
[★Leadership★] Learning more about DPCA resolutions

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Dear DA leaders,

The DPCA (Democratic Party Committee Abroad, aka DA Global) has a long-standing resolutions process for our annual global meetings, including the upcoming meeting on May 21-22, 2022. Your participation is what makes these resolutions meaningful as the result of a genuinely democratic practice. The DPCA Resolutions Committee has three announcements to help you participate this year.

First, **the deadline for DPCA members to submit a resolution is April 21, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. DC time.**

Second, the DPCA Resolutions Committee will provide in-depth information about the resolutions process in the month of March. **We will host educational sessions at three different times with the same content:** Detailed information for those who will discuss and vote on resolutions in May, for those who are considering whether to submit a resolution, and for those who want to learn more for events, projects, or other outreach based on the DPCA's resolutions process.

Dates and times with more details on the DA wiki at: <https://democratsabroad.atlassian.net//c/MCHziNEB>

- Sunday, March 20, 6:00am DC time
- Tuesday, March 22, 3:00pm DC time
- Thursday, March 24, 3:00am DC time

In addition to these three dates, **we will send a comprehensive post to the Leadership mobilize channel** that provides all the details needed to participate in the resolutions process. We expect to send this message a week or two after the final educational session. In the meantime, you can find helpful guidance on our DA wiki pages: <https://democratsabroad.atlassian.net//c/oPDKHsaw>

Finally, we have four answers from DPCA Resolutions Committee members to the perennial question, **"What are DPCA resolutions for?"**

DPCA Resolutions, Why?

resolutions challenge transgressions
oppose unjust retributions
and engage in conversations
to uplift heroes and our nation

voices abroad matter to the DNC
and help to shape America's diverse history
perspectives from abroad are unique
like panoramic views from different peaks

to stay current, fresh, vibrant, and alive
resolutions exist to express our vibe
resolutions are our contributions
in support of voting to offer solutions

DPCA Resolutions, Why?

- *Beverle Michaele Lax, DA Kenya (DAKE)*

Composing a clear, concise resolution is a means to attract the attention of elected officials, and state what we want them to do.

The “whereas” and “be it resolved” sections provide a thought through set of evidence and state what action should be undertaken and by whom. This is part of our democratic tradition that has developed for centuries, and is used today in many levels of government and civil society.

- *Carol Adamson, DA Sweden*

Resolutions are one of the only ways Democrats Abroad can make a political statement. And it is one of the most powerful ways, because it is not just the statement of one or two, but many who represent, directly or symbolically, thousands of others. Only our presidential primary carries more weight, since it has more voters, but with a resolution, you can make a statement about any issue rather than just an individual candidate. If you would like to use our collective voice to stand against injustices that you believe most Democrats living abroad would agree with you on, particularly if you think that other Democrats back home might not agree with you on, you can help pass a resolution to progress the Democratic Party altogether.

- *Farid E. Ben Amor, DA Japan*

DPCA resolutions are:

- a way to articulate and meet our members' expectations,
- a meaningful assertion of support for movements within the Democratic Party,
- a democratic means of altering the formal structure of Democrats Abroad, and
- a process that brings new people into the decision-making core of Democrats Abroad.

- *Will Bakker, DA Luxembourg*

You are welcome to use these words in your communications with DA members. You are very welcome to contact us at resolutions@democratsabroad.org for advice on submitting resolutions AND ideas on how to bring DPCA resolutions to your constituency: caucus, CC, TC, or task force!

Best regards,

The DPCA Resolutions Committee

Carol Adamson, Sweden

Will Bakker (chair), Luxembourg

Farid E. Ben Amor, Japan

Beverle Lax, Kenya

Susan Vaillant (previous chair), France

Rick Wicks, Sweden