

DEMOCRATS ABROAD DELEGATE SELECTION PLAN FOR THE 2020 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

Section 1 Introduction and Description of Delegate Selection Process

A. Introduction

1. Democrats Abroad has a total of twenty-one (21) National Convention delegates, of whom eight (8) are sitting Democratic National Committee members (each with half (½) a vote), twelve are at-large delegates, and one (1) is a pledged PLEO delegate. Democrats Abroad also has at least one (1) alternate, and one (1) convention page. (*Call I & Appendix B.*) The Democrats Abroad National Convention delegation shall be composed of these twenty-one (21) delegates, all alternates, and the convention page.
 - a. If there is more than one presidential candidate with elected National Convention delegates then there may be an additional alternate for each presidential candidate having elected National Convention delegates.
 - b. If there are any distinguished party leader delegates, then the total number of National Convention delegates will be increased by the number of distinguished party leaders.
2. The delegate selection process is governed by the *Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States*, the *Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention* ("Call"), the *Delegate Selection Rules for the 2020 Democratic National Convention* ("Rules"), the *Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2020 Democratic National Convention* ("Regs."), the *Charter of Democrats Abroad*, and this Delegate Selection Plan. (*Call II.A*)
3. Following the adoption of this Delegate Selection Plan by the Democratic Party Committee Abroad ("DPCA"), it shall be submitted for review and approval by the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee ("RBC"). The International Chair of Democrats Abroad shall be empowered, after consultation with the Executive Committee of Democrats Abroad and the Affirmative Action Committee, to make any revisions to this document as required by the RBC to correct any omissions and/or deficiencies as found by the RBC to ensure its full compliance with Party Rules. Such corrections shall be made by the International Chair and International Counsel of Democrats Abroad and the Plan resubmitted to the RBC within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice of the RBC's findings. (*Reg. 2.5, Reg. 2.6 & Reg. 2.7.*)

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2 4. Once this Plan has been found in compliance by the RBC, any amendment to the
3 Plan by Democrats Abroad will be submitted to and approved by the RBC before
4 it becomes effective. (*Reg. 2.9.*)
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6 **B. Description of the Delegate Selection Process**

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- 8 1. Democrats Abroad will use a proportional-representation system based on the
9 results of a State-Party-run presidential preference vote, for apportioning dele-
10 gates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention. References in this Plan to
11 "Presidential Preference Vote," "Global Primary," or simply "Primary" shall be a
12 reference to the same process for selecting delegates.
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14 2. The "first determining step" of Democrats Abroad's delegate selection process
15 will be a committee-run presidential preference vote involving voting in person,
16 by regular mail, by fax, or by email, which will occur during the period from March
17 3, 2020 to March 10, 2020.
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19 3. Delegate seats shall be apportioned in a fashion that fairly reflects the expressed
20 presidential preference or uncommitted status of the Global Primary voters (*Rule*
21 *14.A*).
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23 4. Delegate selection shall take place at regional conventions and the Global Con-
24 vention, all of which shall be held and concluded after the Global Primary but prior
25 to June 21, 2020. All meetings, regional conventions, and the Global Convention
26 held pursuant hereto shall be conducted using the latest edition of Robert's Rules
27 of Order.
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29 **C. Voter Participation**

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- 31 1. Participation in Democrats Abroad's delegate selection process is open to all
32 United States citizens residing outside the United States who will be eighteen
33 (18) years of age or older on November 3, 2020 and who wish to participate as
34 Democrats.
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36 a. Each individual participating in the Global Primary must sign a Declaration to
37 the effect of the preceding sentence in the form of the Declaration set forth
38 as Attachment ___ hereto and shall thereby become a participant in the Global
39 Primary. A person who wishes to participate in the Global Primary and is not
40 a member of Democrats Abroad must first join Democrats Abroad by com-
41 pleting an online membership form prior to participating in the Global Primary,
42 which may be done at a Democrats Abroad Voting Center (defined below) on
43 the date of the Global Primary, and by completing the Declaration appearing
44 on the ballot. (*Rules 2.A. & 2.C. & Reg. 4.3.*)
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- 1 b. At no stage of Democrats Abroad's delegate selection process shall any per-
2 son be required, directly or indirectly, to pay a cost or fee to Democrats
3 Abroad as a condition for participating. Voluntary contributions to the party
4 may be made, but under no circumstances shall a contribution be mandatory
5 for participation. (*Rule 2.D & Reg. 4.4.*)
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7 c. No person shall participate or vote in the nominating process for the Demo-
8 cratic presidential candidate who also participates in the nominating process
9 of any other delegation to the 2020 Democratic National Convention or of any
10 other political party for the corresponding presidential elections. (*Rule 2.E.*)
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12 d. No person shall vote more than once in the committee-run Presidential Pref-
13 erence Vote process. (*Rule 3.E & Reg. 4.6.*)
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15 2. Democrats Abroad supports and will continue to support the efforts of Democratic
16 State Parties and legislators to enhance voter and election security, particularly
17 but not exclusively in the delivery and processing of ballots cast from outside the
18 United States.
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20 3. In accordance with the Democratic Party's requirement to assess and improve
21 participation with respect to presidential preference and the delegate selection
22 process, Democrats Abroad has and will continue Voter Protection programs that
23 protect and expand the vote with educational, legislative, and litigation-based ef-
24 forts as appropriate. These programs include cooperation with other State Parties
25 and the DNC, as well as individual projects and global committees within Demo-
26 crats Abroad. (*Rule 2.I and 2.I.1*)
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28 4. As part of encouraging participation in the delegate selection process by voters,
29 Democrats Abroad uses same-day registration of voters for the Democratic pres-
30 idential nominating process. (*Rule 2.I.2*)
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32 5. Democrats Abroad uses its existing organization across the globe, and its country
33 committees, for communications with voters to ensure an open and inclusive del-
34 egate Selection process and resist attempts at voter suppression and disenfran-
35 chisement. In addition, this Delegate Selection Plan meets the following require-
36 ments: (*Rule 2.K*)
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38 a. The ballot for voting by mail, fax, or email will incorporate features to safe-
39 guard against error and fraud; (*Rule 2.K.1*)
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41 b. Democrats Abroad has the technical ability and financial resources to suc-
42 cessfully run a process not significantly different from previous plans; [See
43 Attachment ____.] (*Rule 2.K.2*)
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- 1 c. Same-day voter registration and party-affiliation changes are possible at vot-
2 ing locations, noting that Americans living abroad may also need to change
3 party affiliation with their voting state; (Rule 2.K.3)
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5 d. Democrats Abroad will publicly report the total results for each candidate
6 based on the final global tally of votes cast in the Global Primary; (Rule 2.K.4)
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8 e. At the time of the final global count, the allocation of all National Convention
9 delegates will be locked in, subject to recount; (Rule 2.K.5)
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11 f. Paper ballots and electronically-delivered ballots will be securely preserved
12 to ensure the availability of an accurate recount if necessary; (Rule 2.K.6)
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14 g. Using Form K below, filed according to the included instructions and with
15 costs paid in advance, a presidential candidate may request a recount to be
16 carried out in a timely manner; (Rule 2.K.7)
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18 h. The mechanisms of this Delegate Selection Plan are designed expressly to
19 allow voters who are unable to be a part of the process in person to participate,
20 with features such as a week-long period for in-person voting, and early and
21 simultaneous voting by mail, fax, and email. (Rule 2.K.8)
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23 i. Although the Americans with Disabilities Act and Sections 203 and 208 of the
24 Voting Rights Act do not apply to voters living abroad, Democrats Abroad will
25 engage in education and outreach to ensure accessibility, including specifi-
26 cally for people with disabilities and for people with limited English proficiency.
27 (Rule 2.K.9)
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29 6. Scheduling of Delegate Selection Meetings
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31 The dates, times, and places for all official Democrats Abroad meetings and
32 events related to Democrats Abroad's delegate selection process have been
33 scheduled to encourage the participation of all Democrats. Democrats Abroad
34 will make every effort, despite its nature as a global organization, to ensure such
35 meetings begin and end at reasonable hours. (Rule 3.A. & Reg. 4.)
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38 Section II

39 Presidential Candidates

40 A. Ballot Access

- 41 1. A presidential candidate gains access to Democrats Abroad's Global Primary by
42 filing a candidacy statement in the form of Attachment ___ to this Plan with the
43 International Chair of Democrats Abroad no later than January 6, 2020.
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2. As a condition precedent to ballot access for the Democrats Abroad Global Presidential Primary, each presidential candidate must file a petition, in the form prescribed by the International Chair, containing the valid original signatures of 300 registered voters (*i.e.*, members of Democrats Abroad) with the International Chair of Democrats Abroad no later than January 6, 2020. The International Chair, upon request, shall make the form and rules governing the petition process available to presidential campaigns on or before September 1, 2019. Members of Democrats Abroad may sign petitions for more than one presidential candidate; provided, however, that once a member has signed a petition and provided all required information, that member has no right to rescind or otherwise remove the member's signature from the petition;
3. As a condition precedent to ballot access for the Democrats Abroad Global Presidential Primary, each presidential campaign must pay a ballot access fee in the sum of \$2,500 to the Democratic Party Committee Abroad no later than January 6, 2020;
4. The ballot for the Democrats Abroad Global Primary will include a category for "uncommitted." Write-in candidacies will not be permitted. (*Rules 11.B., 14.A., 14.B., 14.D., 14.E., & 14.H.*)

B. Other Requirements

1. Certification of Authorized Representative. Each presidential candidate shall certify in writing to the International Chair of Democrats Abroad the name(s) the presidential candidate's authorized representative(s) by January 6, 2020. (*Rule 13.D.1.*)
2. Best Efforts. Each presidential candidate (including uncommitted status) shall use best efforts to ensure that the presidential candidate's respective delegation within the Democrats Abroad delegation achieves the affirmative-action, outreach, and inclusion goals established by and under this Plan and that the delegation is equally divided between men and women.
3. Statement of Full Participation. Each presidential candidate shall submit a statement that specifies what steps he or she is taking and will take to encourage full participation in the delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, (i) whether the presidential candidate's campaign may defray all or part of the expenses of those delegates otherwise unable to participate in the National Convention and (ii) procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate. presidential candidates are required to present this information no later than January 6, 2020 in their letters of candidacy referred to above. (Sec. VII.F.2, *Rules 6.G., 6.H.1., and 6.I.*) presidential candidates are also required to submit such full participation statements to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee at the same time they are submitted to Democrats Abroad. (*Rule 6.H.1*)

- 1 4. Withdrawal of Candidacy. No presidential candidate who has filed a timely letter
2 of candidacy pursuant hereto shall be deemed to have withdrawn his/her candi-
3 dacy unless such candidate files a letter of withdrawal with the International Chair
4 of Democrats Abroad. In this event, the International Chair of Democrats Abroad
5 shall so notify all country committees as soon as practicable.
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8 **Section III**

9 **Apportionment, Allocation and Selection of Delegates**

10 **and Alternates**

11 **A. Apportionment of Delegates and Alternate**

- 12 1. Global Apportionment. Democrats Abroad shall select twelve (12) at-large dele-
13 gates (*Call, Art. 1.E*) and one (1) pledged party leader and elected official (PLEO)
14 delegate (*Rule 8.C., Call I.B., II., Appendix B & Reg. 4.31*) to the National Con-
15 vention. Further, Democrats Abroad shall select one (1) alternate per presidential
16 preference group receiving delegates (*Call, Art. I.I*). Democrats Abroad has no
17 district-level delegates (*Call, Appendix B*).
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19 a. Fair Reflection of Presidential Preference. Delegates shall be apportioned to
20 presidential preference groups in a fashion that fairly reflects the expressed
21 presidential preference or uncommitted status of the Democrats Abroad
22 Global Presidential Primary voters (*Rule 14.A*). Therefore, all at-large dele-
23 gates shall be apportioned according to the percentage of each presidential
24 preference (including uncommitted status) as determined by the Global Pres-
25 idential Primary vote, except that a preference falling below a threshold of
26 fifteen percent (15%) shall not be awarded any delegates or alternates.
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28 b. Delegate Threshold. In all situations where no preference reaches the 15%
29 threshold, the threshold shall be half the percentage of the vote received in
30 the Global Presidential Primary by the front-runner.
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32 c. Delegate Apportionment Formula. Democrats Abroad's twelve (12) at-large
33 delegates and one (1) PLEO delegate shall be apportioned according to the
34 following procedures:
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36 Step 1: To three decimals, tabulate the percent-
37 age of the vote that each presidential pref-
38 erence (including uncommitted status) re-
39 ceives in the Global Presidential Primary.
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41 Step 2: To three decimals, re-tabulate the per-
42 centage of the vote received by each
43 presidential preference excluding the
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1 votes of presidential preference groups
2 with percentages in Step 1 that fall below
3 15%.

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5 Step 3: Multiply the total number of at-large dele-
6 gates and PLEO delegates (13 in total) to
7 be apportioned by the percentage re-
8 ceived by each presidential preference.
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10 Step 4: Delegates shall be assigned to each
11 presidential preference based on the
12 whole numbers which result from the mul-
13 tiplication in Step 3.
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15 Step 5: Remaining delegates, if any, shall be as-
16 signed in order of the highest fractional re-
17 mainders in Step 3.
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- 19 2. Regional Selection. Nine (9) of the at-large delegates to the National Convention
20 will be selected at regional conventions organized at the level of each recognized
21 region of Democrats Abroad. The recognized regions of Democrats Abroad are:
22 (a) the Americas; (b) Asia-Pacific (AP); and (c) Europe, Middle East & Africa
23 (EMEA). A list of the recognized voting and non-voting Country Committees in
24 each region as of the date of approval of this Plan is attached hereto as Attach-
25 ment ____.
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- 27 a. To receive and cast votes in a regional convention, a Country Committee
28 must be in good standing with the Democratic Party Committee Abroad as of
29 December 31, 2019.
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- 31 b. The nine (9) at-large delegates to be selected by the regional conventions
32 will be re-apportioned among the regions from the global pool of apportioned
33 delegate seats. Re-apportionment shall be based on a formula taking into
34 account Democratic strength of the regions in the Global Primary. Following
35 the Global Primary, the International Chair of Democrats Abroad shall deter-
36 mine the Democratic strength of each region based on the number of Demo-
37 crats who participate in the Global Primary.
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- 39 c. Each Country Committee shall be allotted, *pro rata*, regional delegate votes
40 based on such Country Committee's Democratic strength in the Global Pri-
41 mary, as certified in accordance with Section III.A.3, below.
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- 43 3. Regional Re-apportionment Based on Democratic Participation. The number of
44 at-large delegates to be selected by each region shall reflect the percentage of
45 Democratic participation within the region voting in the Global Primary, as certi-
46 fied by the International Chair of Democrats Abroad; provided, however, that each

1 regional convention shall be entitled to elect at least one National Convention
2 delegate. In determining the Democratic participation of each region, the Inter-
3 national Chair of Democrats Abroad shall take into account the total amount of
4 votes from voting and non-voting Country Committees in good standing as well
5 as from members of Democrats Abroad within each region who are not members
6 of such Country Committees. The number of delegates apportioned to each pres-
7 idential candidate is fixed by the global apportionment formula of Section III.A.1.c.,
8 above; it is impossible for preference groups to gain or lose delegates in the pro-
9 cess of regional re-apportionment.

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11 a. Regional Re-apportionment Formula:

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13 Step 1: To three decimals, tabulate the Demo-
14 cratic participation in the Global Primary
15 in each region by dividing the number of
16 Primary votes cast within the region by the
17 total number of Primary votes cast glob-
18 ally.

