

## 2021 Charter Amendments

### Proposal No. 12 - Move to a 6-Vote Multiplier Basis for Voting Allocations

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**Purpose:** To create greater representation in DPCA and make elected Voting Representatives accessible to Smaller and Medium-sized CCs, who are currently limited to representation only by the Chairs and Vice-Chairs.

This proposal should be considered in conjunction with Proposal No. 6 “2021 DPCA Vote Allocation Amendment”, as these two proposals offer different numerical solutions to the same problem.<sup>1</sup>

**Affected Sections:** Section 3.6

**Text:**

WHEREAS the DPCA becomes a stronger and healthier organization if we have more leaders involved and contributing to the whole organization;

WHEREAS the more leaders in country committees and chapters who have a stake in the organization the more representative we are of our members, and the closer we are to achieving our democratic ideals;

WHEREAS the additional engagement obtained through involvement in the DPCA is a powerful stimulator of greater involvement and activity by individuals who might otherwise remain uninvolved

WHEREAS the more opportunities that we provide for leadership positions, the more diverse our leadership can be, the more effective we will be in retaining the experience and input of our past leaders, and the closer we come to achieving our goal of fair and proportional representation throughout the organization;

WHEREAS currently more than 50% of our Country Committees (“CCs”) are limited to only having 2 DPCA votes (from their statutory officers), and a CC must have over 1600 members before being allocated an additional Voting Representative, and nearly 3,000 members before receiving a second Voting Representative; and this is a powerful demotivating force for the half of our CCs who will never receive an additional Voting Rep allocation;

WHEREAS increasing the voting multiplier to 6 votes per Country Committee would lower the membership thresholds required in order to be allocated a Voting Representative to approx. 350 members for the first Voting Rep, and 1,200 members for the second Voting Rep. – making Voting Reps much more accessible for the smaller and medium sized CCs.;

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<sup>1</sup> Supporting data related to this proposal and Proposal No. 6 can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1C0zjzUKJSN8c8vIXhGQmPwAmO3dNhX/edit#gid=1290123010>

WHEREAS this additional representation of small and medium-sized CC's would be more in keeping with the one-person-one-vote principle that guides DPCA vote allocations,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the DPCA Charter be modified to increase the initial multiplier in section 3.6.(a),(i) to 6 votes, while assigning the first 2 of these out to each Country Chair and Vice-Chair, with the remainder to be distributed proportionally, based on the verified annual membership count, as per the following:

### **Section 3.6 (Representation and Voting)**

(a) Representation and votes shall be allocated to Country Committees biennially in odd-numbered years, in accordance with such year's certification required under Section 5.4(f), calculated as follows:

- (i) Multiply the number of Country Committees by ~~six (6)~~ 4 to obtain the "Initial Product;"
- (ii) ~~two-sixths (1/3)~~ 25% of the Initial Product shall be allocated among the Country Committees on the basis of ~~two (2) votes~~ ~~one (1) vote~~ each;
- (iii) ~~four-sixths (2/3)~~ 75% of the Initial Product shall be allocated among the Country Committees proportionally by multiplying with respect to each Country Committee, the Initial Product by the Country Committee's percentage of ~~verified members of~~ the total ~~verified~~ membership of Democrats Abroad. Fractions greater than or equal to 0.455 shall be rounded to the next highest whole number. Fractions less than 0.455 shall be rounded to the next lowest whole number

## Supporting Information:

### DPCA Charter Amendment Proposals #6 and #12 on Voting Allocations

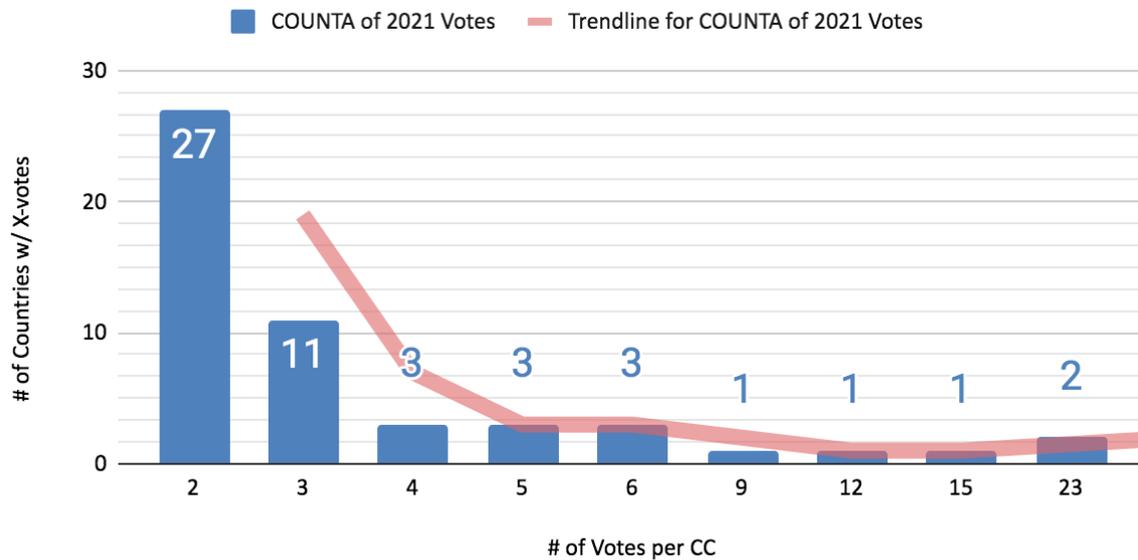
Charts for 2021 Allocation, 5-Vote Multiplier, and 6-Vote Multiplier Comparison

