

Email Distribution: May 12, 2023

You are receiving this message as an EMEA Country Committee Chair or Vice Chair in anticipation of our [2023 EMEA Regional Vice Chair Election](#) taking place at 9:00 AM US Eastern on Sunday, June 11th, 2023.

Please read this message fully and carefully if you will miss all or part of the 2023 EMEA Regional Vice Chair election and plan to give a proxy for your vote.

This message is IN ADDITION TO AND SEPARATE FROM any message regarding proxy voting for the 2023 DPCA Annual Global Meeting. Information in this message pertains ONLY to the 2023 EMEA RVC Election.

The EMEA RVC NEC highly encourages all EMEA electors to [complete a proxy](#) in the event of unforeseen circumstances which may prevent them from attending and casting their vote.

Please forward this message to your successor if you will not be an EMEA Country Committee Chair or Vice Chair during the June 11th EMEA RVC Election Meeting.

Important Information Contained in this Message:

- **Election Registration & RSVP**
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REGIONAL VICE CHAIR PROXY INSTRUCTIONS

 **Election Registration & RSVP**

In order to ensure the 2023 EMEA Nominations & Elections Committee is aware you will be attending the election meeting, please register to attend at the following link. Your registration for this election meeting in advance is important, as it is a factor for determining quorum to hold the election.

Register for the 2023 EMEA RVC Election Meeting [HERE](#)

 **Proxy Submission Information**

EMEA Electors may only proxy to their respective Chair or Vice Chair, as prescribed by Section 6.2 of the [DA Charter](#) (page 16). This is also described on [the proxy form](#).

There are two categories of proxies:

- WHEN the proxy holder can vote – **GENERAL or LIMITED**
 - **GENERAL** is for all votes for the duration of the election meeting
 - **LIMITED** is for specific topics or time frames
 - Writing that your Proxy is **LIMITED** and writing no limitations on the form means ballot tabulators cannot enforce your vote to be cast during the time period you prescribe

- HOW the proxy holder must vote – **UNINSTRUCTED or INSTRUCTED**
 - **UNINSTRUCTED** means you let the proxy holder decide how to vote (you can let them know your preferences)
 - **INSTRUCTED** means you mandate how your proxy holder must vote
 - Writing that your Proxy is **INSTRUCTED** and writing no instructions on the form means ballot tabulators cannot enforce your vote to be cast as you prescribe

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General/Uninstructed proxies make tabulation processing much easier and faster, with you telling your proxy holder how you would like them to vote and trusting them to abide by your wishes.

If you submit a proxy **and then show up and vote**, that is fine. Your ballot will be counted and the proxy holder's ballot cast on your behalf will be marked as spoiled.

 **Elector Proxy Voting Form**

This proxy form must be successfully completed and returned three (3) days before the 2023 EMEA RVC Election Meeting, i.e. by 9:00 AM EDT on Thursday, June 8th.

[Click HERE to Complete Your Proxy Form](#)

NO submissions will be accepted after that time, **with only the exception of emergency proxies**. An emergency proxy can be submitted after the election meeting has started if and only if you are there for roll call and then must leave before the end of the election meeting.

If for some reason you cannot use the proxy form, send an email with what you would like entered on your behalf on the proxy form to emea-nec@democratsabroad.org.

It is **YOUR responsibility as an EMEA Elector** to make sure your proxy is valid. However, we will review all proxies as they come in to make sure they are valid and meet the [DA Charter](#) rules. **Please don't wait until the last minute so you have time to submit a valid proxy if the first one submitted is invalid.**

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If you are attending the June 11th EMEA RVC Election Meeting and have an emergency during the meeting, please reach out by email to emea-nec@democratsabroad.org to arrange for an emergency proxy.

As a reminder, you can find the latest information about the DPCA 2023 Annual Global Meeting on the Wiki here: <https://wiki.democratsabroad.org/DC2023>

Thank you for all that you do, and we are looking forward to seeing you there!

Please direct any questions to emea-nec@democratsabroad.org.

On behalf of the 2023 EMEA RVC Nominations & Elections Committee (NEC),

Liz Voss (Switzerland) - Chair

Beth Landry (Sweden) - Comms

Beverle Lax (Kenya) - Compliance

Courtney Jeanpierre (South Africa) - Candidate Liaison