

2018 Global Meeting Minutes  
TKP Shinagawa Conference Center, Tokyo, Japan  
May 26 and May 27, 2018

**9:06 AM Day 1- Meeting Called to Order**

Julia Bryan calls the Global Meeting to order.

9:10 AM

The pledge of allegiance

**9:15 AM Day 1- Roll Call**

Jeffrey calls Roll, 60 present in person and on webex/117 present, present on webex, proxy in person, proxy on webex, determines that we have a quorum present.

**9:22 AM- New CCs**

Julia introduces New CC vote to admit

Jody Quinnell introduces Haiti as a New CC started in 2017 as a new active and viable Country Committee. AGM with election held on November 27, 2017.

Seconded by Will Bakker

Julia calls for ayes, calls for nays. Ayes have it.

Jody introduces Nicaragua as a new CC even with trouble holding an in person meeting due to riots and a government crisis.

Seconded by Lissette Wright.

Julia calls for ayes, calls for nays. Ayes have it.

Argentina returning from out of compliance, unanimous vote by the excom to bring Argentina back into compliance.

Will introduces Romania as a New CC. (Insert statement from Will)

Will moves to admit DA Romania as a CC.

Jody and Kiyoko second. Julia calls for ayes, calls for nays.

**9:30 AM - Chair and Vice Chair's Report**

Julia presents the Chair's Report

(Link to wiki document)

Reiterates our Mission-

Year in Review

International Projects, including phone banking, state data project, online trainings, webinars, weekly actions. New Caucuses.

**9:45 AM- Secretary's Update**

Jeffrey presents the Secretary's Update

Moves to approve the minutes from 2017 Global Meeting.  
Seconded by Alex, Call for ayes, call for nays. Minutes have been approved.

### **9:55 AM - Counsel's Report**

Tom presents the Counsel's Report. Highlighting the Legal team and deputy counsels.

### **10:50 AM- Democrats Abroad in 2018**

Julia presents DA 2018 Plan  
(insert link to file on wiki)

Midterm Challenges:

John Grosser comments about challenges with the old website.  
Kiyoko reflects on challenges for people who have moved and don't feel a connection to the US.

Activating Volunteers, Study Abroad, Phonebanking, .

Ed suggests assimilated Americans that they should vote due to environmental issues globally.

Phonebanking experiences, country committee suggestions.

State Party Outreach, connections with the State Democratic Parties in the US.  
Partner Outreach with Global Caucuses

### **11:45 AM- Global Teams Reports**

Julia introduces Heidi Burch who presents the GOTV Team report  
(link to file on wiki)

Julia thanks Heidi and asks if anybody has any questions.

12:10 PM:

Julia Introduces Salli and Ann, co-chairs of the Women's Caucus.

### **1:14 PM- Guest Speaker Ken Martin**

Julia introduces Special Guest Speaker DNC Member and ASDC Chair Ken Martin.  
163 days to November General Election  
57 state party strategy  
107k margin of victory for DT in WI/PA/MI  
892 days till 2020 Presidential Election

"We all do better, when we all do better"

We're fighting for opportunity for everyone, it's not an either or, it's a both.  
We're going to stand up together and fight for everyone as democrats.

2:08 PM: A brief procedure review/Robert's Rules with Will Bakker

**2:10 PM - Bylaws Part 1**

2:17 PM Tom moves to suspend rules and for the adoption of rules stated:

RULE ONE: Sponsors of each proposition have up to three (3) minutes to introduce the proposal, and sponsors may allocate speaking time in any way they deem fit.

RULE TWO: In cases where the Standing Bylaws Committee has moved to amend or refer a proposal, an SBC member shall have up to three (3) minutes to introduce the motion. Immediately thereafter, sponsors of each proposition have up to three (3) minutes to introduce the proposal, and sponsors may allocate speaking time in any way they deem fit.

RULE THREE: In all other cases, speaking time is limited to 90 seconds per person.

Seconded by Julia Bryan, call for votes- ayes have it.

Proposition 1: Sexual Harassment and Code of Conduct

Salli speaks on behalf of the charter amendment.

X Calls the question

Julia seconds. Ayes have it

Proposition 2: SuperPACs and Conflicts of Interest

Quaide moves to withdraw proposition 2.

Call for votes, withdrawn

Proposition 3A, 3C:

SBC recommendation: divided report.