(Note: All Voting Distribution illustrations are based on current 2021 Membership Count Data. Actual voting distribution and thresholds will change based on future Membership Count data.)

### 2021 Current Distribution of Votes among CCs

#### 4 Vote Distribution – 2021 Current

*Number of Countries with 2-votes, 3-votes, 4-votes, etc. allocated.*

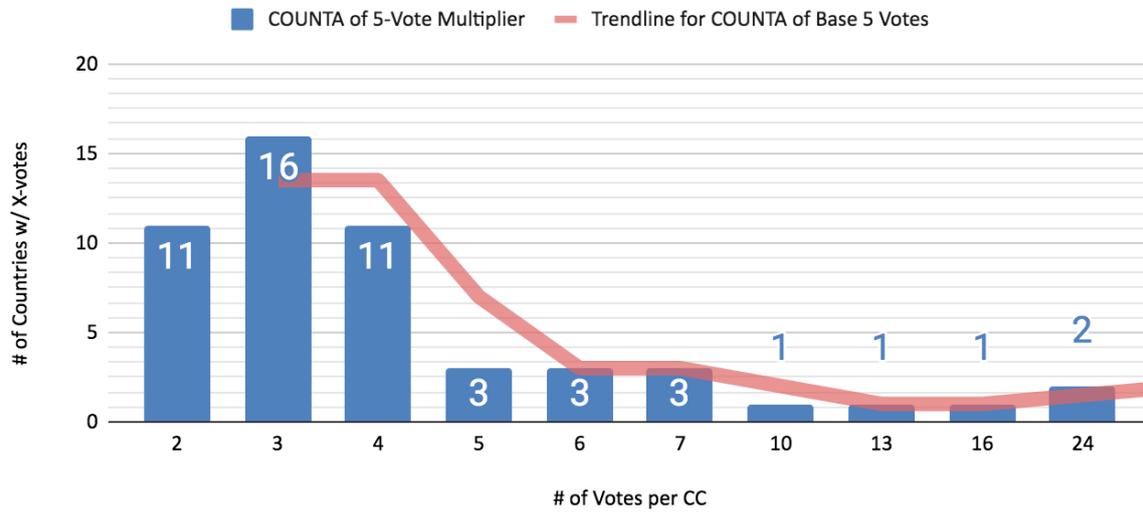


52% of CCs are limited to only 2 votes (Chair & Vice-Chair)  
21% of CCs are allocated a single Voting Rep. (3 total votes)  
5% of CCs are allocated 2 Voting Reps. (4 total votes)  
etc.

## Proposed Distribution of Votes under 5-Vote Multiplier

### 5 Vote Distribution – Proposed

Number of Countries with 2-votes, 3-votes, 4-votes, etc. allocated.