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20 Step 2: Multiply the total number of delegates to
21 be selected by the regions (9 at-large del-
22 egates) by the Democratic participation in
23 each region.

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25 Step 3: Delegates shall be assigned to each re-
26 gion based on the whole numbers which
27 result from the multiplication in Step 2.

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29 Step 4: Remaining delegates, if any, shall be as-
30 signed in order of the highest fractional re-
31 mainders in Step 3.

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33 b. Allocation of delegates to preference groups within a region. The process of
34 allocating delegates within region shall begin with the region with the lowest
35 Democratic participation. All eligible delegates shall be assigned to prefer-
36 ence groups within that region in accordance with the allocation process, be-
37 low, before beginning the process of allocating delegates to the next region.
38 Regional allocation shall be conducted in ascending order based on regional
39 Democratic participation.

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41 (i) Allocation Process. If a regional convention is to select only one (1) Na-
42 tional Convention delegate, it shall select such delegate from among the
43 delegate-candidates having been approved by the preference group (e.g.,
44 the presidential candidate) receiving the most votes worldwide in the
45 Presidential Preference Vote; if it is to select two (2) delegates, then it
46 shall select one delegate from among the delegate-candidates having

1 been approved by the preference group receiving the most votes world-
2 wide in the Global Primary and one from among the delegate-candidates
3 having been approved by the preference group receiving the second
4 most votes worldwide, and so forth until one delegate is assigned to each
5 preference group eligible to receive votes.
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7 (ii) If, after allocating delegates in accordance with the preceding paragraph,
8 the region remains entitled to select more delegates, the allocation pro-
9 cess shall repeat until all delegate seats re-apportioned to the region
10 have been allocated to preference groups; provided, however, that at no
11 time during the regional allocation process may a delegate be allocated
12 to any preference group if doing so would exceed the preference group's
13 total number of globally apportioned delegates.
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15 4. Global Balancing. The remaining three (3) at-large delegates and the one (1)
16 pledged PLEO delegate will be selected at the Global Convention. The number
17 of delegates to be elected for each preference group shall be determined by sub-
18 tracting each preference group's total number of delegates selected at the re-
19 gional levels from the total number of delegates apportioned to each preference
20 group according to the delegate apportionment formula in Section III.A.1.c. The
21 first delegate allocated to, and selected by, the preference group receiving the
22 highest number of votes in the Global Primary shall be the pledged PLEO dele-
23 gate.
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25 5. All members of the Democrats Abroad delegation to the National Convention,
26 including at-large delegates, the pledged PLEO delegate, alternates and conven-
27 tion pages, at the time of their selection as well as at the time of the National
28 Convention, shall be members of Democrats Abroad, reside outside the United
29 States, have the interest, welfare, and success of the Democratic Party of the
30 United States and of Democrats Abroad at heart, and subscribe to the substance,
31 intent, and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the
32 United States and the Charter of Democrats Abroad.
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34 6. Equal Division of At-Large Delegates and Alternate
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36 a. Democrats Abroad's total number of at-large delegates will be equally divided
37 between men and women. The male and female membership of the standing
38 committees shall be as equally divided among the men and women as pos-
39 sible; the variance between men and women in any committee or among the
40 three committees in aggregate shall not exceed one. (Call VII.E.2)
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42 b. In the case of gender non-binary delegates or alternates, they shall not be
43 counted as either a male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall
44 be equally divided by gender. (*Rule 6.C*).
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2 7. At-Large Delegate and Alternate Filing Requirements
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- 4 a. All candidates for the positions of at-large delegate or alternate to the Na-
5 tional Convention must be identified as to presidential preference, uncommi-
6 tted, or automatic status at all levels that determine presidential preference.
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- 8 b. To become a candidate for at-large delegate to be elected at a regional con-
9 vention, an individual may submit a written application to the International
10 Chair of Democrats Abroad beginning on March 24, 2020; all applications
11 must be received on or before April 17, 2020 (Pacific Daylight Time) or 14
12 days before the appropriate regional convention, whichever is earlier. An
13 individual may apply as a candidate for at-large delegate to be elected by the
14 Global Convention, pledged PLEO delegate, or alternate by informing the In-
15 ternational Chair of Democrats Abroad of the individual's candidacy in writing
16 beginning on March 24, 2020; all applications must be received on or before
17 April 17, 2020 (Pacific Daylight Time). All notices of candidacy for the posi-
18 tions of delegate or alternate to the National Convention shall be made using
19 the form attached hereto as Attachment ___, or such other written form as the
20 International Chair of Democrats Abroad may reasonably require.
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- 22 c. An individual may be a candidate for at-large delegate, alternate, and for
23 pledged PLEO delegate at the same time, and may inform the International
24 Chair of Democrats Abroad of the individual's candidacy for all such positions
25 by the same notice. Candidates for at-large delegate, pledged PLEO dele-
26 gate, or alternate who timely file notice of their candidacy for one or more
27 such positions with the International Chair of Democrats Abroad and who are
28 not chosen for a particular position may be considered as a candidate for all
29 other positions without having to file notice of their candidacy for such other
30 positions provided the candidate has been approved by the presidential can-
31 didate they have pledged to support.
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- 33 d. Candidates for at-large delegate, alternate, and pledged PLEO delegate must
34 file in all instances a signed pledge of support for a presidential candidate
35 (including uncommitted status).
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- 37 e. A candidate for at-large delegate, pledged PLEO delegate, or alternate need
38 not be an elector participating in a regional convention or the Global Conven-
39 tion, but must (i) be a United States citizen who will be eighteen (18) years or
40 older on or before November 3, 2020, (ii) at the time of selection as well as
41 at the time of the National Convention, shall be members of Democrats
42 Abroad, (iii) at the time of selection as well as at the time of the National
43 Convention, reside temporarily or permanently outside the United States, (iv)
44 have the interests, welfare, and success of the Democratic Party of the United
45 States and of Democrats Abroad at heart and subscribes to the substance,
46 intent, and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of

1 the United States and the Charter of Democrats Abroad.

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- 3 f. Any authorized representative for a presidential candidate or preference
- 4 group who is responsible for the approval of delegate and alternate candi-
- 5 dates (as provided in Section VII, below) is not eligible to be a candidate for
- 6 at-large delegate, alternate, or pledged PLEO delegate for any presidential
- 7 candidate (including uncommitted). Authorized representatives may be elec-
- 8 tors at the regional convention or Global Convention if otherwise qualified.
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10 8. Presidential Candidate Right of Review for At-Large Delegates and Alternate

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- 12 a. The International Chair of Democrats Abroad shall convey to the presidential
- 13 candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), a list of all per-
- 14 sons who have filed notice of their candidacy for at-large delegates to be
- 15 elected by the regional conventions, not later than April 20, 2020 or 10 days
- 16 before the appropriate regional convention, whichever is earlier. The Inter-
- 17 national Chair of Democrats Abroad shall convey to the presidential candi-
- 18 date, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), a list of all persons who
- 19 have filed notice of their candidacy for the remaining at-large delegates,
- 20 pledged PLEO delegate, and alternate not later than April 20, 2020 for at-
- 21 large delegates, alternate, and the pledged PLEO delegate to be elected at
- 22 the Global Convention, pledged to that presidential candidate. (*Rule 13.D &*
- 23 *Rule 13.F.*)
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- 25 b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s),
- 26 must then file with the International Chair of Democrats Abroad by April 24,
- 27 2020 or 6 days before the appropriate regional convention, whichever is ear-
- 28 lier for the regional conventions, or with respect to the Global Convention by
- 29 April 24, 2020, as the case may be, a list of all approved delegate-candidates,
- 30 provided that, at a minimum, two (2) names remain for every National Con-
- 31 vention delegate or alternate position to which the presidential candidate is
- 32 entitled. For the sake of equal division, the total set of names approved must
- 33 include at least as many women (determined by gender self-identification) as
- 34 the total number of positions, and at least as many men (determined by gen-
- 35 der self-identification) as the total number of positions. These conditions (im-
- 36 plementing equal division) may not be used to reject, or limit the number of,
- 37 non-binary gender candidates. (*Rule 12.E.1 & Reg. 4.24.*)
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- 39 c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate and alternate can-
- 40 didates submitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candi-
- 41 date, or the authorized representative(s), signifies otherwise in writing to the
- 42 International Chair of Democrats Abroad not later than as above specified.
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- 44 d. National Convention delegate and alternate candidates removed from the list
- 45 of *bona fide* candidates by a presidential candidate, or that presidential can-
- 46 didate's authorized representative(s), may not be selected as a delegate or

1 alternate at that level pledged to that presidential candidate (including un-
2 committed status). (*Rule 12.E & Reg. 4.24.*)
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- 4 e. The International Chair of Democrats Abroad shall certify in writing to the Co-
5 Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential
6 candidate (including uncommitted status) has used the presidential candi-
7 date's best efforts to ensure that the presidential candidate's respective del-
8 egate and alternate candidates meet the affirmative-action and inclusion con-
9 siderations and goals detailed in the affirmative action section of this Plan,
10 within three (3) days of returning the list of approved candidates.
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12 9. Priority of Consideration 13

- 14 a. In the selection of the at-large delegation priority of consideration shall be
15 given to African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans,
16 Pacific Islanders, and women. (*Rule 6.A.*)
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18 b. In order to continue the Democratic Party's ongoing efforts to include groups
19 historically under-represented in the Democratic Party's affairs and to assist
20 in the achievement of full participation by these groups, priority of considera-
21 tion shall also be given other groups by virtue of race/ethnicity, age, sexual
22 orientation, gender identity, or disability. (*Rule 5.C, Rule 6.A.3 & Reg. 4.7.*)
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24 c. The selection of at-large delegates and alternate shall be used, if necessary,
25 to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women, and may
26 be used to achieve the representation goals established in the affirmative
27 action section of this Plan. (*Rule 6.A & Rule 6.C.*)
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29 d. Delegates and alternates are to be considered separate groups for this pur-
30 pose. (*Rule 6.A.3, Rule 10.A, Reg. 4.8 & Reg. 4.19.*)
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- 32 10. The International Chair of Democrats Abroad shall certify in writing to the Secre-
33 tary of the Democratic National Committee the selection of Democrats Abroad's
34 at-large delegates and alternate to the Democratic National Convention on May
35 26, 2020. (*Rule 8.C & Call IV.A.*)
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37 11. Rounding 38

39 In any calculation required hereunder except as otherwise indicated, any number
40 that may require to be rounded shall be rounded upwards to the nearest round
41 number if it is equal to or greater than 0.455 and shall be rounded down wards
42 to the nearest round number if it is less than 0.455.
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B. Global Primary

1. Participation Requirements and Procedures

- a. Participation in the Primary shall be open to any person who: (i) is a member of Democrats Abroad; (ii) has the interests, welfare, and success of the Democratic Party of the United States and of Democrats Abroad at heart; (iii) subscribes to the substance, intent, and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States and the Charter of Democrats Abroad; (iv) will participate in the Primary in good faith and wishes to participate as a Democrat; and (v) will be eighteen (18) years of age or older on or before November 3, 2020. Each individual participating in the Primary must sign a Declaration to the effect of the preceding sentence in the form of the Declaration set forth as Attachment ___ hereto and shall thereby become a participant in the Primary. A person who wishes to participate in the Primary and is not a member of Democrats Abroad must first join Democrats Abroad by completing a membership form prior to participating in the Primary.
- b. No proxy voting is allowed in the Global Primary.
- c. Persons wishing to participate in the Democrats Abroad Primary and who reside in countries where there is neither a voting nor non-voting Country Committee of Democrats Abroad in good standing may do so by voting by mail, fax, or email ballot as long as they meet the participation requirements previously described. Ballots will be posted to the Democrats Abroad website for download or may be requested as per Section II.B.4.a. and later submitted to the International Chair.
- d. In the case of voting by mail, such person's ballots shall be returned to the International Chair, to be received no later than March 16, 2020.
- e. The International Chair of Democrats Abroad shall ensure that all such ballots are tabulated and accounted for, country by country, in the worldwide tabulation of votes cast during the Global Primary. Such ballots shall be included for the purpose of calculating the Democratic strength of each region, each Country Committee, and of each presidential candidate (including uncommitted).
- f. Procedures for the Primary

All members of Democrats Abroad are presumed qualified to vote in the Global Primary unless positive proof can be established to the contrary. Positive proof of this kind could include, but would not be limited to, documents that indicate that a person attempting to vote is not a U.S. citizen, is not a member of Democrats Abroad, is a member of a Country Committee of Democrats Abroad other than the one in which the voter is seeking to participate,

1 or records indicating that the person attempting to vote has voted in another
2 Country Committee, in another delegation's delegate selection process, or in
3 the corresponding elections of another political party. In case of a challenge,
4 the person challenged may cast a provisional ballot. The Democrats Abroad
5 Executive Committee shall establish procedures to prevent multiple voting by
6 any person.
7

8 g. Voting in the Global Primary and Ballot Design
9

10 (i) Voting in the Global Primary shall require completion of a ballot by those
11 seeking to vote.
12

13 (ii) The ballots shall require that each voter wishing to vote provide all of the
14 following information:
15

16 (1) Full name of person voting;
17

18 (2) Mailing address;
19

20 (3) Email address (if voting by email);
21

22 (4) Date of birth;
23

24 (5) A statement in the form of Attachment __ hereto confirming that the
25 person is voting as a Democrat;
26

27 (6) Presidential candidate (including uncommitted) preference;
28

29 (7) U.S. voting address (city and state at minimum); and
30

31 (8) Signature of voter attesting to the truth of the information provided.
32

33 (iii) The ballots shall include fields that permit each voter provide the following
34 optional information:
35

36 (1) Telephone number;
37

38 (2) Email address.
39

40 (iv) Provisional ballots shall contain all of the same information required un-
41 der the previous sub-section but shall be clearly marked as "provisional
42 ballots."
43

44 (v) Those who fail to provide all required information as listed above shall
45 not be permitted to vote or, if a ballot is nevertheless cast, it shall be
46 invalid.

