

What was the first election you voted in?

1972 George McGovern The anti-war candidate.

How long have you been a member of Democrats Abroad?

Joined in Madrid 2006

A brief description of yourself:

I am a retired International Sales Manager for the EMEA Region. I helped to establish and run a sales distribution network for a medical technology start-up, retiring in 2013 after 25 years.

I have been a passionate progressive Democrat since my college years. My first Democratic National Convention was outside the convention on the streets of Chicago in 1968, a sharp contrast from being inside the 2016 DNC convention in Philadelphia last July.

What characteristics do you have that make you a good choice for the position you are running for?

Experience and passion.

I have been an activist since my college days and the student anti-war movement. During the early part of my career living and working from NH, I took an active interest in the Democratic primaries, often engaging in retail door to door voter contact learned while campaigning for the insurgent candidate Eugene McCarthy in 1968. Following the debacle of the 2000 election I was a Get Out The Vote field worker the last two or three weeks of the various campaigns in 2004, 2008, and 2012 in Florida. In 2014 and 2016 my activities were DA Spain focused, actively mobilizing the student vote across Spain.

On the Democrats Abroad Global level I was a member of the DA Global Presidential Primary committee participating from September until all the ballots were finally tabulated in late March. I was also a member in 2016 of the EMEA GOTV efforts coordinating with GOTV leaders in 4 countries.

I have participated in the Global and EMEA meetings of DA since 2014.

What issue is of particular interest to you?

Voter participation is a passion since collecting signatures for the 26th Amendment in the late 60's.

Any additional information that you wish to add:

I have been a strong supporter and organizer of many of the voter engagement and chapter building activities of the DA Madrid over the past few years. I have had the

pleasure of working closely with Ryan Turner and four sets of interns as they helped organize the annual summer party, silent auction, the 4th of July picnic, our GOTV activities and multiple other events including the Climate Change March. I started our participation in Orgullo Madrid four years ago, growing from 12 starting participants, to last year with over 50 people carrying DA signs in a crowd of over 70 people. A personal highlight of the GPP run up was working closely with Alanna Gluck who shared her social media expertise with me, a vital tool for today's activism. Last year I figured out how to do some home based fundraising events that provided seed money for our social media efforts and the hugely successful GPP.

Fired up! Ready to Go!