

Candidate Statement:

Democrats Abroad Spain is part of a world-wide organization made up of more than 40 Country Committees among which it is 7th in number of members. The backbone of any organization is made up of the rules and regulations that govern it. For the U.S.A it is the Constitution. Democrats Abroad worldwide is governed by its Charter and DA Spain is governed by its own Bylaws. The responsibility of the Counsel in the Executive Committee is to see that both the Charter and our Bylaws are properly observed. They function together rather like the U.S. Constitution and State Constitutions. If there is a conflict, the U.S. Constitution prevails.

Due process and due Deliberation are the machinery by which we carry out both the Charter and Bylaws. For example, to amend the Bylaws a process involving work in committee, the observation of requirements such as a 30 day notice, and the parliamentary process of due deliberation before and after that period should be followed. The same goes for the election of our representatives. Besides the 30 day notice we are obliged to follow the specifications of the Country Committee Election Guidelines (<https://wiki.democratsabroad.org/>).

Since attending a foundational meeting of the Madrid Chapter on March 11, 2004 I have been as active in the life of DA Spain as my circumstances allowed. I have served as Media Contact, Vice Chair, and Chair. I have been active in the DPCA (The Democratic Party Committee Abroad), our governing body, attending both global and regional meetings in Rome, Heidelberg, Oxford, Brussels, Vancouver, three times in Washington, and twice in Berlin. In many of those meetings I represented DA Spain with voice and vote as either Vice Chair or Chair.

I have been honored to be elected to DA's Delegations to the Denver and Charlotte Conventions of the Democratic Party in 2008 and 2012. I have attended countless monthly teleconferences with leaders in other Country Committees. I know how DA works on both the international and Country Committee levels. DA Spain's Bylaws are in need of revision to better harmonize with the DPCA Charter and to attune to technological innovations since they were last revised. If elected I will work with other volunteers toward that end. Fellow Democrat in Spain, I ask for your vote and your support.

Sincerely,

Gil Carbajal