- 1
- 2 (vi) No voter may cast more than one valid ballot. After a voter casts a valid
- 3 ballot, all subsequent ballots shall be invalid and shall not be tallied.
- 4
- 5 (vii) If a voter has cast one or more spoiled ballots, the voter may cast a sub-
- 6 sequent ballot or ballots until such time as a valid ballot has been cast.
- 7
- 8 (viii) The International Chair, or a designated election official, shall declare in-
- 9 valid all ballots cast by a voter upon finding, based on clear and convinc-
- 10 ing evidence, that the ballots were cast with the intent that more than one
- 11 ballot would be tallied. All such decisions shall be in writing, shall explain
- 12 the factual basis for the finding, and shall, as soon as possible, be sent
- 13 to the International Chair and to International Counsel. Any decision
- 14 made by a designated election official is reviewable by the International
- 15 Chair, and the decision of the International Chair shall be final.
- 16

17 2. Voting Center Rules

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- 19 a. Voting at Voting Centers shall be conducted at a local time and place deter-
- 20 mined by each Country Committee during the period from March 3, 2020
- 21 through March 10, 2020.
- 22
- 23 b. Each Voting Center shall be managed by the Voting Center Manager, who
- 24 shall be the Chapter or Country Committee Chair or his/her designee. If the
- 25 Chapter or Country Committee Chair is designating someone other than him-
- 26 self/herself to serve as Voting Center Manager, a letter or email that desig-
- 27 nates the Voting Center Manager must be directed to the International Chair
- 28 of Democrats Abroad so that it is received no later than December 31, 2019.
- 29 Replacement of Voting Center Managers after that date shall be by letter or
- 30 email from the Chapter or Country Committee Chair to the International Chair
- 31 of Democrats Abroad.
- 32
- 33 c. The Voting Center Manager shall take all steps necessary to make certain
- 34 that: only persons who are eligible are allowed to vote; ballots are completed
- 35 and tabulated; results are reported to the International Chair of Democrats
- 36 Abroad; and the ballots are sent to the International Chair of Democrats
- 37 Abroad. Specifically, the Voting Center Manager shall:
- 38
- 39 (i) not allow any voting by proxy;
- 40
- 41 (ii) terminate voting at the time the Voting Center is closed; those in line at
- 42 the time the Voting Center closes being nevertheless allowed to vote;
- 43
- 44 (iii) maintain all ballots in a safe location in such a way they remain undis-
- 45 turbed and untampered with during the entire voting period. For this pur-
- 46 pose, the Voting Center Managers may remove the ballots from the

Voting Centers at the end of each day of voting;

(iv) see that the ballots are accurately tabulated and make note of any challenges and any provisional ballots cast;

(v) after tabulation, secure and seal all ballots and send them immediately by special courier or registered mail to the International Chair of Democrats Abroad; also included in this package shall be the results of the tabulation and a signed statement that the tabulation is an accurate reflection of the votes cast in the Primary for that Country Committee;

(vi) report the results of the tabulation to the International Chair of Democrats Abroad by telephone or the International Chair's designee, immediately upon completion of the tabulation. In addition, the results of the tabulation and the signed statement shall be emailed in scanned format to the International Chair of Democrats Abroad at chair@democratsabroad.org.

(vii) appoint any persons or committees necessary for the smooth operation of the Voting Center.

d. On the date the Voting Center is open for voting, or if open on more than one date then on the date designated by the Country Committee or Chapter, the Voting Center Manager may also organize at the Voting Center the adoption of resolutions to be submitted to the Platform Committee of the regional Convention of Democrats Abroad for the region in which the Voting Center is located. The discussion and adoption of such resolutions shall be organized in such a fashion as not to disrupt voting at the Voting Center.

3. Establishment of Voting Centers

a. Members of Democrats Abroad may vote in person at the Voting Center of a Country Committee.

b. Each Country Committee shall set up Voting Centers at which in-person voting for the Global Presidential Primary shall be conducted. Absent waiver for good cause granted by the Executive Committee of the DPCA, each recognized Chapter within a Country Committee shall have at least one (1) voting center; a Country Committee may establish additional Voting Centers. A Country Committee without recognized Chapters must set up at least one (1) Voting Center. Absent a duly approved waiver, Country Committees that do not set up the required number of Voting Centers shall not be permitted to send delegations to the regional convention or the Global Convention, although the votes of members of Democrats Abroad mailed, faxed, or emailed to the International Chair of Democrats Abroad shall not be invalidated for the sole reason of the failure of the Country Committee to open Voting Centers.

- 1 c. Before December 31, 2019, each Country Committee shall determine the
2 number of Voting Centers where voting in person will be held that will be
3 established by the Country Committee and notify the number of Voting Cen-
4 ters and their addresses to the International Chair of Democrats Abroad.
5
6 d. In every Country Committee:
7
8 (i) The Voting Centers shall be accessible; any building may be used as a
9 site for a Voting Center with the exception of a private home; provided,
10 however, that a private home may be used if a request for an exemption
11 therefore is made in writing before December 31, 2019 to the Interna-
12 tional Chair of Democrats Abroad and good cause for the exemption is
13 shown.
14
15 (ii) The Country Committee shall be responsible for locating, staffing, and
16 paying any costs associated with the Voting Centers.
17
18 (iii) Before December 31, 2019, the Country Committee shall determine the
19 location of Voting Centers and determining the date on which such Voting
20 Centers shall be opened for voting and shall immediately forward that
21 determination to the International Chair of Democrats Abroad.
22
23 (iv) After the adoption of the final list of Voting Centers, in the event of an
24 unpreventable change in one or more locations, the International Chair
25 of Democrats Abroad shall be empowered to act, after consultation with
26 the Country Committee where the change must occur, to undertake a
27 reasonable effort at public notification. No change may be made in any
28 location of a Voting Center, without the written agreement of the Interna-
29 tional Chair of Democrats Abroad.
30

31 4. Voting by Mail/Fax 32

- 33 a. Any individual may apply for said individual's ballot by phone, mail, fax, or
34 email and a ballot will be provided to the individual, if qualified. Only individ-
35 uals may apply for a ballot. Mass applications and applications by organiza-
36 tions for ballots shall not be granted. Individual applications may be delivered
37 as a group. Applications must be received by Country Committee Chairs or
38 their designees, or by the International Chair if from a member in a country
39 without a Country Committee, at the designated location(s) by 11:59 P.M.
40 (local time) on February 18, 2020. Mail ballots shall be transmitted to appli-
41 cants by mail, fax, or email by no earlier than February 18, 2020 and no later
42 than February 25, 2020.
43
44 b. The International Chair may make ballots available by electronic means no
45 earlier than February 18, 2020 and no later than March 10, 2020.
46

- 1 c. All ballots shall be in a form prescribed by the International Chair of Demo-
2 crats Abroad and shall, at a minimum, include the same information as re-
3 quired for voting in person.
4
5 d. Anyone who votes by mail or fax or email may not vote again at a Voting
6 Center or otherwise. If multiple votes are received from one voter, only the
7 first ballot cast shall be tallied, provided said ballot is not spoiled.
8
9 e. Vote-by-mail ballots must be received via post or private postal courier at the
10 place(s) prescribed by the Chair of the Country Committee prior to March 11,
11 2020.
12
13 f. The Country Committee Chair shall see that all mail ballots received by the
14 deadline are accurately tabulated and, after tabulation, shall secure and seal
15 all ballots and send them immediately by special courier or registered mail to
16 the International Chair of Democrats Abroad; also included in this package
17 shall be the results of the tabulation of the mail ballots and a signed statement
18 that the tabulation is an accurate reflection of the votes cast in the Global
19 Primary for that Country Committee.
20
21 g. The Country Committee will pay all costs of the vote-by-mail program except
22 postage or delivery charges for the return of ballots by voters.
23

24 5. Voting by Email

25
26 Ballots may be emailed as scanned or electronically-signed copies to
27 PrimaryVoting@democratsabroad.org from 12:00 am New Zealand Daylight
28 Time on March 3, 2020 and so long as they are received prior to 12:00 am Pacific
29 Standard Time on March 11, 2020. The requirements for a scanned or electroni-
30 cally-signed ballot to be valid shall be stated on the ballot itself.
31

32 6. Uniform Rules and Equal Access by Campaigns

- 33
34 a. Presidential candidates shall be allowed to have present at each Voting Cen-
35 ter a representative who shall be allowed to observe processing of voters and
36 tabulation of ballots. Those representatives may not observe the act of voting
37 by a voter.
38
39 b. A representative of a presidential candidate shall be allowed reasonable ac-
40 cess to any site where vote by mail or email are prepared, mailed, tabulated,
41 or stored to observe those operations.
42
43 c. The International Chair of Democrats Abroad shall establish uniform rules
44 and regulations for "campaigning" of any nature at any Voting Centers. No
45 preferential treatment shall be accorded to any campaign(s). Voting Center
46 Managers shall post these uniform rules and enforce them.

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2 7. Tabulation of Results
3

- 4 a. The International Chair shall establish uniform rules and regulations for the
5 eligibility of a single ballot submitted multiple times.
6
7 b. The International Chair of Democrats Abroad shall see that all voting results
8 are tabulated and used to establish the presidential preferences of the Global
9 Primary and to apportion and allocate the number of delegates to be elected
10 by each of the regional conventions pursuant to Section III.A, above. The
11 International Chair shall notify each Regional Vice Chair of the resultant Na-
12 tional Convention delegate allocations for their respective regions no later
13 than March 23, 2020.
14

15 **C. Regional Conventions**
16

17 1. Procedures for the Regional Conventions
18

19 Democrats Abroad will hold a regional convention in each of its three (3) regions.
20 The regional conventions shall begin no earlier than April 14, 2020 New Zealand
21 Daylight Time and shall be completed no less than three (3) hours before the
22 opening of the Global Convention on May 16, 2020, at such time and place as
23 the Regional Vice Chair shall determine after consultation with the members of
24 the DPCA from that region and so notified to the International Chair by December
25 31, 2019. The date, time, and place of the regional conventions shall be publicly
26 announced as part of the affirmative action plan.
27

- 28 a. The Permanent Regional Convention Chair for each regional convention will
29 be the DPCA Regional Vice Chair for the corresponding region. If the DPCA
30 Regional Vice Chair is unable to perform this role, the DPCA Regional Vice
31 Chair may ask the International Chair to name a substitute.
32
33 b. The Permanent Regional Convention Chair will name a single Credentials
34 and Rules Committee no fewer than ten (10) days prior to the opening of the
35 regional convention. Members of the Credentials and Rules Committee for
36 the Global Convention may serve on the Credentials and Rules Committees
37 for regional conventions.
38

39 2. Regional Convention Electors
40

41 Each Country Committee in good standing shall send a delegation to the regional
42 convention for the region in which it is located. Such delegation shall be com-
43 prised only of the following electors, as confirmed and certified in paragraph 3,
44 below:
45

- 46 a. All elected national officers and DPCA voting representatives of each Country

- 1 Committee in good standing within the region, and
- 2
- 3 b. Elected chapter chairs (provided that, if a Country Committee does not elect
- 4 chapter chairs, then the recognized chapter chairs) of each Country Commit-
- 5 tee in good standing within the region, and
- 6
- 7 c. Elected members of the body charged under the bylaws of the Country Com-
- 8 mittee with the day-to-day work of the Country Committee (e.g. members-at-
- 9 large) of each Country Committee in good standing within the region, and
- 10
- 11 d. the Regional Vice Chair for the region.
- 12
- 13 3. Certification of Regional Convention Electors
- 14
- 15 Each Country Committee Chair shall certify to the International Chair of Demo-
- 16 crats Abroad, who, after verification, shall certify to the Regional Vice Chair, the
- 17 names of those regional convention electors as defined below for each Country
- 18 Committee in the region by April 13, 2020, or 30 days before the regional con-
- 19 vention, whichever is earlier. Those not certified by the deadline as confirmed
- 20 participants in the regional convention shall not be considered electors for the
- 21 regional convention.
- 22
- 23 4. Participation in Regional Conventions
- 24
- 25 a. Regional convention electors shall be the only persons eligible to vote in the
- 26 regional conventions.
- 27
- 28 b. Participation by video, audio, or web conference tools, such as WebEx, will
- 29 be provided for.
- 30
- 31 c. Any member of these groups may renounce said member's role as a regional
- 32 convention elector by written notice to the Permanent Regional Convention
- 33 Chair, the Permanent Regional Convention Secretary, or the Credentials and
- 34 Rules Committee prior to the conclusion of the roll call of the appropriate re-
- 35 gional convention.
- 36
- 37 5. Rules for Regional Conventions
- 38
- 39 The rules for each regional convention shall provide as a minimum that:
- 40
- 41 a. No less than forty percent (40%) of the regional convention electors, present
- 42 in person or participating by video, audio, or web conference, constitute a
- 43 quorum for any business pertaining to the selection of National Convention
- 44 delegates.
- 45
- 46 b. No proxies may be used.

- 1
- 2 d. The unit rule, or any rules or practice whereby all members of a party unit,
- 3 delegation, or caucus may be required to cast their votes in accordance with
- 4 the will of a majority of the body, shall not be permitted.
- 5
- 6 e. Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of can-
- 7 didates for National Convention delegates. However, no slate may by virtue
- 8 of such endorsement receive preferential treatment or a preferential place on
- 9 a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified as the "official" slate, and
- 10 all slates must meet identical qualifying requirements for appearing on the
- 11 ballot.
- 12
- 13 f. All votes for National Convention at-large delegates shall be by written signed
- 14 ballot. Representatives of the presidential candidate for which a Presidential
- 15 Preferential Group ("PPG") has been formed may inform the PPG Chair of
- 16 candidates for National Convention delegate who are unacceptable to the
- 17 presidential candidate. The PPG Chair shall make this known to the PPG.
- 18 However, if such unacceptability has not been timely made known to the In-
- 19 ternational Chair of Democrats Abroad, such unacceptability shall not be a
- 20 bar to such candidate's running for the position of National Convention dele-
- 21 gate.
- 22
- 23 g. Each election will select a single delegate. As a process that promotes gen-
- 24 der, racial, or ethnic-minority representation, with consideration for historically
- 25 under-represented groups, a candidate who has been eliminated may be re-
- 26 considered and stand again in a subsequent election.
- 27
- 28 h. The delegates elected by each PPG shall be as equally divided among the
- 29 men and women as possible; the variance between men and women in the
- 30 total delegation elected by a PPG shall not exceed one. The PPG chairs may
- 31 declare candidates of either male or female gender ineligible for a single elec-
- 32 tion in order to meet this requirement. In the case of gender non-binary dele-
- 33 gates or alternates, they shall not be counted as either a male or female, and
- 34 the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender.
- 35
- 36 6. Agenda for Regional Conventions
- 37
- 38 a. The agenda for the regional conventions shall be as follows:
- 39
- 40 (i) Registration of Regional Convention Delegates
- 41
- 42 In order to register, each regional convention elector shall sign a state-
- 43 ment of support for his/her presidential candidate (including uncommit-
- 44 ted) indicating the Country Committee and Chapter (if applicable) of
- 45 which he/she is a member. The regional convention elector shall also
- 46 sign a statement in the form of Attachments ___ and ___ hereto. These

1 statements shall be submitted to the regional convention Credentials and
2 Rules Committee.

3
4 (ii) Call to order by the Regional Vice Chair (or designee) serving as Perma-
5 nent Regional Convention Chair.

6
7 (iii) Appointment of Permanent Regional Convention Secretary ("Permanent
8 Secretary") by Permanent Regional Convention Chair.

9
10 (iv) Report of the Regional Convention Credentials and Rules Committee.

11
12 The Credentials and Rules Committee shall report the number of regis-
13 tered regional convention electors expressing each presidential prefer-
14 ence (including uncommitted) both in aggregate numbers and per Coun-
15 try Committee. Once the Credentials and Rules Committee has reported
16 and a quorum established, the regional convention may proceed to con-
17 duct its business. The Permanent Chair shall then read the following
18 statement:

19
20 "All committees and officials of Democrats Abroad shall take
21 such practical steps as may be within their legitimate power to
22 assure that all regional conventions and the Global Convention,
23 and all committees include: men and women, various age
24 groups, racial-minority groups, economic groups, traditionally
25 under-represented groups, and representatives of identifiable
26 geographically-defined populations—all in reasonable relation-
27 ship to the proportions in which these groups are found in the
28 population of the respective constituencies and without discrim-
29 ination based on creed or religious preference, sexual orienta-
30 tion, or physical disability."

31
32 Based on the certification by the International Chair of Democrats Abroad
33 of the Democratic strength in the region and the number of National Con-
34 vention delegates to be elected by the region, as well as the percentage
35 of votes obtained by each presidential candidate (including uncommitted)
36 worldwide in the Global Primary, the Credentials and Rules Committee
37 report shall contain the allocation of National Convention delegates to be
38 elected by the regional convention among the presidential preference
39 groups.

