

Annual General Meeting Announcement (continued – Feb. Newsletter)

2018 AGM Agenda:

- Welcome
- Chair's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Auditor's Report
- Discussion & Vote on amendments to the DAA Bylaws
- GOTV Coordinator's Report (while ballots are counted)
- Meet our Caucuses – The Year in Review
- Brainstorming: Ideas for 2018 and Beyond
- Closing Remarks

Amendment of the Bylaws: The Executive Committee established an ad-hoc committee to bring our existing Bylaws (last amended 2011) up to date with the current DPCA (DA global) model version. The committee reviewed the two texts and, after a vote by the Executive Committee, the Bylaws Committee moved forward with suggestions for an amended DAA Bylaws. The Executive Committee recently approved a motion to present the amended DAA Bylaws to the general membership. At our Annual General Meeting on March 11, 2018 our membership will vote on the amended DAA Bylaws. You can find the current DAA Bylaws [here](#) and the proposed amended DAA Bylaws [here](#).

Voting: will be in person or by proxy to a DAA member attending the AGM. Election Rules are in Addendum A below.

Addendum A: DAA 2018 Election Rules

(As mandated by DAA Bylaws. You can find the current DAA Bylaws [here](#).)

1. The Executive Committee decided (Art. XV, 15.2) to hold this vote in person, with votes by proxy also being accepted. No member may hold more than two proxies. (Art. XVI, 16.3)
2. A non-attending DAA member may authorize any other attending DAA member to vote on his/her behalf. The authorized person must provide a written statement clearly stating that they have been given the permission for the proxy vote, such as a note or email that reads:

"I authorize _____(name of the authorized person_____) to cast a proxy vote on my behalf at the Democrats Abroad Austria AGM 2018." The statement should either be signed or have clearly come from the authorizing person's email account.

1. The elections will be decided by majority vote (Art. XVI, 16.1). We will use paper ballots. All ballots must be signed – Democratic Party rules strictly prohibit secret ballots in Party elections.*
2. The quorum needed is a minimum of 25 members (Art. XX, 20.5(i)).

* **Why?** To avoid challengeable ballots and credential challenges post-election. Each vote can be traced to an identifiable and identified member.

Directions to [SPÖ Neubau](#):

Three ways to get there by public transportation:

- Take the Tram 49 to Westbahnstr./Zieglergasse. When you get off the tram, walk 2 blocks down Zieglergasse (towards Mariahilferstrasse) and turn right on Lindengasse. Number 64 is towards the end of the first block on your right.
- Take the U3 to Zieglergasse. Take the Zieglergasse exit. When you get out of the subway, walk 2 blocks down Zieglergasse and turn left on Lindengasse. Number 64 is towards the end of the first block on your right.
- Take the U6 or #18 to Burggasse/Stadthalle. Take tram #5 (direction Praterstern) 2 stops to Stollgasse. Walk down Lindengasse one block, #64 is on the corner of the second block on your left.