in an RVC election the Chair and Vice-Chair of a Country Committee may only issue a Proxy to one another;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that for the purposes of an RVC election, that both Chair and Vice-Chairs each be allocated one whole vote, that can only be proxied to each other, as defined in the following modification to the DPCA Charter:

**Markup:**

#### Section 6.2 (Regional Vice Chair)

(a) Each Region shall elect a Regional Vice Chair at a meeting of the Region held in odd-numbered years. Election shall be by simple majority of the votes cast by the Chairs (or Vice Chairs) of the Country Committees in the Region in attendance. Each Country Committee will be allocated **two (2) votes** ~~one (1) vote~~ in electing the Regional Vice Chair, to be cast, **respectively** by the Chair or the Vice Chair. **A proxy may only be issued between Chair and Vice Chair within a given Country Committee.** ~~If both the Chair and the Vice Chair are in attendance, then the single Country Committee vote will be divided into two (2) one-half (1/2) votes.~~ Voting shall be in person or electronically. The term of office of a Regional Vice Chair shall be for a two (2)- year period or until the election of a successor at the next Regional meeting during an odd-numbered year, provided that the election shall take place prior to the conclusion of the Global Meeting in odd-numbered years.