40
41 The Credentials and Rules Committee shall report to the Permanent Re-
42 gional Convention Chair the value of the vote to be cast by each regional
43 convention elector attending the regional convention. The value of the
44 vote shall be calculated according to the following formula:

1 A = Number of electors from a Country Committee in attendance

2
3 B = Democratic strength as the percentage of the participation from
4 the Country Committee in the Global Primary divided by the total par-
5 ticipation from all Country Committees in attendance at the regional
6 convention

7
8 Regional Convention Elector Vote Value = $(1/A) \times B \times 100$
9

10 In the voting in each PPG, each Country Committee shall cast its full al-
11 located number of votes according to the report of the Credentials and
12 Rules Committee by the vote of the delegates from that Country Commit-
13 tee only. No Country Committee shall be deprived of its total vote unless
14 there are no electors present from that Country Committee in that PPG,
15 except that a partial loss of votes may occur due to the temporary ab-
16 sence of electors counted "in attendance" by the report of the Credentials
17 and Rules Committee.

18
19 The report of the regional convention's Credentials and Rules Committee
20 will prescribe the method of electing members of the Platform Committee
21 in accordance with Section (xi) below.

22
23 The report of the regional convention's Credentials and Rules Committee
24 will include a summary of any decisions referred to the committee by the
25 Permanent Regional Convention Chair. These decisions are subject to
26 challenge under Section VIII below.

27
28 (v) Election of DNC Member

29
30 After the Credentials and Rules Committee report, the regional conven-
31 tion shall elect one (1) member of the Democratic National Committee,
32 whose term will begin with the closing of the 2020 Democratic National
33 Convention. Such election shall be by absolute majority of all regional
34 convention electors in attendance and with vote values as calculated
35 above.

36
37 (vi) Recess into Presidential Preference Groups

38
39 Following the election of the DNC member, the regional convention shall
40 then recess into separate PPGs for each presidential candidate pursuant
41 to their signed statement of support (including uncommitted) for the pur-
42 poses of electing the number of at-large delegates allocated to it as per
43 the results of the Presidential Preference Vote.
44
45
46

1 (vii) Election of Permanent PPG Chair
2

3 Each presidential candidate (or designee) shall appoint a Temporary
4 Chair of the PPG for the purpose of calling the PPG to order and presid-
5 ing during the election of a Permanent PPG Chair.
6

7 (viii) Election of Delegates and Alternate
8

9 (1) The Permanent Regional Convention Chair shall provide each PPG
10 with a list of those individuals approved by its presidential candidate
11 for nomination as National Convention delegates (or, in the case of
12 uncommitted, those who have submitted their candidacy). All such
13 individuals' names shall be read to the PPG by the duly elected PPG
14 Chair and shall be considered nominated when their names are
15 read. No names other than those that have been previously ap-
16 proved by the presidential candidate or her/his representative (or, in
17 the case of uncommitted, those who have submitted their candi-
18 dacy) shall be accepted.
19

20 (2) The PPG shall then proceed with the selection of the National Con-
21 vention delegates allocated to it from among the previously ap-
22 proved list of candidates.
23

24 (3) To promote balance as to gender, racial, or ethnic minority repre-
25 sentation, and in consideration for historically under-represented
26 groups, the election of each National Convention delegate shall con-
27 sist of one round of cumulative voting to eliminate delegates who
28 fail to meet a threshold, followed by a round of Ranked Choice Vot-
29 ing to select a delegate from the remaining candidates. Prior to each
30 election, the chair of the PPG shall report the comparison of the
31 representative goals to the demographic composition of the already-
32 elected National Convention delegates (including automatic dele-
33 gates), in accordance with Section VII.E.3.
34

35 For the first round, each elector will cast a ballot that allows for up
36 to three votes to be cast for one or more delegates. The first round
37 shall eliminate all candidates who do not meet the threshold of 15%
38 of the total votes.
39

40 The second round shall select a single National Convention dele-
41 gate from among the remaining candidates using Ranked Choice
42 Voting, specifically Instant Runoff Voting as described by "Maine
43 Question 5, 2016" for Maine's Congressional elections.
44

45 The rules and procedures for casting ballots, meeting the threshold
46 for first rounds, tabulating results, and determining the candidate

1 selected in each election shall be distributed with the information on
2 becoming a delegate required in Section VII.C.4 by October 1, 2019.

3
4 (ix) Reconvening of the Regional Convention

5
6 (1) At the conclusion of each of the PPG, each PPG Chair shall report
7 the results to the Permanent Regional Convention Chair.

8
9 (2) The results shall be read to the regional convention as a whole and
10 any challenge to those results shall be announced at the same time
11 either by the Permanent Regional Convention Chair or by a member
12 of the PPG whose results are being challenged.

13
14 (x) Other Elections to be Conducted and Actions to be taken by the regional
15 conventions

16
17 (1) After at-large National Convention delegates have been elected, the
18 regional convention shall proceed with the election of two (2) mem-
19 bers of the Platform Committee of the Global Convention.

20
21 (2) Elections of Platform Committee members shall be held according to
22 the report of the Credentials and Rules Committee and shall respect
23 equal division.

24
25 (3) The regional convention shall then discuss and adopt such resolu-
26 tions for submission to the Platform Committee of the Democrats
27 Abroad Global Convention. Resolutions adopted by the regional con-
28 vention shall be communicated to the Platform Committee of the
29 Global Convention by the members of the Platform Committee
30 elected by the regional convention.

31
32 (4) The regional convention shall then conduct such other business as
33 may be deemed important by the Permanent Regional Convention
34 Chair.

35
36 (xii) Adjournment

37
38 Immediately upon adjournment of each regional convention, the Perma-
39 nent Regional Convention Chair and Secretary shall certify to the Inter-
40 national Chair of Democrats Abroad the results of the selection of Na-
41 tional Convention delegates, noting any challenges. On May 26, 2020,
42 the International Chair of Democrats Abroad shall certify in writing to the
43 Secretary of the DNC the selection of the National Convention delegates
44 and alternate.

D. Global Convention

1. Introduction

- a. Democrats Abroad will hold its Global Convention on May 16 and 17, 2020 at such place and time as the Executive Committee of the DPCA shall set (by no later than December 31, 2019) after consultation with the members of the DPCA.
 - b. Delegates to the Global Convention shall be all at-large National Convention delegates elected at the regional conventions, automatic delegates (*i.e.*, all incumbent Democratic National Committee members), Democratic National Committee members-elect elected at the regional conventions, members of the DPCA, and any distinguished party leaders designated by the Secretary of the DNC. Any member of these groups may renounce said member's role as a Global Convention delegate by written notice to the International Chair or the Credentials and Rules Committee prior to the conclusion of the roll call of the Global Convention.
 - c. The Global Convention shall further elect three (3) DNC members and four (4) other delegates to the National Convention, three (3) who shall serve as at-large National Convention delegates and one (1) who shall serve as the pledged PLEO delegate. The pledged PLEO delegate as well as the DNC members and the at-large National Convention delegates elected by the Global Convention shall be chosen, if necessary, to achieve the equal divisions of positions between men and women and the representation goals established in the Democrats Abroad affirmative action plan. The Global Convention shall also elect one (1) alternate to the National Convention for each of the PPGs.
- ### 2. The International Chair will name a Credentials and Rules Committee no fewer than ten (10) days prior to the opening of the first regional convention.
- a. The International Chair of Democrats Abroad may refer questions regarding the conduct of the Global Convention to the committee prior to the opening of the Global Convention. These decisions are subject to challenge under Section VIII below.
 - b. The International Chair of Democrats Abroad will name at least six (6) members of the Platform Committee of the Global Convention prior to the opening of the first regional convention. The International Chair will announce the procedures and rules of the Platform Committee no less than two (2) days before the opening of the Global Convention, including the role of the six (6) members of the committee elected during the regional conventions.
 - c. The agenda of the Global Convention shall be announced by the International

1 Chair no less than two (2) days before the opening of the Global Convention.
2 The agenda will include a report of the Credentials and Rules Committee on
3 the participants in the Global Convention and the allocation of votes to those
4 participants, and a summary of any decisions made by the Credentials and
5 Rules Committee as referred under paragraph (d) above.
6

7 3. Procedure for the Election of Delegates by the Global Convention
8

- 9 a. The Global Convention shall be chaired by the International Chair of Demo-
10 crats Abroad or the International Chair's designee.
11
12 b. Participation by video, audio, or web conference tools, such as WebEx, will
13 be provided for.
14
15 c. A quorum shall be 40% of certified delegates eligible to vote present in person
16 or participating by video, audio, or web conference.
17
18 d. There shall be no voting by proxy.
19
20 e. Participants in the Global Convention who are DPCA members, if represent-
21 ing a Country Committee in such capacity, shall have voting rights within the
22 Global Convention in proportion to their Country Committee's turnout in the
23 Global Primary, relative to the total number of participants in the Global Pri-
24 mary of all Country Committees participating in the Global Convention. Other
25 participants in the Global Convention shall have votes equivalent to the votes
26 allocated to the Country Committee in good standing with the lowest Global
27 Primary turnout.
28
29 f. The Chair will inform the Global Convention of the gender balance of the del-
30 egation to the National Convention and the gender balance of the at-large
31 delegates to be elected, as well as the breakdown of the delegation for the
32 purposes of attaining the representation goals established in the affirmative
33 action plan. For the purposes of the selection of the pledged PLEO and at-
34 large delegates and alternate to the National Convention, the Global Conven-
35 tion will then divide into PPGs, following the rules and procedures used at the
36 regional conventions.
37
38 g. The PPGs shall proceed to elect, in the following order and as allocated: (1)
39 the pledged PLEO delegates; (2) the at-large delegates; and (3) the alternate.
40 Before each election, the Chair will inform the Global Convention of the gen-
41 der balance of the delegation to the National Convention and the gender bal-
42 ance of those to be elected, as well as the breakdown of the delegation for
43 the purpose of attaining the representation goals established in the affirma-
44 tive action plan. If necessary, the Chair may require a PPG to refrain from
45 electing one or more of its at-large delegates until the permissible gender of
46 such is determined based on the elections by the other PPGs. All elections

1 shall be conducted in two rounds, following the rules and procedures used at
2 the regional conventions. After each election, the PPGs must report the re-
3 sults of that election to the Chair. A candidate who has been eliminated may
4 be reconsidered and stand again in a subsequent election, insofar as com-
5 patible with equal division.
6

7 h. The delegates to the Global Convention shall then reconvene, and the Chair
8 shall inform them as to the gender balance of the delegation to the National
9 Convention as well as the breakdown of the delegation for the purpose of
10 attaining the representation goals established in the affirmative action plan.
11 Only then will the Global Convention proceed with the election of the three
12 (3) remaining DNC members up for election in accordance with the Charter
13 of the DPCA.
14

15 i. The names, full contact information, and presidential preference of National
16 Convention delegates and alternate elected at the Global Convention, as well
17 as the names and full contact information of the Democratic National Com-
18 mittee members elected by the regional conventions and Global Convention,
19 shall be certified by the International Chair of Democrats Abroad to the Sec-
20 retary to the Democratic National Committee on May 26, 2020.
21

22 **E. Automatic Delegates**

23
24 1. The following categories (if applicable) shall constitute the automatic delegate
25 positions:
26

27 a. Members of the Democratic National Committee representing Democrats
28 Abroad, the names of which shall be confirmed no later than March 6, 2020
29 to the International Chair of Democrats Abroad by the DNC Secretary;
30

31 b. "Distinguished party leader" delegates who legally reside outside the United
32 States (if any).
33

34 c. Persons who qualify as "distinguished party leader" delegates are: all former
35 Democratic Presidents or Vice Presidents; all former Democratic Leaders of
36 the U.S. Senate; all former Democratic Speakers of the U.S. House of Rep-
37 resentatives; all former Democratic Minority Leaders of the U.S. Senate; all
38 former Democratic Minority Leaders of the U.S. House of Representatives;
39 and all former Chairs of the Democratic National Committee. (*Rule 9.A.5,*
40 *Call I.G. & Reg. 4.14.*)
41

42 2. An automatic delegate may run and be elected as a pledged delegate. If an au-
43 tomatic delegate is elected and certified as a pledged delegate, that individual
44 shall not serve as an automatic delegate at the 2020 National Convention. (Call
45 I.J)
46

- 1 3. The certification process for the automatic and distinguished party leader dele-
2 gates is as follows:
3
4 a. Not later than March 6, 2020, the Secretary of the Democratic National Com-
5 mittee shall officially confirm to the International Chair of Democrats Abroad
6 the names of the automatic and distinguished party leader delegates who
7 legally reside outside the United States. (*Rule 9.A.*)
8
9 b. Official confirmation by the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee
10 shall constitute verification of the automatic delegates from the categories
11 indicated above. (*Call IV.B.1.*)
12
13 c. The International Chair of Democrats Abroad shall certify in writing to the
14 Secretary of the DNC the presidential preference of Democrat's Abroad's au-
15 tomatic delegates 10 days after the completion of Democrats Abroad's dele-
16 gate Selection Process. (*Call IV.C.*)
17
18 4. For purposes of achieving equal division between delegate men and delegate
19 women within Democrats Abroad's entire Convention delegation (determined by
20 gender self-identification), the entire delegation includes all pledged and auto-
21 matic delegates, including those who identify as male or female. (*Rule 6.C. and*
22 *Reg. 4.9*)
23

24 **F. Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) Delegates**

25

- 26 1. Democrats Abroad is allotted one (1) pledged PLEO delegate. The pledged
27 PLEO delegate shall be selected by the Global Convention prior to the selection
28 of at-large delegates and alternate. (*Call I.D., E. & Appendix B.*)
29
30 2. The pledged PLEO slots shall be allocated among presidential preferences on
31 the same basis as the at-large delegates. (*Rule 9.B.2, Rule 10.C, Rule 13.E &*
32 *Rule F.*)
33
34 3. Pledged PLEO Delegate Filing Requirements
35
36 a. Individuals shall be eligible for the pledged PLEO delegate position according
37 to the following priority: Officers and former Officers of the DPCA; sitting
38 Country Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs; other sitting Country Committee
39 officers and Executive Committee members; sitting Chapter Chairs, Chapter
40 Vice-Chairs, and Chapter Executive Committee members; former DNC mem-
41 bers; former Country Committee officers; and other former Democratic
42 elected officials and party leaders. (*Rule 9.B.1 & Reg. 4.15.*)
43
44 b. An individual can qualify as a candidate for a position as a pledged PLEO
45 delegate by completing and filing the form included herein as Attachment ___,
46 by April 17, 2020. (*Rule 9.B.3, Rule 14.G, Reg. 4.16 & Reg. 4.21.*)

- 1
2 c. Alternates are not selected at the pledged party leader and elected official
3 level. These alternates are combined with the at-large alternates and se-
4 lected as one unit. (*Reg. 4.31.*)
5

6 4. Presidential Candidate Right of Review
7

- 8 a. On or before April 20, 2020, the International Chair of Democrats Abroad
9 shall convey to the presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized rep-
10 resentative(s), a list of all persons who have filed notice of their candidacy
11 not later than April 17, 2020 for the pledged PLEO delegate to be elected at
12 the Global Convention, pledged to that presidential candidate. (*Rule 9.B.3 &*
13 *Rule 12.D.*)
14
15 b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s),
16 must then file with the International Chair of Democrats Abroad by April 24,
17 2020, a list of all such candidates he or she has approved for the pledged
18 PLEO delegate, provided that, at a minimum, two (2) names remain for the
19 PLEO delegate position to which the presidential candidate is entitled. For
20 the sake of equal division, the total set of names approved must include at
21 least two (2) candidates who are not men (determined by gender self-identi-
22 fication) and at least two (2) candidates who are not women (determined by
23 gender self-identification). These conditions may not be used to reject or limit
24 the number of non-binary gender candidates. (*Rule 12.E.2 & Reg. 4.24.*)
25
26 c. Failure to respond will be deemed approval of all delegate candidates sub-
27 mitted to the presidential candidate unless the presidential candidate, or the
28 authorized representative(s), signifies otherwise in writing to the International
29 Chair of Democrats Abroad not later than as above specified.
30
31 d. The International Chair of Democrats Abroad shall certify in writing to the Co-
32 Chairs of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee whether each presidential
33 candidate (including uncommitted status) has used the candidate's best ef-
34 forts to ensure that the candidate's respective delegate candidates meet the
35 affirmative-action and inclusion considerations and goals detailed in the af-
36 firmative action section of this Plan within three (3) days of returning the list
37 of approved candidates.
38
39 5. On May 26, 2020, the International Chair of Democrats Abroad shall certify in
40 writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee the selection of
41 Democrats Abroad's pledged party leader and elected official delegates to the
42 Democratic National Convention. (*Rule 8.D & Call IV.A.*)
43

44 **G. Replacement of Delegates and Alternate**
45

- 46 1. A pledged delegate or alternate may be replaced according to the following

1 guidelines:

2
3 a. Permanent Replacement of a Delegate: (*Rule 18.D.3.*)

4
5 (i) A permanent replacement occurs when a delegate resigns or dies prior
6 to or during the National Convention and the alternate replaces the dele-
7 gate for the remainder of the National Convention.