Julia speaks on behalf of Proposition 3A.

Merrill speaks on behalf of Proposition 3B.

Salli poses a question to authors of 3B, what is the difference between the two, what parts of 3c does 3a not include?

John grosser poses a question

Bob Vallier speaks on behalf of voting for 3C

John: point of information asking to view 3A on screen

Sue Alksnis speaks on gender terms "cisgender and transgender who are the same gender" and supports the flexibility of 3A

Will Bakker speaks on behalf of 3A, and answers John Grosser's question earlier. NEC and

Body makes judgement because of flexibility and can adapt to the best understanding at the time.

Sam Stone yields the rest of his time to Kiyoko: Kiyoko refers to NY, Oregon, and DC with Male, Female, intersex, X and states that's why the proposition refers to legally recognized state/federal jurisdiction in the US.

Phil Robertson speaks on behalf of the clarity of 3C, specifics are easier to follow in the case that some NEC/Committees

Steve Nardi is speaking on behalf of 3A and gives an anecdote about "All Gender" bathrooms.

Christina speaks on behalf of 3A, and states that both 3A and C are not in opposition and both want to achieve diversity

Alan Cheilek states that we should give a little more credit, he believes that the body will be able to handle a situation and the voting will be a result of an election where the body is decently informed

Martha - speaks in support of our conversation around this topic and supports 3C. The terms are evolving in the law and around the world.

Elizabeth Voss: speaks in support of 3c, if the vote gets to 3C

Ada Shen: Committee was divided on which set of language would achieve the common goals. Speaks in favor of 3A, we are trying to find language for the elections of chair and vice chair. Gender balance has been a precept of the Democratic Party. Don't feel it is necessary to define the

The purpose is for the election of chairs and vice chairs.

Gary Suw: speaks in support of 3C, thinks that 3a is aspirational, and 3a is more informational and directive. Concerned of a situation of whether someone qualifies as this or that, and needs the judgement of a committee.

Sarala: we need to be cognizant of the experiences of those who live through this matters, and we should keep that in mind as we progress, DA India will support 3C.

Orlando: states his concern that women as a category will change the probability that both chair and vice chair could be non women.

Kendra: speaks in support of 3c, because it makes the concept clearer to help people feel included in the process.

Bob V: TURFs (people who believe that Trans women are not women). Asks for a point of clarification of the use of “or” rather than “and”

Patricia: speaks on behalf inclusiveness, question in line with what orlando was asking with regards to “are people who are born women going to lose out with this change”

Salli: speaks on behalf of the women’s caucus, they have not discussed this topic, are neutral on gender, does not know what to say on this topic. Salli thinks everyone is a woman.

Jose Miguel: asks if there are comments from the LGBT caucus

Creston: supports 3C because he believes that 3c is more inclusive to volunteers that are considering running for a chair or vice chair position

Jo Ellen: trans women are women, supports 3C

John Grosser: there are qualified women candidates, does not believe that we will have any problem with women running and asks about suspending the rules to vote on both propositions at the same time. Will and Tom both agree that would be out of order.

Sue Alksnis : ‘or gender’ moved to “different gender or sex”

Merrill: reiterates that this would also apply to CC chair and vice chair elections. The intent is to make clear language that covers both Int’l Elections and CC elections.

Kiyoko addresses the question from orlando and patricia. One of the reasons they chose the term sex, most people don’t know that someone has an intersex condition. Gender is placed specifically in that location because of sex based discrimination.

Shari: Facebook shows 71 different genders. And supports 3c for the clear definition of sex.

Phil Robertson: dismay of a number of people who feel they need to vote on 3a to get to 3c.

Katie: would like to go back to susan’s suggestion of gender and asks if we can have a clarification of why sex or gender.

Josh explains sex or gender creates a matrix, different gender same sex, different sex same gender. Benefit of 3C that

Josh moves to strike text of 3a and replace with 3C

Seconded by julia

John grosser motion to previous question to strike a and replace text with c, seconded by merrill. Call for ayes, call for nays, ayes have it.

Vote on amendment to strike 3a and replace text with 3c: call for ayes, calls for nays. Ayes have it.

**Tom opens the floor to debate, now that 3a has been amended and text replaced.**

Alan Chelik: the comment regarding this applies to country committee elections and asks if there is a requirement for all CCs to amend bylaws to fit with the new requirements.

