

GDC Steering Committee Meeting

Minutes

Attendance:

- Marnie Delaney, Ken Sherman, Denise Roig, Adreas Lopez, Liz Blackburn, Allyssa Schoenemann

Allyssa:

- Spoke on Blue Vote Cafe, have a listen!
- Working on a wheelchair accessibility with airports and airlines report/statement

Building Allyship:

- Emily Lines will start out as host of the call, pass to Denise/Liz/Marnie
- Confirm if Candice is speaking, otherwise cut speech
- Marnie finalizing her introduction
- Denise is set with her questions and to set up Dom to speak.
- Denise & Liz will work on slides after this call
- GA state team will briefly address every voter at the end.

Ken Sherman, on DNC:

- Encompass the disability council as a committee
- ~75 people in the caucus meeting
- Selecting officers, Kerri – the new disability caucus chair
- Ken recommends we work together to shape an AGM presentation
- Email received on the topic:
- Our thanks so much to Jean Doherty for the introduction.

The Democrats Abroad Global Disability Caucus is looking forward to the opportunity to explore ways we can learn from and collaborate with the DNC Disability Caucus. Some of the possibilities which have occurred to us include:

- We have a lot of excitement around the idea of celebrating the accomplishments of Representative Coehlo, including of course, passage of the ADA. We'd love to have a conversation about the origins of the legislation, the battle to get it passed, the continuing battle to protect it and the need for continuing enhancements to address online challenges.
- We'd love to organize a member briefing from the DNC Caucus on current legislative efforts to further enhance and protect the rights of people with disabilities or perhaps Representative Coehlo could also address these. A timely event might include the

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broadcast globally of the DNC Disability Caucus meeting to be held at the DNC Spring meeting next February.

Some additional on-going interests would be:

- Guidance on how we can support DNC efforts.
- Feedback on issues we identify as citizens abroad and advice on how to address them.
- Direction as we develop our specific Voter Engagement strategies for the mid-term.
- Updates on information, events, meetings of potential interest to our members.
- We are building an accessibility plan for our organization and would also appreciate input from those who may have expertise or experience in that area.
- We would love to orchestrate a conversation with you to see what we can do together to bring home the wins we need to maintain majorities in the House and Senate. Let us set up a time for conversation.

★ Marnie - we will form a presentation and work with the DNC on projects and a presentation for DA's AGM 2022. Approves partnership with Tony.

Accessibility Guidelines:

- Marnie suggests we have a group dedicated to this
- For all audiences, we may need a different breakout session
- Online/Offline/Hybrid doc for all including
- Communications specific document needs creating
- Assistive and adaptive tech & devices & apps

Comms notes for all:

- If there is a topic or article you would like shared or discussed on social media, please don't just send a link...also send some copy that would work for the platform or for a newsletter. We can also meet 1:1 to discuss, so that the copy adequately addresses the topic and follow ups can be arranged.
- Marnie's P&Q will be next, after our event
- We will have post-event copy created for social media and a newsletter

Denise:

- Amanda LeDuc's book
- She will speak to GDC, we need to choose a date
- Disfigured - on representation of disability in fairytales
- Event Planning:
 - Set up the book as suggested "book club" style reading
 - Choose a date she can speak to DA
 - Basic structure: intro, speech, perhaps a selection from the book, questions, closing remarks

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- Georgia put together a list for us, Denise will share

Medicare Portability Caucus Meeting

- Monday, March 26th at 12 PM EST, 6PM CET, Midnight CST
- Speakers also will discuss healthcare in general
- https://www.democratsabroad.org/cliff1976/progressive_prescription_healthcare_for_americans_at_home_abroad

April Meeting:

Tuesday will remain our day, GDC will roll to a once a month structure
9AM Eastern time
April 12th

May 20 - Global Accessibility Awareness Day - global meeting

- We are working on speakers, Marnie will confirm.
- Marnie and Ken setting up a phone call prior to calling caucus chair and Tony. May bring a congressman into the equation.

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Prize Draw with Contributions:

- Ken: we asked for contributions and raised ~\$77k, small contributions of ~\$20.
- Ken is willing to put up prize draw money.
- Last year \$25k of prizes were shared by 5 people.
- Sold 1400 tickets, to about 370 participants
- This was done Sept/Oct, drawing the most interest from voters.
- Hopes to raise \$50k.
- Let's get the committee going within the next 6 weeks.
- Liz offered to help, Marnie also
- Ken will contact Art and Lissette, for info or help
- Separate or joint effort fine by Ken :)
- All-caucus newsletter/effort suggested
- Disability Caucus fundraising goal of \$2,022