8
9 (ii) Any alternate permanently replacing a delegate shall be of the same
10 presidential preference (including uncommitted status) and sex of the del-
11 egate he/she replaces, and to the extent possible shall be from the same
12 political subdivision within Democrats Abroad as the delegate.

13
14 (1) In the case where the presidential candidate has only one (1) alter-
15 nate, that alternate shall become the certified delegate.

16
17 (2) If a presidential candidate has only one (1) alternate, and that alter-
18 nate permanently replaces a delegate of the opposite sex, thereby
19 causing the delegation to no longer be equally divided, the delegation
20 shall not be considered in violation of Rule 6.C. In such a case, not-
21 withstanding Rule 18.D.2, Democrats Abroad shall, at the time of a
22 subsequent permanent replacement, replace a delegate with a per-
23 son of the opposite sex, in order to return the delegation to equal
24 division of men and women. (*Reg. 4.33.*)

25
26 (iii) If a delegate or alternate candidate who has been elected but not certified
27 to the DNC Secretary resigns, dies, or is no longer eligible to serve, he
28 or she shall be replaced, after consultation with Democrats Abroad, by
29 the authorized representative of the presidential candidate to whom he
30 or she is pledged. (*Rule 18.D.2.*)

31
32 b. Temporary Replacement of a Delegate: (*Rule 18.D.3.*)

33
34 (i) A temporary replacement occurs when a delegate is to be absent for a
35 limited period of time during the Convention and an alternate temporarily
36 acts in the delegate's place.

37
38 (ii) Any alternate who temporarily replaces a delegate must be of the same
39 presidential preference (including uncommitted status) as the delegate
40 he/she replaces, and to the extent possible shall be of the same sex and
41 from the same political subdivision within Democrats Abroad as the del-
42 egate.

43
44 c. The following system will be used to select permanent and temporary re-
45 placements of delegates: (*Rule 18.D.1.*)

1 (i) In the case of a temporary replacement of a delegate, the delegate may
2 choose the alternate. If the delegate does not designate an alternate to
3 replace the delegate temporarily, the delegation may designate the alter-
4 nate by simple majority vote of all those present at the meeting of the
5 delegation at which such designation is to be made.
6

7 (ii) In the case of a permanent replacement, the delegation shall designate
8 the alternate to replace the delegate by simple majority vote of all those
9 present at the meeting of the delegation at which such designation is to
10 be made.
11

12 d. Certification of Replacements
13

14 (i) Any alternate who permanently replaces a delegate shall be certified in
15 writing to the Secretary of the DNC by the delegation Chair.
16 (*Rule 18.D.3.*)
17

18 (ii) Permanent replacement of a delegate (as specified above) by an alter-
19 nate and replacement of a vacant alternate position shall be certified in
20 writing by the delegation Chair to the Secretary of the Democratic Na-
21 tional Committee within three (3) days after the replacement is selected.
22 (*Call IV.D.1.*)
23

24 (iii) Certification of permanent replacements will be accepted by the Secretary
25 up to 72 hours before the first official session of the Convention is sched-
26 uled to convene. (*Call IV.D.1 & Reg. 4.32.*)
27

28 (iv) In the case where a pledged delegate is permanently replaced after 72
29 hours before the time the first session is scheduled to convene or, in the
30 case where a pledged delegate is not on the floor of the Convention Hall
31 at the time a roll call vote is taken, an alternate may be designated (as
32 specified above) to cast the delegate's vote. In such case, the delegation
33 Chair shall indicate the name of the alternate casting the respective del-
34 egate's vote on the delegation tally sheet. (*Call VIII.F.3.d, Call VIII.F.3.b*
35 *& Reg. 5.6.*)
36

37 e. A vacant alternate position shall be filled by the delegation. The replacement
38 shall be of the same presidential preference (or uncommitted status), of the
39 same sex, and (to the extent possible) from the same political subdivision as
40 the alternate being replaced. (*Rule 18.E.*)
41

42 4. Unpledged delegates shall not be entitled to a replacement, nor shall Democrats
43 Abroad be entitled to a replacement, except under the following circumstances:
44 (*Rule 18.E & Reg. 4.33.*)
45

46 a. In the case of death of such delegates;

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2 b. In the case where Democrats Abroad's DNC membership changes following
3 the DNC Secretary's official confirmation, but prior to the commencement of
4 the 2020 Democratic National Convention, acknowledgment by the Secretary
5 of the new DNC member certification shall constitute verification of the corre-
6 sponding change of automatic delegates. (*Call, IV.D.2.b.*);
7
8 c. Distinguished party leader delegates allocated to Democrats Abroad pursu-
9 ant to Rule 9.A.(5) of the DNC Delegate Selection Rules and this Plan, shall
10 not be entitled to name a replacement, nor shall Democrats Abroad be enti-
11 tled to name a replacement. (*Call IV.D.2.c.*); and
12
13 d. In no case may an alternate cast a vote for an automatic delegate. (*Call*
14 *VIII.F.3.d.*)
15
16

17 **Section IV**

18 **Convention Standing Committee Members**

19 **A. Introduction**

- 20
21
22 1. Democrats Abroad has been allocated one (1) member on each of the three (3)
23 standing committees for the 2020 Democratic National Convention (Credentials,
24 Platform, and Rules), for a total of three (3) members. (*Call VII.A. & Appendix*
25 *D.*)
26
27 2. All standing committee members representing Democrats Abroad, at the time of
28 their selection as and throughout their terms, shall be members of Democrats
29 Abroad, reside outside the United States, have the interest, welfare, and success
30 of the Democratic Party of the United States and of Democrats Abroad at heart,
31 and subscribe to the substance, intent, and principles of the Charter and Bylaws
32 of the Democratic Party of the United States and the Charter of Democrats
33 Abroad.
34
35 3. Members of the Convention standing committees need not be delegates or an
36 alternate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention. (*Call VII.A.3.*)
37
38 4. These members will be selected in accordance with the procedures indicated be-
39 low. (*Rule 1.G.*)
40

41 **B. Temporary Standing Committee Members**

- 42
43 1. Prior to the selection of permanent standing committee members, the Executive
44 Committee of the DPCA may select temporary members of the standing commit-
45 tees, who shall serve until permanent members of the standing committees are
46 selected pursuant to subsection C below.

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2 2. Members selected as temporary standing committee members serve only in the
3 event that a standing committee is called to meet prior to completion of Demo-
4 crats Abroad's delegate selection process. Temporary members selected after
5 the occurrence of the Global Presidential Primary shall reflect the presidential
6 preferences so established. No temporary members of a standing committee may
7 continue to serve on the respective standing committee once permanent mem-
8 bers have been selected unless such temporary member has been elected as
9 the permanent member. (*Call VII.G.3.*)

10 11 **C. Standing Committee Members**

12 13 1. Selection Meeting

- 14
15 a. The members of the standing committees shall be elected by a quorum of the
16 Democrats Abroad's National Convention delegates, at a meeting within 14
17 days of the final selection of all National Convention delegates, which meet-
18 ing will be presided by the International Chair of Democrats Abroad. (*Call*
19 *VII.B.1.*)
20
21 b. All members of the delegation shall receive adequate notice of the time, date,
22 and place of the meeting to select the standing committee members. (*Call*
23 *VII.B.1.*)
24
25 c. Participation in the meeting of Democrats Abroad's National Convention del-
26 egation may be by telephone, video-conference, Internet, or other similar
27 means permitting all participants to hear and speak to the other participants.
28

29 2. Allocation of Members

- 30
31 a. The members of the standing committees allocated to Democrats Abroad
32 shall proportionately represent the presidential preference of all candidates
33 (including uncommitted status) as determined by the Global Presidential Pri-
34 mary. However, no members of standing committees shall be allocated to
35 candidates who fail to receive at least fifteen percent (15%) of the Presidential
36 Preference Vote. (*Call VII.C.1 & Rule 14.E.*)
37
38 b. The presidential preference of each candidate receiving the applicable per-
39 centage or more within the delegation shall be multiplied by the total number
40 of standing committee positions allocated to Democrats Abroad. If the result
41 of such multiplication does not equal 0.455 or above, the presidential prefer-
42 ence in question is not entitled to representation on the standing committee.
43 If the result of such multiplication is 0.455 but less than 1.455, the presidential
44 preference is entitled to one (1) position. Those preferences securing more
45 than 1.455 but less than 2.455 are entitled to two (2) positions, etc. (*Call*
46 *VII.C.2.*)

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2 c. Where the application of this formula results in the total allocation exceeding
3 the total number of committee positions, the presidential candidate whose
4 original figure of representation is farthest from its eventual rounded-off total
5 shall be denied that one (1) additional position. Where the application of this
6 formula results in the total allocation falling short of the total number of com-
7 mittee positions, the presidential candidate whose original figure of represen-
8 tation is closest to the next rounding level shall be allotted an additional Com-
9 mittee position. (*Call VII.C.3.*)
10
11 d. Standing committee positions allocated to a presidential candidate shall be
12 proportionately allocated, to the extent practicable, to each of the three (3)
13 standing committees. When such allocation results in an unequal distribution
14 of standing committee positions by candidate preference, a drawing shall be
15 conducted to distribute the additional positions. (*Call VII.C.4.*)
16

17 3. Presidential Candidate Right of Review 18

- 19 a. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s),
20 shall be given adequate notice of the date, time, and location of the meeting
21 of the Democrats Abroad delegation authorized to elect standing committee
22 members. (*Call VII.D.1.*)
23
24 b. Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s),
25 must submit to the International Chair of Democrats Abroad, by April 24, 2020,
26 a minimum of one (1) name for each slot awarded to that candidate for mem-
27 bers of each committee. The delegation shall select the standing committee
28 members from among names submitted by the presidential candidates (in-
29 cluding uncommitted status). Presidential candidates shall not be required to
30 submit the name of more than one (1) person for each seat awarded to such
31 candidate for members of standing committees. (*Call VII.D.2.*)
32

33 4. Selection Procedure to Achieve Equal Division 34

- 35 a. Presidential candidates (including uncommitted status) shall use their best
36 efforts to ensure that their respective delegation of standing committee mem-
37 bers shall achieve Democrats Abroad's affirmative action, outreach and in-
38 clusion goals and that their respective male and female members are equally
39 divided between the men and women determined by gender self-identifica-
40 tion. (Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.10)
41
42 b. Equal Division Rules for the Election of Standing Committee Members
43
44 (i) A separate election shall be conducted for membership on each standing
45 committee.
46

- 1 (ii) The order in which standing committee members are elected shall be
2 determined by a simple majority vote of the Democrats Abroad National
3 Convention delegates at the meeting designated in Section IV.C.1.
4
- 5 (iii) The male and female membership of the standing committees shall be as
6 equally divided among the men and women as possible; the variance
7 between men and women in any committee or among the three commit-
8 tees in aggregate shall not exceed one. (Call VII.E.2)
9
- 10 (iv) Gender non-binary committee members shall not be counted as either
11 male or female, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally di-
12 vided between male gender (men) and female gender (women). (Call
13 VII.E.1)
14
- 15 (v) The positions allocated to each presidential candidate on each committee
16 shall be voted on separately, and the winners shall be the highest vote-
17 getter(s) of the appropriate gender.
18
- 19 (vi) Elections for standing committee members shall, to the greatest extent
20 possible, be open to all genders, subject to the requirement to achieve
21 equal division.
22

23 *Example 1:* Democrats Abroad is entitled to three standing committee
24 members, one for each of the three standing committees. The Democrats
25 Abroad National Convention delegation establishes the order of election
26 as follows: (i) Credentials, (ii) Platform, (iii) Rules and Bylaws. The first
27 election for the Credentials Committee shall be open to all genders. If a
28 binary female candidate is elected, the second election (Platform Com-
29 mittee) shall also be open to all genders. The second election results in
30 the election of a binary male. The third election to the Rules and Bylaws
31 Committee is, then, open to all genders because equal division will be
32 satisfied regardless of the gender of the winner (female/male/non-binary),
33 (female/male/female), (female/male/male).
34

35 *Example 2:* Same facts as Example 1 except the winner of the second
36 election is non-binary. In this case, the third election must result in the
37 election of a male committee member in order to achieve equal division
38 or in the election of a non-binary candidate in order to satisfy the variance
39 requirement.
40

41 5. Certification and Substitution

42

- 43 a. The International Chair of Democrats Abroad shall certify the standing com-
44 mittee members in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Com-
45 mittee within three (3) days after their selection. (Call VII.B.3.)
46

- 1 b. No substitutions will be permitted in the case of standing committee members,
2 except in the case of resignation or death. Substitutions must be made in
3 accordance with the rules and the election procedures specified in this sec-
4 tion and must be certified in writing to the Secretary of the Democratic Na-
5 tional Committee within three (3) days after the substitute member is selected
6 but not later than 48 hours before the respective standing committee meets.
7 (*Call VII.B.4.*)
8
9

10 **Section V**

11 **The Delegation**

12 **A. Introduction**

13 Democrats Abroad will select one (1) person to serve as Delegation Chair and one
14 (1) person to serve as convention page. (*Call IV.E., Call IV.F.1. & Appendix C.*)
15
16

17 **B. Delegation Chair**

18 1. Selection Meeting

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21
22 a. The Delegation Chair shall be selected by a quorum of the Democrats
23 Abroad's National Convention delegates at a meeting held within fourteen
24 days of the final selection of all of Democrats Abroad's National Convention
25 delegates. The International Chair of Democrats Abroad shall preside over
26 the meeting, which may be held by conference call or online. (*Call IV.E. &*
27 *Call VII.B.1*)
28

- 29 b. All members of the delegation shall receive timely notice of the time, date,
30 and place of the meeting to select the Delegation Chair. (*Rule 3.C.*)
31

- 32 2. The International Chair of Democrats Abroad shall certify the Delegation Chair in
33 writing to the Secretary of the Democratic National Committee within three (3)
34 days after the selection. (*Call IV.E.*)
35