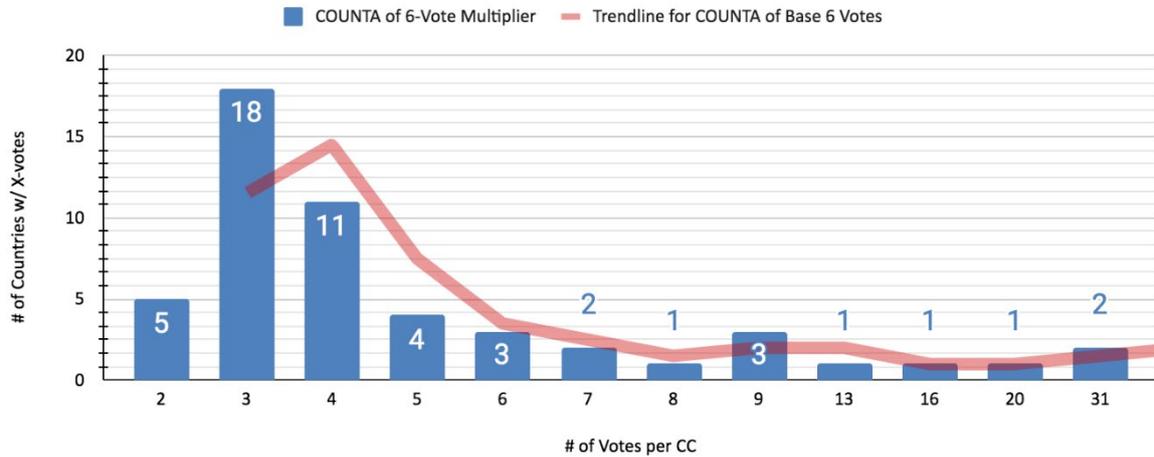


21% of CCs are limited to only 2 votes (Chair & Vice-Chair)  
30% of CCs are allocated a single Voting Rep. (3 total votes)  
21% of CCs are allocated 2 Voting Reps. (4 total votes)  
etc.

## Proposed Distribution of Votes under 6-Vote Multiplier

### 6 Vote Distribution – Proposed

Number of Countries with 2-votes, 3-votes, 4-votes, etc. allocated.



Less than 10% of CCs are now limited to only 2 votes (Chair & Vice-Chair)

34% of CCs are allocated a single Voting Rep. (3 total votes)

21% of CCs are allocated 2 Voting Reps. (4 total votes)

Etc.

Note the much longer “tail” of distribution, with a greater number of medium-sized CCs now receiving additional Voting Reps, with much lower thresholds for being able to achieve an additional Voting Rep.

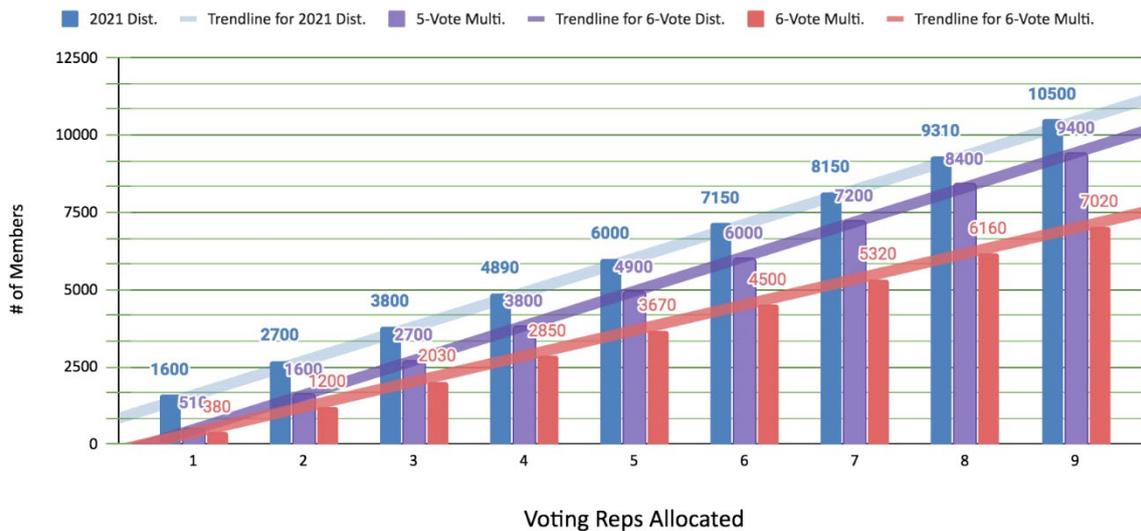
## Additional Voting Rep Allocation Comparison 2021 Current vs. 5-Vote Multiplier vs. 6-Vote Multiplier

How many members are needed to reach the next threshold for obtaining an Additional Voting Representative? – A lower membership number threshold makes it more accessible to gain an additional Voting Rep.

Note: This Chart identifies the Additional Voting Reps that will be allocated – in addition to the base votes for a Chair and Vice-Chair.

### Membership Threshold for Each Add'l Voting Rep. – 2021 vs. 5-Vote vs. 6-Vote Multi.

How many members are needed before receiving an additional Voting Rep. (based on 2021 memb count)



Data Comparison Table  
(Used to create the Chart)

Voting Reps	2021 Dist.	5-Vote Multi.	6-Vote Multi.
1	1600	510	380
2	2700	1600	1200
3	3800	2700	2030
4	4890	3800	2850
5	6000	4900	3670
6	7150	6000	4500
7	8150	7200	5320
8	9310	8400	6160
9	10500	9400	7020

(Again, a Reminder Note: All Voting Distribution illustrations are based on current 2021 Membership Count Data. Actual voting distribution and thresholds will change based on future Membership Count numbers.)