

Resolutions Committee: Post-Global Meeting Report

25 May 2021

Resolutions considered at the Global Meeting, and those deferred

Twenty-five DPCA resolutions were submitted by the April 15 deadline and passed through the Resolutions Committee for consideration at the DA Global Meeting on May 14-15-16.

Thirteen resolutions were considered in two sessions during the Global Meeting: 12 were adopted and 1 was withdrawn. The remaining 12 resolutions were deferred to a follow-on meeting.

At the end of the first Resolutions session, the following motion was passed: “That all resolutions remaining including the current main motion be postponed to a DPCA meeting within the next 120 days.” A follow-on meeting will be organized within 120 days with sufficient notice given to DPCA voting members, where the remaining 12 resolutions will be considered, and possibly two others (see below).

Resolutions Session at Day One of the Global Meeting - 11 resolutions were considered. 9 were adopted and 1 was withdrawn. Consideration of the last (#5) was interrupted as time ran out, and was picked up again in the session on Day Two.

Adopted May 15

- #1 - To Rename the Historic Edmund Pettus Bridge for Congressman John R. Lewis
- #2 - Applauding Congressman Jamie Raskin and House Impeachment Managers
- #6 - Honoring Patrick Werner, founder of Democrats Abroad Nicaragua
- #16 - In Support of Medicare Portability
- #24 - Supporting S.R.1520 the Military Justice Improvement and Increasing Prevention Act to Protect Military Women & Men from Sexual Harassment & Assault
- #11 - In Support of H.R. 40 and the Commission to Study U.S. Reparations
- #10 - In Support of the PRO Act
- #23 - In Support of Non-Citizen Service Members, their Families, Deported Veterans and H.R. 1182: the Veterans Deportation Prevention and Reform Act
- #26 - Advocating Against Prison Gerrymandering

Withdrawn May 15:

- #12 - In Support of Statehood for Puerto Rico (amended, then withdrawn)

Debate interrupted May 15, deferred to a future session:

#5 - In Support of Urgent Federal Tax Filing Relief for Americans Abroad in the American Jobs Plan (infrastructure legislation) and American Families Plan

[Resolutions Session at Day Two of the Global Meeting](#) - 3 resolutions were considered. All 3 were adopted.

[Adopted May 16:](#)

#5 - In Support of Urgent Federal Tax Filing Relief for Americans Abroad in the American Jobs Plan (infrastructure legislation) and American Families Plan (adopted as amended)

#15 - Covid-19 Vaccinations for U.S. Veterans, Caregivers and their Families Abroad

#21 - To Condemn Recent Anti-Transgender Legislation and to Support Passage of the Equality Act (adopted as amended)

[The remaining 12 resolutions were deferred to a later DPCA follow-on meeting:](#)

#3 - In Support of Development of a DA messaging platform for engaging members in Congressional outreach in support of DA issues-advocacy initiatives

#4 - In Support of Democrats Abroad Joining the RBT Coalition

#7 - On Strengthening Democratic Institutions in the U.S.

#8 - On Polarization of the Electorate

#9 - On Central American Immigration in 2021

#13 - To Expand the Travel Fund to Include Stipends for Members Interested in Attending DNC, ASDC, and DA Regional Meetings.

#14 - To Keep the Pershing Hall Collections and the Time Capsule in France

#17 - In Support of Reactivation of the Atrocities Prevention Board

#18 - To Relieve the Financial and Administrative Burdens of the Present U.S. Tax and Financial Reporting Systems for Americans Outside the U.S., While Ensuring the Ultra-Rich Pay Their Fair Share of Taxes No Matter Where They Reside

#19 - Supporting H.R. 2590: Prohibiting Use of U.S. Military Foreign Aid for Detention of Children

#20 - To Condition Military Aid to Israel

#22 - To Regulate Social Media and Limit Negative and Divisive Effects On Society Around the World

[Two other resolutions may also be considered at the follow-on meeting:](#)

#25 - To Endorse Anti-War Policies

(considered withdrawn prior to the Global Meeting; authors may resubmit)

#27 - For Justice in Law Enforcement (received after the April 15 deadline)

Final versions of resolutions posted in the DA wiki

Find final versions of the twelve 2021 DPCA resolutions adopted at the Global Meeting on either May 15 or 16 here:

<https://democratsabroad.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/Resolv/pages/6785860366/2021+DPCA+Resolutions>

At the same link, you can also find a document with the most updated version of the 13 resolutions which were withdrawn or deferred.

DPCA follow-on meeting on resolutions

When information about the follow-on DPCA Meeting on Resolutions becomes available, we will post it on the DA wiki and on the Leadership listserve.

Tweaking the resolutions process (updated list)

After the high number of resolutions submitted this year – and hoping that the level of engagement will continue in the future – we plan to propose revised submission procedures and committee processes.

As part of our review we will collect feedback from resolution authors/sponsors and from DPCA voting members and make suggestions, which may include (list updated 22 May):

- The realization of a year-round resolutions process;
- An earlier submission deadline for resolutions to be considered at Global Meetings, allowing time for more substantive (as opposed to merely textual) review;
- A standard format for resolutions;
- An online submission form (similar to that used for Charter amendments);
- More info on the wiki re: the purpose of resolutions
- Re-organizing, re-labeling lists of resolutions of the past 10 years (on the wiki) so they are more easily searchable
- Clearer guidance on who can submit: In several cases, sponsorship of a resolution has come into question because of country committee elections in the middle of the submission process. We temporarily resolved this by allowing the initial DPCA voting member sponsor who is familiar with the content of the resolution to remain responsible for presenting it.
- Suggestions of current issues that could be addressed in a resolution;
- Organize training sessions for DA members on how to write a resolution;
- Information on how to find a sponsor if author is not a DPCA voting member;
- Recruit more diverse help for the committee, especially in tech and/or project management;

- Encourage engagement of country committees and chapters in the submission of resolutions as well as interest in resolutions already adopted;
- Encourage follow-up reports (feedback) on the progress of issues that were the subject of adopted DA resolutions so members remain informed (for example, if a critical issue that DA had addressed becomes law or has had some impact on US government domestic and/or foreign policy). This might encourage membership engagement and pride in DA.

Again, the Resolutions Committee salutes the authors and sponsors of the 2021 Resolutions!

Bravo and thank you to DPCA voting members for their serious consideration of the resolutions at the Resolutions Pre-meetings and at the Global Meeting.

And a big thank you to the DA tech team who helped during the Pre-Meetings and the Resolutions sessions!

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