36 **C. Convention Page**

- 37
38 1. One (1) individual will be selected to serve as Democrats Abroad's convention
39 page by the International Chair of Democrats Abroad. This selection will take
40 place immediately prior to the selection of the standing committee members.
41 (*Call IV.F.3, Appendix C & Reg. 5.7.*)
42

- 43 2. The selection of the convention page shall take into account as much as possible,
44 the affirmative action guidelines in the Affirmative Action Plan. (*Reg. 5.7.A.*)
45

- 46 3. The International Chair of Democrats Abroad shall certify the individual to serve

1 as Democrats Abroad's convention page in writing to the Secretary of the Demo-
2 cratic National Committee within three (3) days after the selection. (*Call IV.F.3 &*
3 *Reg. 5.7.B.*)
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6 **Section VI**

7 **General Provisions and Procedural Guarantees**

8

9 **A. Commitment to an Open Party**

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11 Democrats Abroad reaffirms its commitment to an open party by incorporating the
12 "six basic elements," as listed below. As our Party strives to progress in the fight
13 against discrimination of all kinds, these six basic elements have evolved and grown
14 along with the constant push for more inclusion and empowerment. These provisions
15 demonstrate the intention of the Democratic Party to ensure a full opportunity for all
16 minority group members to participate in the delegate selection process. (*Rule 4.A,*
17 *Rule 4.B & Rule 4.C*)
18

- 19 1. All public meetings at all levels of Democrats Abroad should be open to all mem-
20 bers of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed, national
21 origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression,
22 economic status, or physical disability (hereinafter collectively referred to as "sta-
23 tus"). (*Rule 4.B.1.*)
24
- 25 2. No test for membership in, nor any oaths of loyalty to, the Democratic Party
26 should be required or used that has the effect of requiring prospective or current
27 members of the Democratic Party to acquiesce in, condone, or support discrimi-
28 nation based on "status." (*Rule 4.B.2.*)
29
- 30 3. The time and place for all public meetings of Democrats Abroad on all levels
31 should be publicized fully and in such manner as to assure timely notice to all
32 interested persons. Such meetings must be held in places accessible to all party
33 members and large enough to accommodate all interested persons. (*Rule 4.B.3.*)
34
- 35 4. Democrats Abroad, on all levels, should support the broadest possible registra-
36 tion without discrimination based on "status." (*Rule 4.B.4.*)
37
- 38 5. Democrats Abroad should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure no-
39 tice to all interested parties a full description of the legal and practical procedures
40 for selection of DPCA officers and representatives on all levels. Publication of
41 these procedures should be done in such fashion that all prospective and current
42 members of Democrats Abroad will be fully and adequately informed of the per-
43 tinent procedures in time to participate in each selection procedure at all levels of
44 the Democratic Party organization. As part of this, the Democrats Abroad should
45 develop a strategy to provide education programs directly to voters who continue
46 to experience confusing timelines for registration, changing party affiliation

1 deadlines, or lack of awareness of the process for running for delegate, to ensure
2 all Democratic voters understand the rules and timelines and their impact on voter
3 participation. (*Rule 4.B.5.*)
4

- 5 6. Democrats Abroad should publicize fully and in such a manner as to assure no-
6 tice to all interested parties, a complete description of the legal and practical qual-
7 ifications of all positions as officers and representatives of Democrats Abroad.
8 Such publication should be done in a timely fashion so that all prospective candi-
9 dates or applicants for any elected or appointed position within Democrats
10 Abroad will have full and adequate opportunity to compete for office.
11 (*Rule 4.B.6.*)
12

13 **B. No Discrimination on the Basis of Status**

14

15 Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party affairs is
16 prohibited. (*Rule 5.B.*)
17

18 **C. Equal Division**

19

20 Democrats Abroad’s delegation shall be equally divided between delegate men and
21 delegate women, and alternate men and alternate women, i.e. the number of men
22 and women shall not vary by more than one. Such goal applies to the entire delega-
23 tion, which includes all pledged delegates and alternates and all automatic delegates.
24 Delegates and alternates shall be considered separate groups for purposes of achiev-
25 ing equal division as determined by gender self-identification. In the case of gender
26 non-binary delegates or alternates, they shall not be counted as either a male or fe-
27 male, and the remainder of the delegation shall be equally divided by gender. (*Rule*
28 *6.C*)
29

30 **D. Selection of Presidential Preference**

31

32 All delegate and alternate candidates must be identified as to presidential preference
33 or uncommitted status at all levels that determine presidential preference.
34 (*Rule 12.A.*) No delegate at any level of the delegate selection process shall be man-
35 dated by law or party rules to vote contrary to that person’s presidential choice as
36 expressed at the time the delegate is elected. (*Rule 13.I.*) Delegates elected to the
37 National Convention pledged to a presidential candidate shall in all good conscience
38 reflect the sentiments of those who elected them. (*Rule 13.J.*)
39

40 **E. Membership in Democrats Abroad**

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42 Each delegate, alternate and standing committee member must be a bona fide Dem-
43 ocrat, including being registered as a member of Democrats Abroad, who is faithful
44 to the interests, welfare and success of the Democratic Party of the United States,
45 who subscribes to the substance, intent and principles of the Charter and Bylaws of
46 the Democratic Party of the United States, and who will participate in the Convention

1 in good faith. (*Rule 13.H, Call VII.A.4 & Reg. 4.26*)

2 3 **F. Quorum**

4
5 Forty percent (40%) of the members of any Party body above the first level of the
6 delegate selection process shall constitute a quorum for any business pertaining to
7 the selection of National Convention delegates, alternates, standing committee mem-
8 bers, and other official Convention participants. (*Rule 16.*)

9 10 **G. No Proxies**

11
12 There shall be no voting by proxy at any stage of the delegate selection process.

13 14 **H. No Unit Rule**

15
16 The unit rule, or any rule or practice whereby all members of a Party unit or delegation
17 may be required to cast their votes in accordance with the will of a majority of the
18 body, shall not be used at any stage of the delegate selection process. (*Rule 18.A.*)

19 20 **I. Slates**

21
22 Any individual or group of Democrats may sponsor or endorse a slate of candidates
23 for Convention delegates. But no slate may, by virtue of such endorsement, receive
24 a preferential place on a delegate selection ballot or be publicly identified on the ballot
25 as the official Democratic Party organization slate, and all slates must meet identical
26 qualifying requirements for appearing on a ballot at all levels of the delegate selection
27 process. (*Rule 18.B.*)

28 29 **J. Timing of the Delegate Selection Process**

30
31 All steps in the delegate selection process, including the filing of presidential candi-
32 dates, must take place within the calendar year of the Democratic National Conven-
33 tion, except with respect to the implementation of the Affirmative Action Plan and
34 Outreach and Inclusion Programs. (*Rule 1.F & Rule 12.B.*)

35 36 **K. Participation of Overseas Voters**

37
38 In electing and certifying delegates, alternate, and standing committee members to
39 the 2020 Democratic National Convention, Democrats Abroad undertakes to assure
40 all Democratic voters residing outside the United States a full, timely, and equal op-
41 portunity to participate in the delegate selection process and in all party affairs and to
42 implement affirmative-action and outreach and inclusion plans toward that end; that
43 the delegates, alternates, and standing committee members to the Convention shall
44 be selected in accordance with the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2020 Democratic
45 National Convention; and that the certified delegates, alternates, and standing com-
46 mittee members will not publicly support or campaign for any candidate for President

1 or Vice President other than the nominees of the Democratic National Convention.
2 Furthermore, voters outside the United States will have the opportunity to cast their
3 election ballots for the presidential and vice-presidential nominees selected by said
4 Convention. (*Call II.B.*)
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6

7 **Section VII** 8 **Affirmative Action, Outreach, and Inclusion Plan** 9

10 **A. Statement of Purpose and Organization** 11

12 **1. Purpose and Objectives** 13

- 14 a. In order that the Democratic Party at all levels be an open Party that includes
15 rather than excludes people from participation, a program of effective affirm-
16 ative action is hereby adopted by Democrats Abroad. (*Rule 5.A.*)
17
- 18 b. Discrimination on the basis of “status” in the conduct of Democratic Party
19 affairs is prohibited. (*Rule 5.B.*)
20
- 21 c. All public meetings at all levels of the Democratic Party should be open to all
22 members of the Democratic Party regardless of race, sex, age, color, creed,
23 national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation, gender identity and
24 expression, economic status, or physical disability (hereinafter collectively re-
25 ferred to as “status”). (*Rule 4.B.1.*)
26
- 27 d. Consistent with the Democratic Party’s commitment to include groups histor-
28 ically under-represented in the Democratic Party’s affairs, by virtue of race,
29 sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orienta-
30 tion, gender identity and expression, economic status or disability, Democrats
31 Abroad has established goals for these groups. (*Rule 5.C & Reg. 4.8.*)
32
- 33 e. In order to encourage full participation by all Democrats in the delegate se-
34 lection process and in all party affairs, Democrats Abroad has adopted and
35 will implement programs with specific goals and timetables for African Amer-
36 icans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders,
37 and women. To further encourage full participation in the process, Democrats
38 Abroad has established goals and timetables for other under-represented
39 groups, including the LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and youth.
40 (*Rule 6.A & Rule 7.*)
41
- 42 (i) The goal of the programs shall be to encourage participation in the dele-
43 gate selection process and in party organizations at all levels by the
44 aforementioned groups as indicated by their presence in the Democratic
45 electorate of U.S. citizens living abroad, to the extent that can be reason-
46 ably determined. (*Rule 6.A.1.*)

1
2 (ii) For the delegate selection process, "youth" is defined as any participant
3 younger than 36 years old at the time of selection as delegate. (*Reg.*
4 *5.3.A*)

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6 (iii) For the delegate selection process, individuals identifying as Native
7 Americans should provide their tribal affiliation and indicate if they are
8 enrolled in a tribe. (*Reg. 5.3.B*)

9
10 (iv) These goals shall not be accomplished either directly or indirectly by the
11 party's imposition of mandatory quotas at any level of the delegate selec-
12 tion process or in any other Party affairs. (*Rule 6.A.2.*)

13 14 2. Organizational Structure

15
16 a. An Affirmative Action Committee was appointed by the International Chair of
17 Democrats Abroad on February 28, 2019 (*Rule 6.F.*)

18
19 b. The International Chair of Democrats Abroad submitted the names, demo-
20 graphic data, and contact information of the members of the Affirmative Ac-
21 tion Committee on March 11, 2019, in compliance with the requirement that
22 such information be provided to the Rules and Bylaws Committee of the Dem-
23 ocratic National Committee within fifteen (15) days of the members' appoint-
24 ment. (*Reg. 2.2.K.*)

25
26 c. The International Chair of Democrats Abroad will certify in writing to the Rules
27 and Bylaws Committee of the Democratic National Committee the compli-
28 ance of Democrats Abroad's Affirmative Action Committee with Rules 5.C,
29 6.A, and 7. See Attachment ___. (*Reg. 2.2.K.*)

30
31 d. The Committee consists of members representing the Democratic-constitu-
32 ency groups set forth in the introduction to the affirmative action plan.

33
34 e. The Affirmative Action Committee is responsible for:

35
36 (i) Helping develop and design the proposed Affirmative Action Plan and
37 Outreach and Inclusion Program and making recommendations to the
38 International Chair of Democrats Abroad. (*Rule 6.F*)

39
40 (ii) Directing the implementation of all requirements of the Affirmative Action
41 Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program section of this Plan.

42
43 (iii) Implementing a financial assistance program for persons of low and mod-
44 erate income to encourage their participation and representation as del-
45 egates and alternates. (*Rule 6.G.*)

1 f. Financial and staff support for the Affirmative Action Committee shall be pro-
2 vided by Democrats Abroad to the greatest extent feasible, including, but not
3 limited to, making available on a priority basis Democrats Abroad staff, if any,
4 and volunteers and covering all reasonable costs incurred in carrying out this
5 Plan.
6

- 7 3. Implementation of the affirmative action plan shall begin on September 13, 2019,
8 with the distribution of the timeline of the delegate selection process to constituent
9 units of Democrats Abroad ("Country Committees"), and will continue through the
10 end of the delegate selection process. (*Rule 1.F.*)
11

12 **B. Representation Goals**

13

- 14 1. In cooperation with the DNC, Democrats Abroad has determined the estimated
15 demographic composition of African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans,
16 and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders among U.S. citizens living abroad.
17 These constituency percentages shall be established as goals for representation
18 in Democrats Abroad's National Convention delegation. (*Rule 6.A.*)
19
20 2. In cooperation with the DNC, Democrats Abroad has also determined that the
21 demographic composition of members of the LGBTQ+ community, people with
22 disabilities, and youth is consistent with the demographic composition of Demo-
23 cratic Party support in key states for Democrats Abroad. Furthermore, Demo-
24 crats Abroad has chosen to establish these percentages or higher as goals for
25 representation in Democrats Abroad's National Convention delegation.
26

27 **C. Efforts to Educate on the Delegate Selection Process**

28

- 29 1. Well-publicized educational workshops will be conducted in Country Committees
30 or by regionally-accessible teleconferences, beginning in November 2019. These
31 workshops will be designed to encourage participation in the delegate selection
32 process, including apprising potential delegate candidates of the availability of
33 financial assistance. These workshops will be held in a manner that is easily
34 accessible to persons with physical disabilities. The times, dates, places, and
35 rules for the conduct of all education workshops, meetings, and other events in-
36 volved in the delegate selection process shall be effectively publicized by the
37 party organization and include local promotion as appropriate in each Country
38 Committee. (*Rule 3.A, Rule 3.C & Rule 3.D.*)
39
40 2. A speakers bureau of volunteers from Democrats Abroad, including the Affirma-
41 tive Action Committee and comprised of individuals who are fully familiar with the
42 process, will be organized to appear before groups, in person, or via teleconfer-
43 ence, to provide information concerning the process.
44
45 3. Democrats Abroad's education efforts will include outreach to community leaders
46 within the Democratic Party's constituencies, where possible, and making sure

1 that information about the delegate selection process is available beyond the or-
2 dinary membership of Democrats Abroad.