Ken Sherman: point of information: section 5.2d(iv)

Merrill clarifies that the int'l bylaws and excom set standards for the CC elections.

Tom: comments that DPCA has the right to regulate who becomes a DPCA member.

John Chudy: is there an obligation?

Tom: Yes 5.2D IV requires it for admission to DPCA

Alex: As a current ExCom Member, the way that we have been handling questions like this: NEC of the CC is responsible to hearing any complaints if there is a challenge, or if something was not done according to the bylaws. NEC is asked to handle the situation on the CC level, ExCom could take a different approach in the future and could possibly be more involved in making a decision

Gordon: wants to point out the concern of legally recognized by ... to what extend do we want to be bound to the legal changes that can happen within state, how can we make sure we don't leave ourselves vulnerable to corrupt or inept administrations.

Will Bakker: procedural question: would like to clarify if this motion fails, proposition 3 is finished for this meeting. And states his support.

Merrill: address the legislation/administration, we can choose from any state/jurisdiction.  
Re: Constraining country committees: fundamental premise is to expand opportunity and diversity.

Bob V.: Calls the question. Seconded by John Grosser.  
Call for ayes, call for nays. Ayes have it.

**Motion to Adopt 3A as amended with text from 3C**  
**Call for votes: ayes have it**

**Josh moves to proposition 5(a/b/c) before Proposition 4.**  
**Seconded by John Grosser.**  
**Motion for 5 minute recess: ayes have it**  
**Return 337 PM**

**Aaron: speaks against the motion to move 5 ahead of 4, and wants to stay with the current order of proposals.**

John supports a global governance committee, but believes that passing 1p1v and supports voting no to this motion.

Katie also opposes Josh's motion and agrees with John and Aaron.

Bob V: agrees to oppose this motion, and his caveat that the formal principle of the 1p1v stands regardless of a committee.

Josh: clarifies so that we can discuss the mandate of this committee regarding voting allocation, before a vote on 1p1v. And wants to consider the mandate before we discuss one person one vote.

Tom: clarifies that SBC recommends sending 5 to committee.

Quaide: opposes the motion because he believes we need to have a discussion on one person one vote. Does not see the need to create the committee/determine scope before resolution 4( 1p1v)

**Merrill Calls the question: seconded by Ada. ayes have it.  
Will point of privilege , no need to call the question when there is no queue of discussion.**

Motion is to postpone prop 4, to after 5.

Call for votes: nays have it.

**Proposition 4: 1p1v**

SBC recommends that this motion be amended.

Josh: purpose of the amendment is to change annual to bi-ennial -----

**3:55 PM**

Point of clarification: Merrill: amendment was proposed by quaide and merrill, SBC has modified the amendments that q&m proposed. Voting on modifications before going to original amendment.

Merrill: in favor of 1p1v, diversity, inclusion, new dpca members.

Proposed SBC amendment tries to change annual membership verification.

Membership verification purpose is to better represent our membership.

Quaide: IT team can run numbers every year, and believes that we should pass this.

Bob supports SBC amend, supports a clean bill that does not add extraneous changes

Kiyoko: supports SBC amended .

Shari: agrees with katie; verification must happen every year. 50k or more money with self verification. Supports the bylaws committee amended version.

Julia speaks to the value of annual verification. Encourages keeping verification every year and notes that 93 of the total 199.5 votes today are by proxy.

Katie adds that allocation is not verification. Supports SBC amended version .

Alan Chelik supports the SBC amended version.

John supports bi-ennial allocation, not membership verification.

Gary: asks for clarification on what the issue is, and how this solves the issue.

Josh reading report from SBC:

SBC proposal is that proposition 4 which included annual voting allocation/ranked voting/allocation/changes during 2 year terms. SBC voted unanimously to amend. Biennial allocations solves the problem of DPCA members losing or gaining votes.

Jennifer Rakow Stepper: asks for clarification about if the SBC amendments makes changes to annual verification and voting allocation.

Tom Clarifies that there are two provisions that are amended in the SBC version. 1- allocation odd number years, 2 verification odd number years

**Will moves to amend the amendment, to strike any implications for section 5.4F. Seconded by Julia.**

Will speaks in favor to this amendment to the amendment, to explain the impact.

Merrill speaks against the amendment to the SBC amendment:

Phil Robertson confused and asks for clarification on what we are discussing.

