

#7 DPCA Voting Reps for Non-CC Members DPCA Charter Amendments Presentation 2nd & 9th May 2021 – Merrill Oates, Chair DA-Hungary; Former RVC-EMEA



Non-CC – Members without DPCA Representation

Why is this Needed?

- 4% of DA Membership is outside of CCs > more than 6th largest CC
- Non-CC Members have no direct representation in DPCA: "The Washington DC of Democrats Abroad"
- Most Non-CC Members will not likely ever be within a CC



How Will it be Implemented?

- DA has well established standards and procedures (CCEP) for forming an NEC and running free and fair elections
- Same standards would apply as with a CC election:
 - Candidates would present their vision for building membership and activity within the Non-CC area
 - NEC would publicize candidates and host candidate fora
 - NEC would run election
- Only Non-CC members would be eligible as either candidates or voters



Benefits to Members in Non-CC Areas

- Election would drive engagement and participation within the Region
- Give recognition and voice to unrecognized groups of DA members
- Non-CC Voting Rep. would be an advocate for Non-CC areas within DPCA
- Would work with RVC, but not entitled to any special privileges > Just like a VR in a CC

Summary

- Low-Risk opportunity to create greater representation for DA Members, and increase engagement with a large body who are not currently recognized within DPCA
- Charter Amendment is needed to be able to give this a try. Try it to see if it will succeed!
- Previous year's proposal was supported by Bylaws Committee, but referred to a Special Purpose Committee (which was never created by ExCom)