- 3
- 4 4. Democrats Abroad will publish and make available online at no cost a clear and
5 concise explanation of how Democratic voters can participate in the delegate se-
6 lection process, and make it available to Country Committees not later than Oc-
7 tober 1, 2019. (*Rule 1.H.*)
- 8
- 9 5. Democrats Abroad shall take all feasible steps to encourage U.S. citizens living
10 abroad to register and to vote as Democrats and will seek to ensure simple and
11 easy registration procedures. (*Rule 2.C.*)
- 12

13 **D. Efforts to Publicize the Delegate Selection Process**

14

- 15 1. Special attention shall be directed at publicizing the delegate selection process
16 for Democrats Abroad. Such publicity shall include information on eligibility to
17 vote and how to become a candidate for delegate, the time and locations of each
18 stage of the delegate selection process, and where to get additional information.
19 The foregoing information will also be published in the communications of Dem-
20 ocrats Abroad and on Democrats Abroad's website. The Party organization, of-
21 ficial, candidate, or member calling a meeting or scheduling an event shall effec-
22 tively publicize the role that such meeting or event plays in the selection of dele-
23 gates and alternate to the Democratic National Convention. (*Rule 3.C & Rule*
24 *3.D.*)
- 25
- 26 2. As appropriate within the context of Democrats Abroad, newspapers, radio, and
27 television will be utilized to inform the general public how, when, and where to
28 participate in the delegate selection process, as locally appropriate, and globally
29 as recommended by the Affirmative Action Committee and in accordance with a
30 Delegate Selection Media Plan (see Attachment 2.i). Specifically, this information
31 will provide details as to how to qualify to run as a delegate candidate. Regular
32 releases during the delegate selection process to media sources, such as Eng-
33 lish-language newspapers, wire services, and online services for Americans liv-
34 ing abroad will complete timely coverage. (*Rule 4.B.3 & Rule 6.D.*)
- 35
- 36 3. A priority effort shall be directed at publicity among the Democratic Party's con-
37 stituencies.
- 38
- 39 a. Information about the delegate selection process will be provided to specialty
40 media serving Americans living abroad, if any, that is likely to reach the Dem-
41 ocratic constituency groups set forth in the introduction of this Affirmative Ac-
42 tion Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. The Affirmative Action Com-
43 mittee shall determine priority means of reaching these groups, both within
44 the current membership of Democrats Abroad and among Americans living
45 abroad generally. Those means may include, but are not limited to, organiz-
46 ing global online meetings of constituency groups or issues of interest to such

1 groups, distributing letters and videos by prominent leaders of constituency
2 groups, and developing guides and best practices for Country Committee
3 leaders.
4

- 5 b. Democrats Abroad shall be responsible for the implementation of this public-
6 ity effort. For purposes of providing adequate notice of the delegate selection
7 process, the times, dates, places, and rules for the conduct of meetings, cau-
8 cuses, and the Global Convention shall be effectively publicized, multilin-
9 gually where necessary, to encourage the participation of minority groups.
10 (*Rule 6.D.*)
11

- 12 4. Not later than November 27, 2019, Democrats Abroad will make information
13 about the delegate selection process available on its website and publicize the
14 resource through press releases and communications to Party leaders, activists
15 and targeted constituencies. Information to be posted on the website will include:
16

- 17 a. materials designed to encourage participation and inform prospective dele-
18 gate candidates;
19
20 b. a summary explaining the role of the 2020 Convention in nominating the
21 Party's presidential and vice-presidential candidates and adopting the Na-
22 tional Platform;
23
24 c. a summary of Democrats Abroad's delegate selection process including all
25 pertinent rules, dates, and filing requirements related to the process.
26

27 **E. Representation Goals**

28

- 29 1. Democrats Abroad has determined the estimated demographic composition of
30 African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian Americans and Pa-
31 cific Islanders among U.S. citizens living abroad. These constituency percent-
32 ages shall be established as goals for representation in Democrats Abroad's con-
33 vention delegation. (*Rule 6.A.*)
34
35 2. Democrats Abroad has determined that the demographic composition of African
36 Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian Americans and Pacific Is-
37 landers in the Democrats Abroad's Democratic electorate is consistent with the
38 demographic composition of Democratic Party support in key states for Demo-
39 crats Abroad. Key states for Democrats Abroad, according to voter registrations
40 at www.votefromabroad.org and membership in Democrats Abroad, are Califor-
41 nia, New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Florida.
42
43 3. Democrats Abroad has also determined that the demographic composition of
44 members of the LGBT community, people with disabilities, and youth is consistent
45 with the demographic composition of Democratic Party support in key states for
46 Democrats Abroad. Furthermore, Democrats Abroad has chosen to establish

these percentages or higher as goals for representation in Democrats Abroad's convention delegation.

	African Americans	Hispanics	Native Americans	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders	LGBT Americans	People with Disabilities	Youth
Percent in Democratic Electorate	17.8	16	0.4	4.9	11.7	9.8	24
Numeric Goals for Delegation	4	4	1	2	3	3	6

4. When selecting the at-large portion of the delegation, the demographic composition of the other delegates (pledged PLEO and unpledged) shall be compared with Democrats Abroad's goals in order to achieve an at-large selection process that helps to bring about a representative balance. A comparison including already-selected at-large delegates will be reported prior to each selection of any member of the delegation, by the chair of the body voting on that selection.
5. Use of the at-large delegation to achieve the affirmative action goals established by this Plan does not obviate the need for Democrats Abroad to conduct outreach activities such as recruitment, education, and training. (*Rule 6.A.3.*)

F. Obligations of Presidential Candidates to Maximize Participation

1. Presidential candidates shall assist Democrats Abroad in meeting the demographic representation goals reflected in the Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclusion Program. Presidential candidates shall publish information online specific to participation in Democrats Abroad's delegate selection process, shall promote or advertise such information to Democratic constituencies among Americans living abroad, and shall make widely accessible information regarding the availability of financial assistance for delegates from the presidential candidate's campaign. Compliance with these affirmative action obligations shall be verified by the Affirmative Action Committee (*Rule 6.H.*)
2. Statement of Full Participation. Each presidential candidate shall submit a statement that specifies what steps he or she is taking and will take to encourage full participation in the delegate selection process, including, but not limited to, (i) whether the presidential candidate's campaign may defray all or part of the expenses of those delegates otherwise unable to participate in the National Convention and (ii) procedures by which persons may file as candidates for delegate or alternate. Presidential candidates are required to present this information no later than January 6, 2020 in their letters of candidacy referred to above. (Sec. II.B.3, *Rules 6.G., 6.H.1., and 6.I.*) Presidential candidates are also required to

1 submit such full participation statements to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Commit-
2 tee at the same time they are submitted to Democrats Abroad. (*Rule 6.H.1*)
3

- 4 3. Each presidential candidate must submit demographic information with respect
5 to all candidates for delegate and alternate pledged to them. Such information
6 shall be submitted in conjunction with the list of names approved for consideration
7 as delegate and alternate candidates pledged to the presidential candidate.
8 (*Rule 6.H.2.*)
9

- 10 4. Presidential candidates (including the delegation of uncommitted status) shall use
11 their best effort to ensure that their respective delegations within Democrats
12 Abroad's delegate, alternate, and standing committee delegations shall achieve
13 the affirmative action goals reflected in the affirmative action plan and that the
14 respective delegations of each presidential candidate shall be equally divided be-
15 tween men and women. (*Rule 6.I & Reg. 4.9.*)
16

17 **G. Outreach and Inclusion Plan**

18

- 19 1. Democrats Abroad is committed to help achieve full participation of those groups
20 of Americans who have historically been explicitly denied the right to vote or who
21 have been subjected to discriminatory and exclusionary practices that have de-
22 nied them voting rights and full participation in the delegate selection process and
23 other Party meetings, events and elections, along with other groups of Americans
24 who are also under-represented in Party affairs.
25
- 26 2. As such, Democrats Abroad has developed outreach and inclusion programs and
27 is committed to fully implementing the programs so that all persons who wish to
28 participate as Democrats understand they are welcome and encouraged to be a
29 part of the delegate selection process and in the Party at the local, national, and
30 global levels.
31
- 32 3. Democrats Abroad will make accommodations to facilitate greater participation
33 by people with disabilities, by including reasonable physical accommodations in
34 the selection of the venue for the Global Convention, bringing online processes
35 into compliance with standards where feasible, and soliciting feedback from peo-
36 ple with disabilities.
37
- 38 4. In addition to the education, publicity and other steps described above, Demo-
39 crats Abroad will continue its Travel Fund program to encourage the participation
40 in the regional conventions and Global Convention of those historically under-
41 represented due to financial constraints. The Affirmative Action Committee will
42 also encourage presidential candidates to establish similar programs.
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Section VIII Challenges

A. Jurisdiction and Standing

1. Challenges related to the delegate selection process are governed by the *Regulations of the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2020 Democratic National Convention* (Reg. Sec. 3) and the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2020 Democratic National Convention.” (Call Appendix A.)
2. Under Rule 21.B. of the *2020 Delegate Selection Rules*, the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction over challenges pertaining to the submission, non-implementation, and violation of state Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plans and Outreach and Inclusion Program. (Rule 21.B & Call Appendix A.)
3. The Rules and Bylaws Committee has jurisdiction to hear and decide any challenge provided it is initiated before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the 2020 Democratic National Convention. (Call Appendix A & Reg. 3.1.)
4. Challenges to the credentials of delegates and alternates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention initiated on or after the 56th day preceding the date of commencement of the Democratic National Convention shall be processed in accordance with the “Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee of the 2020 Democratic National Convention.” (Call Appendix A.)
5. Any challenge to the credentials of a standing committee member shall be considered and resolved by the affected standing committee in accordance with Appendix A of the *Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention*. The Rules and Bylaws Committee shall have jurisdiction over challenges brought before the 56th day preceding the date of the commencement of the Democratic National Convention. (Call VII.B.5.)
6. Copies of the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee and/or the Call for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, including the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee (Appendix A), shall be made available by Democrats Abroad upon reasonable request.
7. Any group of fifteen (15) Democrats with standing to challenge as defined in Reg. 3.2 or the Call (Appendix A, Sec. 2.A), may bring a challenge to this Plan or to the implementation of this Plan, including its affirmative action provisions.

B. Challenges to the Status of Democrats Abroad and the Plan

1. A challenge to the status of Democrats Abroad as the body entitled to sponsor a delegation representing United States citizens abroad shall be filed with the Rules

1 and Bylaws Committee not later than thirty (30)-calendar days prior to the initia-
2 tion of Democrats Abroad's delegate selection process. (*Rule 21.A &*
3 *Reg. 3.4.A.*)
4

5 2. A challenge to Democrats Abroad's Delegate Selection Plan shall be filed with
6 the International Chair of Democrats Abroad and the Co-Chairs of the Rules and
7 Bylaws Committee within fifteen (15)-calendar days after the adoption of the Plan
8 by Democrats Abroad. (*Reg. 3.4.B.*)
9

10 3. A challenge to a Plan must be brought in conformity with the Rules and the RBC
11 Regulations, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge
12 procedures.
13

14 **C. Challenges to Implementation**

15

16 1. A challenge may be brought alleging that a specific requirement of an approved
17 Plan has not been properly implemented. Jurisdiction over all challenges initiated
18 in a timely fashion shall reside with either the Rules and Bylaws Committee or the
19 Credentials Committee of the National Convention. However, the Rules and By-
20 laws Committee may provide advice, assistance, or interpretations of the Dele-
21 gate Selection Rules at any stage of the delegate selection process.
22 (*Reg. 3.1.C.*)
23

24 2. An implementation challenge brought before the Rules and Bylaws Committee is
25 initiated by filing a written challenge with DPCA and with the Rules and Bylaws
26 Committee not later than fifteen (15) days after the alleged violation occurred.
27 DPCA has twenty-one (21) days to render a decision. Within ten (10) days of the
28 decision, any party to the challenge may appeal it to the Rules and Bylaws Com-
29 mittee. If, in fact, DPCA renders no decision, any party to the challenge may
30 request the Rules and Bylaws Committee to process it. The request must be
31 made within 10 days after expiration of the above twenty-one (21)-day period.
32 (*Reg. 3.4.C, Reg. 3.4.E & Reg. 3.4.H.*)
33

34 3. Performance under an approved Affirmative Action Plan and Outreach and Inclu-
35 sion Program and composition of the Convention delegation shall be considered
36 relevant evidence in the challenge to any Democrats Abroad delegation. If Dem-
37 ocrats Abroad has adopted and implemented an approved affirmative action pro-
38 gram, Democrats Abroad shall not be subject to challenge based solely on dele-
39 gation composition or primary results. (*Rule 6.B.*) The procedures are the same
40 for challenges alleging failure to properly implement the Affirmative Action Plan
41 and Outreach and Inclusion Program of a Plan, except that such challenges must
42 be filed not later than thirty (30) days prior to the initiation of Democrats Abroad's
43 delegate selection process. (*Reg. 3.4.C.*)
44

45 4. Depending on the appropriate jurisdiction, implementation challenges must be
46 brought in conformity with the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee

or the Rules of Procedure of the Credentials Committee, which should be consulted for a detailed explanation of challenge procedures.

Section IX Summary of Plan

A. Selection of Delegates and Alternate

Democrats Abroad will use a proportional-representation system based on the results of its Global Primary for apportioning its delegates to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

The “first determining step” of Democrats Abroad’s delegate selection process will occur between March 3-10, 2020, with its Global Primary.

Each presidential candidate, or that candidate's authorized representative(s), must submit to the International Chair of Democrats Abroad a minimum of two (2) names for each slot awarded to that candidate by April 24, 2020 or at least ten (10) days prior to the applicable regional convention, whichever date occurs first, for at-large delegates to be elected in Democrats Abroad's regional conventions and by April 24, 2020 for at-large delegates, pledged PLEO delegate, and National Convention alternate to be elected by Democrats Abroad's Global Convention.

Delegates and alternate will be selected as summarized on the following chart:

Type	Delegates	Alternate	Dates of Selection	Selecting Body
				Filing Requirements and Deadlines
At-Large Delegates	12	1	4/14/20-5/16/20 (Regional Conventions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Nine (9) selected through regional conventions.· Three (3) selected in the Global Convention.
At-Large Alternate			and 5/16/20 to 5/17/20 (Global Convention)	<p>For those standing for election in the regional conventions (assuming regional convention date after May 14):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· 3/24/20: Candidates may obtain statement-of-candidacy and pledge-of-support forms and filing instructions.· 4/17/20: Filing of qualifying forms.· 4/20/20: International Chair sends list of regional convention candidates to presidential candidates.· 4/24/20: Presidential candidates provide list of approved candidates for regional conventions.

				<p>For those standing for election in the Global Convention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·3/24/20: Candidates may obtain statement-of-candidacy and pledge-of-support forms and filing instructions. ·4/17/20: Filing of qualifying forms. ·4/20/20: International Chair sends list of Global Convention candidates to presidential candidates. ·4/24/20: Presidential candidates provide list of approved candidates for Global Convention.
Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEOs)*	1	n/a	5/16/20	<p>Elected in Global Convention.</p> <p>Same as above for candidates running in the Global Convention.</p>
Automatic delegates including Distinguished Party Leaders**	8	n/a	<p>5/19/19 (Global Meeting)</p> <p>4/14/20-5/16/20 (Regional Conventions)</p> <p>5/16/20 (Global Convention)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·Automatic by virtue of respective public or party office as provided in Rule 9.A. of the 2020 Delegate Selection Rules. ·Two (2) elected as Chair and Vice Chair of DPCA during Democrats Abroad's Global Meeting. ·Three (3) elected in Democrats Abroad's regional conventions. ·Three (3) elected during Democrat's Abroad's Global Convention.
TOTAL Delegates and Alternates	21	1		

* Pledged party leader and elected official (PLEO) alternates are selected with the at-large alternate.

** Automatic delegates include, among others, DPCA's Democratic National Committee members, as specified in Rule 9.A. of the 2020 *Delegate Selection Rules*. The exact number of automatic delegates is subject to change due to possible deaths, resignations, elections, or special elections.

B. Selection of Standing Committee Members (for the Credentials, Platform, and Rules Committees)

Standing committee members will be selected by Democrats Abroad's National Convention delegates as summarized below:

Members Per Committee	Total Members	Selection Date	Filing Requirements and Deadlines
1	3	On or before 5/31/20	Same as in previous table for candidates running in Democrats Abroad's Global Convention.