Quaide clarifies that we are discussing the amendment to the SBC amendment.

Katie:

Bob: Verification is a part of compliance and calls the question.

426 PM

Call the question: Wills Motion: strike sbc amendment regarding odd years in 5.4F.

Seconded by gordon.

Call for votes: ayes have it.



Call for votes on will's amendment.

Ayes have it, 1 nay in room, 1 nay in webex.

Ada clarifies and reiterates the current status of the Bylaws Amendment after removing section 5.4f text.

Wills amendment to amendment, seconded by shari.

Votes: ayes have it.

Jose CR: clarification: will this affect 1p1v.

Tom: No.

Currently up for consideration: SBC amendment without 5.4F

Merrill asks for clarification if there can be an amendment to the current amendment.

Vote on SBC recommended Amendment in new version.

Call for votes: 1 no in webex, ayes have it.

Main motion: 1p1v with amendments.

Aaron: amendment to prop 4, isolating 1p1v as a principle. delay after 2019 global meeting, creates a committee for now-march 2019 to consider proxies, allocation, etc and will submit a report to the body in 2019 prior to the implementation by 2021.

Seconded by john grosser.

4:40 PM

Julia: against defining the makeup of the committee in the motion.

Katie: thinks this amendment is a mistake, 1p1v, 3 years is too long to wait.

John grosser; speaks in support, with this amendment we can pass 1p1v today, the complex issues will be moved to committee.

Marylin Ball Brown: it's time to vote.

Salli: this is proposed because of other items on the agenda to reduce proxies. Speaks to julia's concern on the composition of the committee, thinks it needs to be a committee larger than the excom.

Ed Ungar: would support the amendment. In practical terms, 1p1v applies to the larger committee. UK, Canada are the ones that are more impacted- canada has tried it and has

growing pains and requires current proxies, thinks that we should take the time to consider how the impact on other countries.

Inge: Tom Perez in London; our democracy is on fire. What's the most important thing we need to be do now: focus on the midterms. Does not want to spend the next year working on implementing 1p1v but does not help our mission.

Move to a vote: amendment by Aaron. Delays implementation until after conclusion of 2019 dpca meeting, establishes a committee that focuses on implementation.

**AMENDMENT Text:**

This charter amendment will come into effect at the conclusion of the 2019 DPCA annual general meeting.

Prior to this charter amendment coming into effect, a special purpose committee will be established and will deliver a report on issues pertaining but not limited to voting allocation, representation, voting weights, and proxy rules; taking into account in a coherent way pertinent concerns regarding governability, fairness, and organizational purpose of Democrats Abroad. This committee will present it's recommendations to the DPCA for deliberation and adoption at the 2019 DPCA Annual General meeting.

Such a special purpose committee shall be composed of delegates representing a diverse cross-section of country committee perspectives; at least one DNC member; and at least one representative from the International Executive Committee. The committee shall issue it;s report in the first quarter of 2019.

The special purpose committee shall be created by the ExCom within 30 days of the close of the Global Meeting in May 2018. It shall hold at least three (3) public meetings for all interested DPCA members.

Votes: 119.5 aye, 71 nay, 4 abstain

Amendment to charter amendment passes.

**Main motion**

Tom Moved to close debate and vote and seconded John

Ayes have it

**Vote on proposition 4**

Call for votes: online ballot- 137 aye, 55.5 nay, 5 abstain. 71.1% aye

Sam moves to suspend rules and 10 minutes of informal discussion

5:57 PM

Vote From Abroad 3.0 Demo

**6:00 PM - Day 1 Adjourned**

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**Sunday May 27, 2018-**

**9:28 AM- Day 2 Meeting Called to Order**

Jeffrey calls roll

9:42: Global Meeting venue for next year: Washington DC

**9:47: Travel Fund**

Kat presents Travel Fund Committee's report

**9:50 AM : Additional Global Teams/Committee Reports (links to wiki files for presentations)**

9:51- John Grosser presents the Global Youth Caucus report for 2017-2018

9:58- Shari temple presents the Global IT team report for 2017-2018

10:10- Carmelan Polce presents the Taxation Task Force report for 2017-2018

10:35- Martha McDevitt-Pugh presents the LGBT Caucus report for 2017-2018

10:50- Quaide Williams presents the Design Team report for 2017-2018

11:10- Alan Cheilek presents the Data Team report

11:25- Gordon, Sue, Kent, and Siera present the Progressive Caucus report for 2017-2018

11:45- Angela Fobbs presents the Global Black Caucus report for 2017-2018

12:00- DNC representatives

12:22- Julia Bryan presents the Study Abroad Team report

12:40- break for lunch

**1:20 pm- Treasurer's Report**

Lisette Wright presents the Treasurer's Report.