1 **C. Selection of Delegation Chair and Convention Page**

2
3 The Delegation Chair will be selected by the National Convention delegates on or
4 before May 31, 2020, at which time one (1) convention page will be selected by the
5 International Chair of Democrats Abroad.
6

7 **D. Presidential Candidates Filing Deadline**

8
9 By September 15, 2019, presidential candidates may find petition forms at Democrats
10 Abroad's website.
11

12 By January 6, 2020, presidential candidates must: (1) file their petitions of candidacy
13 in the form of Attachment ___ to this Plan with the International Chair of Democrats
14 Abroad; (2) submit ballot access petitions containing a minimum of 300 valid signa-
15 tures of members of Democrats Abroad; (3) pay a ballot access fee of \$2,500 to
16 Democrats Abroad; (4) submit a statement specifying steps they will take to encour-
17 age full participation in the delegate selection process; and (5) certify the name(s) of
18 their authorized representative(s) to Democrats Abroad. (*Rule 11.B. & 14.E.*)
19

20 By April 24, 2020 or at least ten (10) days prior to the applicable regional convention,
21 whichever date occurs first, presidential candidates shall provide a list of approved
22 at-large delegate candidates up for election in Democrats Abroad's regional conven-
23 tions.
24

25 Finally, by April 24, 2020, presidential candidates provide their approved list of at-
26 large delegates, pledged PLEO delegate, and standing committee members to be
27 elected during Democrats Abroad's Global Convention.
28

29 **E. Timetable**

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31 See Attachment 4 ("Timetable").
32

Media Outreach and Publicity

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To achieve participation in the delegate selection process and in Party organization at all levels by the groups identified in the 2020 Delegate Selection Plan for the Democratic National Convention, Democrats Abroad commits to maximizing our reach among Democrats living around the world.

A multi-pronged effort is required to reach international voters, due to the unique demographics of Democrats Abroad. This requires utilizing traditional and “new” media, at a global, national, and local level.

Media plans will aim to raise visibility of the Party in international markets, through as many forms of communications as possible.

Assets & Resources

1. ONLINE PRESS KIT

Democrats Abroad will create a press kit to be used at an international level, with templated components that can be used by Democrats Abroad leaders at a country level as well as locally, in English or local language.

The initial media kit will include:

- Introduction, identifying the opportunity for media to cover the DPCA DSP and GPP
- Press announcement & media contact details
- Times, dates, and locations of the Regional Caucuses and Global Convention
- Summary of how to become a candidate for National Convention Delegate or Alternate
- Summary of how Americans abroad can participate in the Global Presidential Primary
- Brief abstract of how delegate selection works
- Background on Democrats Abroad and the Global Primary
 - Fact sheet/FAQ
 - Statement on Democrats Abroad’s commitment to holding a fair, free, and unbiased Global Presidential Primary
 - Previous press coverage
 - Details of key global spokespeople
- Requisite visual assets (eg DPCA logo)

2. EXPLAINER MATERIALS

Most international editors and journalists are less familiar with the facts of voting from abroad, and many Americans abroad are highly embedded in their local communities, with little access to U.S. media and limited knowledge of how they can be involved.

Consequently, explainer materials to supplement the initial press kit will include:

- Outline of eligibility of U.S. citizens living abroad (both uniformed and civilian) to vote in primary and general elections, and what it means to vote in the Global Presidential Primary
- Reference materials on the importance of voting for Americans living abroad
- Summary of what is expected at the Democratic National Convention in 2020 and key events leading up to and following the convention

3. PROMPTS TO SHARE & ENGAGE

Further resources will be made available to encourage information sharing throughout the DPCA network of Americans around the world.

These assets will include:

- Print collateral (eg brochures and posters) will be made available and used where appropriate and effective
- Online event postings
- Press coverage
- Social assets (#TBT of previous years, scripted posts about engagement and process, reminders of DSP and GPP activities and timelines, etc)

Media Distribution

All assets and resources will be made publicly available on the Democrats Abroad website. Those materials prepared for the general public will also be shared on social media properties at global and local levels, as well as through DPCA caucuses to better target and reach these marginalized constituencies.

Social media targeted advertising will be used to reach new audiences of Americans abroad who may not otherwise learn about the DSP and GPP.

Primary social media platforms include Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

International Media Outreach

Throughout the delegate selection process and global presidential primary, Democrats Abroad will reach out to key global media outlets as well as those domestic outlets in the U.S. with considerable international audiences. This includes:

INTERNATIONAL & US PRINT MEDIA	NEWSWIRE / AGENCIES	TV/RADIO	ONLINE NEWS SITES & OTHER MEDIA
<i>BBC • Boston Globe • Chicago Sun- Times • Los Angeles Times • Stars and Stripes • Foreign Policy • The Guardian / Observer • The International New York Times • Los Angeles Times • The Miami Herald • The New Republic • The New York Times • Sacramento Bee • The Wall Street Journal • The Washington Post • Time • USA Today</i>	<i>• Agence France-Presse • Agencia EFE • Associated Press • Bloomberg • Canadian Press • Chicago/LA New Agency • Reuters</i>	<i>• ABC • BBC • Bloomberg • CBC • CNN • ITN • MSNBC • NPR • PBS • Sky</i>	<i>• Ballotpedia • Bustle • BuzzFeed • Daily Kos • The Hill • Huffington Post • Mother Jones • Politico • Real Clear Politics • Rewire • Salon • Slate • The Intercept • Talking Points Memo • Teen Vogue • Thinkprogress • VOA • Vox • Crooked Media (Pod Save America et al)</i>

Local Media Outreach

Releases to local media outlets are to be designated by each Country Committee in coordination with the Affirmative Action Committee. If Country Committees find other communities of American citizens that are more comfortable in a language other than English, media using these languages will be targeted as well. Country Committees are encouraged to localize the materials provided in the press kit to ensure local relevance.

The Democrats Abroad Communications Director will work with the Affirmative Action Committee, Country Committees and Chapter Chairs to further develop local media lists in their countries. These lists will be in place by September 15, 2019.

Country Committees, with support from the Democrats Abroad Communications Director, will be responsible for liaising with these media outlets throughout the DSP and GPP, and providing highlights of coverage to the global leadership team. Sample media outlets include but are certainly not limited to:

ABC (Australia) • The Age • Berliner Zeitung • Channel News Asia • The Copenhagen Post • El País • Estado de Sao Paulo • Global News • The Globe and Mail • Ha'aretz • Hamilton Spectator • The Independent • The Irish Times • The Japan News by The Yomiuri Shimbun • Le Monde • The Local (various) • Mexico News Daily • Montreal Gazette • National Post • The Paris Times • SBS (Special Broadcasting Service) • The Scotsman • The Straits Times • The South China Morning Post • Sydney Morning Herald • Toronto Star • The Vienna Review • The Prague Post

In addition to traditional media, television and radio, Country Committees will be encouraged to reach out to any podcast producers and bloggers that may have substantial reach among constituents.

Targeted Media Outreach

Democrats Abroad will reach out to media outlets which cater to specific minorities and constituent segments. Realistically, some groups may not be represented outside the United States, and/or they are represented in the dailies and general interest outlets in their local area.

All DPCA caucuses will be encouraged to identify those outlets that may be of particular interest to their constituents. In some cases, members of minority groups living abroad use American online news sources. These may include websites such as:

Advocate • Fusion Online • NBC Latino • NewsOne • The Root

Stakeholder Engagement

Internal Stakeholders

Democrats Abroad in-country leaders are very often the best conduit for reaching local Americans and local American communities. Therefore, our success is dependent on ensuring that these internal stakeholders are informed, engaged and empowered.

Through both internal and public facing areas of our website, weekly and ad-hoc emails and monthly video conferences by region, these local leaders will be kept up to date at all times, in terms of the status of the DSP preparation, this includes internal schedules, expectations and responsibilities of lead volunteers. These platforms also provide full opportunity for leaders to raise issues, ask questions, and share success stories, to further improve the Delegate Selection Plan and Global Presidential Primary.

General members will also be kept up to date of this information and process, through web content, online speaker sessions, social media posts, email updates, and regular reminders at in-person events.

International Stakeholders

Through community outreach and global activism, Democrats Abroad has a strong network of organizations and interest groups, which we work with from time to time on particular issues of interest. At a global level, we will reach out to those organizations with a strong international structure. For those organizations managed fully at a local level, Democrats Abroad Country Committees will be encouraged to liaise directly.

The DPCA will utilize the organization's global caucuses to engage international stakeholder groups as well. These caucuses maintain an active global presence and include the Global Black Caucus, Hispanic Caucus, LGBT Caucus, Progressive Caucus, Women's Caucus, and the Youth Caucus.

Democrats Abroad will provide these organizations with similar materials to inform American voters about the Delegate Selection Plan and Global Presidential Primary. Organizations who we will reach out to include but are not limited to:

PAGE (Progressive Action, Global Exchange) • Black Women in Europe • AARO (Association of American Residents Overseas) • the Global Women's March • Indivisible • various black, hispanic, and LGBT fraternities and sororities with global activities •

Through its verified Twitter account, Democrats Abroad will reach out to influencers who have previously helped to drive awareness of DPCA GOTV activities and encourage them to share news of our delegate selection process and global primary. These influencers include but are not limited to Michael Blake, Earl Fowlkes, Michael Kapp, Grace Meng, Alyssa Milano, Malcolm Nance, Joe Scarborough, and George Takei.

Documentation & Reporting

Media outreach and coverage, as well as successful stakeholder engagement activities and social media reach, will be tracked and made available.

DEMOCRATS ABROAD 2020 DELEGATE SELECTION TIMELINE

PHASE I Preparatory Phase (February 28 through Dec. 31, 2019)					
Date	Description	DSP	Call	Rules	Regs
28-Feb-19	Appointment of Affirmative Action Committee	Sec. VII.A.2.a		6.F	
11-Mar-19	Int'l Chair to submit names, demographic data and contact information of members of AAC to the RBC	Sec. VII.A.2.b			2.2K
3-May-19	DSP Submission Deadline	n/a		1.D	2.1
13-Sep-19	Distribution of timeline of the delegate selection process	Sec. VII.A.3			
1-Oct-19	DSP information publicized on DA website	Sec. VII.A.4		1.H	
3-Nov-19	Implementation of Affirmative Action Plan begins (deadline: 4 months prior to GPP)	Sec. VII.A.3.		1.F	
30-Nov-19	Deadline to commence "well-publicized educational workshops" to encourage participation in the delegate selection process	Sec. VII.C.1		3.A-C	
31-Dec-19	Determination of Country Committees in Good Standing	Sec. III.A.1			
	Designation of Voting Center Managers	Sec. III.B.2.c			
	CC Determination of number of voting centers	Sec. III.B.3.c			
	Requests for private home waiver	Sec. III.B.3.d.(i)			
	CC Determination of location of voting centers	Sec. III.B.3.d.(iii)			
	Determination of time and place of regional conventions	Sec. III.C.1.a			
PHASE II GPP Phase (January 1, 2020 through March 23, 2020)					
Date	Description	DSP	Call	Rules	Regs
6-Jan-20	Statement of Candidacy	Sec. II.A.1		12.B	
	Ballot Access Petition Due (300 signatures)	Sec. II.A.2		15.A	
	Ballot Access Fee Due (\$2,500)	Sec. II.A.3		15.B	
	Certification of Authorized Representative Due	Sec. II.B.1			
	Statement of Full Participation Due	Sec. II.B.3; VII.F.2			
18-Feb-20	Ballot Request Deadline (requests from voters)	Sec. III.B.4.a			
	Transmission of mail-in ballots to voters by mail, fax or email begins	Sec. III.B.4.a			
	Downloadable ballot may be posted to DA website	Sec. III.B.4.b			
25-Feb-20	Transmission of mail-in ballots to voters ends	Sec. III.B.4.a			
3-Mar-20	Global Presidential Primary Begins (12 am New Zealand Daylight Time)	Sec. I.B.2; III.B.2.a		12.A	
	Voting by Email Begins	Sec. III.B.5			
6-Mar-20	DNC confirmation of Automatic and Distinguished Party Leader	Sec. III.E.3.a	IV.B	9.A	
10-Mar-20	Global Presidential Primary Ends	Sec. I.B.2; III.B.2.a			
	Ballot removed from DA website	Sec. II.B.4.b			
	Voting by Email Ends (12 am on March 11 Pacific Standard Time)	Sec. III.B.5			
10-Mar-20	Vote-by-mail ballots received by CC	Sec. III.B.4.e			
16-Mar-20	Voting by mail ballots received by Int'l Chair	Sec. III.B.1.d			
23-Mar-20	RVCs informed of regional delegate allocations	Sec. III.B.7.b			

PHASE III Delegate Selection Phase**(March 24, 2020 through November 3, 2020)**

Date	Description	DSP	Call	Rules Regs
24-Mar-20	Application period for all delegate and alternate positions begins	Sec. III.A.7.b		
4-Apr-20	Appointment of Global Convention and Regional Convention Credentials and Rules Committees by the International Chair (deadline if first regional convention is held on Apr. 14, but appointments may be made earlier)	Sec. III.C.1.b; D.2		
13-Apr-20	Certification of regional convention electors	Sec. III.C.2.a		
14-Apr-20	Regional conventions may begin	Sec. III.C.1		
17-Apr-20	Application deadline: at-large delegates to be elected at regional conventions (14 days prior to the regional convention)	Sec. III.A.7.b		15.G
	Application deadline: at-large delegates to be elected at the Global Convention, pledged PLEO, or alternates	Sec. III.A.7.b; Sec. III.F.3.b (PLEO)		15.G
20-Apr-20	List of regional convention at-large delegate-candidates sent to presidential campaigns (or 14 days prior to the regional convention, whichever is earlier)	Sec. III.A.8.a		13.D
	List of PLEO candidates sent to presidential campaigns	Sec. III.F.4.a		
	List of delegate-candidates for at-large delegates to be elected at the Global Convention, pledged PLEO, or alternates sent to presidential campaigns	Sec. III.A.8.a		13.D
24-Apr-20	List of approved regional convention at-Large delegate-candidates (or 10 days prior to the regional convention, whichever is earlier)	Sec. III.A.8.b		13.D.1
	List of approved candidates for standing committees (minimum of 1 name per committee)	Sec. IV.C.3.b		
	List of approved delegate-candidates (Global Convention)	Sec. III.A.8.b		13.D.1
	List of approved PLEO candidates (min. 2 candidates)	Sec. III.F.4.b		
27-Apr-20	*Within 3 days of returning the list of approved candidates, the Int'l Chair shall certify to the RBC whether each Presidential candidate used best efforts to ensure delegate candidates meet the affirmative action and inclusion goals	Sec. III.F.5.d		
15-May-20	Democrats Abroad Global Meeting (Tentative)	n/a		
16-May-20	Regional conventions end three hours prior to Global Convention	Sec. III.C.1		
	Global Convention Begins	Sec. III.D.1.a		
17-May-20	Global Convention Ends	Sec. III.D.1.a		
20-May-20	Deadline for Excom selection of temporary standing committee members	Sec. IV.B.a		
	Selection of Delegation Chair			
	Selection of standing committee members	Sec. IV.C.1.a		
	Selection of convention page	Sec. V.C.1	IV.F	
23-May-20	Certification of Delegation Chair, Standing Committee Members, Page		IV.E, F; VII.B	
	Certification of standing committee members		VII.B.3	
26-May-20	Certification of pledged delegates and alternates to the DNC (within 10 days of selection)	Sec. III.A.10; C.6.a(xii)	IV.A	
	Certification of PLEO	Sec. III.F.5.d		
	Certification of presidential preference of the delegates to the DNC (within 10 days after completion of the delegate selection process)	Sec. III.D.2.i	IV.C	
	Jurisdiction of the RBC to handle challenges ends	Sec. VIII.A.3		
	Certification catch-all provision (incl. DNC members)	Sec. III.D.2.i		
20-Jun-20	Delegate Selection Deadline		III	
13-Jul-20	Democratic National Convention Begins		Notice	
16-Jul-20	Democratic National Convention Ends		Notice	
3-Nov-20	Election Day			
	US citizens of voting age must turn 18 on or before Election Day	Sec.III.A.6.e		