Jim moves to approve the 2017 report and 2018 budget

Ken seconds.

Call for votes- all ayes and no nays

Treasurer's Report for 2017 and budget for 2018 Approved and Accepted

1:41 PM- Fundraising Committee's Report

Kari presents the fundraising committee's report

1:50 PM

Julia thanks all the committee leads for sharing great reports

**2:00 PM Resolutions**

Julia introduces Will Bakker to begin the Resolutions meeting.

Will announces option to accept changes to resolutions sent out by email, (changes were made to 4 of the 6 resolutions). Asks if there are no objections to present these changed resolutions as resolutions with friendly amendments accepted. Ken seconds, no objections.

Resolution 1- Honoring Stanley Grossman (unchanged)

Will bakker moves to adopt the unchanged resolution to honor Stanley Grossman

Adrienne seconds, No discussion, call for votes, passes unanimously.

Resolution 2- ERA Resolution (changed)

Will Bakker moves to adopt the changed text for the ERA resolution

Seconded by John Grosser. No discussion

Call for votes, passes unanimously

Resolution 3- RBT Resolution (changed)

Resolutions Committee moves to adopt the changed text for the RBT resolution.

John Grosser seconds. No discussion.

Call for votes: Ayes and nays, majority reached, motion passes.

Resolution 4- In Support of Trade in DA Platform Resolution (changed)

Resolutions Committee moves to adopt the changed text for the Trade resolution- Adrienne seconds.

Discussion on the motion:

Kiyoko proposes amendment Motion to amend Resolution to last resolve clause inside the proposed platform plank: "SUPPORT legal and economic incentives to increase export opportunities for small-and medium-sized, and women- and minority-owned U.S. businesses in order to stimulate (i) their economic growth, (ii) the employment of more workers in well---paying jobs, **with access to a union, and/or collective bargaining** and (iii) their social responsibility in matters of labor rights and fair trade."

Call for votes: Ayes have it, amendment passes.

Main motion:

Call for votes: ayes have it

Resolution 5 about URC recommendations:

Resolutions Committee moves to adopt the changed text for the URC resolution

Discussion:

Sue Alksnis speaks on behalf of this resolution.

Orlando speaks against this resolution.

Bob V speaks against voting for this resolution until the URC is complete

John Grosser speaks against voting for this resolution.

Ed Ungar comments about DNC Delegation voting in 2016

Kent speaks on behalf of the resolution for transparency and

Katie Solon brings up three items in the resolution that need work. First round voting, etc. There might be things the URC asks for that we do not support. We need our DNC members to have the ability to do what is right for Democrats Abroad. More changes are needed for us to pass this.

John Eastwood speaks on his experience as a DNC member and presidential campaign committee in 2016.

Bill Barnard agrees with Bob, John, and Orlando in opposing the resolution.

Ken Sherman moves to refer this resolution to committee to be brought up again in the future, seconded by Bob.

Sue moves to amend the motion to refer- refer to committee and hold electronic meeting by July 25 with a timely fashion.

(insert minutes from recording)

Katie last item

Motion vote-Refer with July 25 date

nays have it

Motion vote- refer to committee to consider again in an electronic meeting or the next global meeting

Call for votes- ayes have it

Resolution 6: Debt

Main motion: vote

Call for votes: nays have it

Resolution fails.

2:51 PM - Bylaws Part 2

Julia introduces Tom for Bylaws Part 2

Julia moves to suspend the rules. To vote on two proposals at one time

Seconded by Shari. Call for votes: Ayes have it

Rules are suspended.

**Motion to adopt 10 and 12.**

Seconded by Shari.

Call for votes: ayes have it.

SBC: proposal is to bundle resolutions and refer to the excom to distribution to the appropriate committee according to prop 4 that passed yesterday.

Seconded by will. Call for votes ayes have it.

Julia moves to end the meeting. Seconded.

**2:58 PM - Meeting adjourned for Day 2**