

DEMOCRATS ABROAD ISRAEL
BYLAWS

Proposed to be Adopted by DA-Israel Membership –
March 16, 2021

Article I: Name of the Organization

These Bylaws govern an organization having as its name Democrats Abroad Israel (State of Israel and Palestinian Territories) (hereinafter “DA-IL

Article II: Purpose and Relationship to Democrats Abroad

2.1 Country Committee

The organization is a constituent member of the Democratic Party Committee Abroad (DPCA) as a Country Committee within Democrats Abroad.

2.2 Purpose

The purposes of the organization shall be to advance the interests and ideals of the Democratic Party of the United States (the “Democratic Party”) and of Democrats Abroad as stated in the Charter of the Democratic Party (§17) and the Bylaws of Democrats Abroad, and to provide a platform for appropriate action by its members and supporters who reside in Israel and the Palestinian Territories.

Article III: Members

3.1 Membership Requirements

Individuals who wish to join DA-IL must meet all of the following qualifications: (i) be a citizen of the United States, (ii) be of voting age, meaning having attained eighteen years of age by the next federal election subsequent to joining, (iii) subscribe to the principles of the Democratic Party of the United States and of Democrats Abroad, and (iv) have their principal place of residence in Israel or the Palestinian Territories. Membership in DA- IL automatically results in membership in Democrats Abroad.

3.2 Application Process for Membership

To join Democrats Abroad Israel, a prospective member must complete the DPCA on-line membership application form made available at the Democrats Abroad international website.

3.3 Consent to Personal Data Use

By becoming a member of Democrats Abroad Israel, the member explicitly consents to the delivery of his/her name and all other information contained on the membership form to the DPCA for such lawful use thereof by the DPCA.

3.4 Validation of Personal Data

Each member has the right to inspect and correct his/her own membership data

as maintained in the DPCA membership database.

3.5 Limitations on Use of Personal Data

Membership records shall be kept confidential, and they shall not be available to any person other than members of the DA-IL Executive Committee, DPCA, or DA-IL members or contractors with designated responsibility in connection with elections or database management. All individuals with access to membership data shall sign and adhere to the terms of the current DPCA Confidentiality Agreement. No use of the membership database is permitted for purposes other than those related to the activities of the Democratic Party, of Democrats Abroad, or of Democrats Abroad Israel. No candidate for any office may use or access the membership database directly for the purposes of campaigning for office or soliciting votes or proxies.

3.6 Membership Database Maintenance

Membership records shall be maintained by the Secretary in a manner consistent with DPCA requirements and applicable data security laws. A validated and up-to-date membership database shall be submitted to the appropriate officers of the DPCA no later than January 31 of each year in such form and format as the DPCA shall require.

3.7 Cessation of Membership

Any member shall cease to be a member if he/she no longer maintains his/her principal residence in Israel. Criteria for determining principal residency shall be in accordance with DPCA policy documents, including the DPCA Country Committee Election Procedures. A member may also notify the Chair, the Secretary, or the DPCA in writing that the member wishes to resign from DA-IL. A former member may be re-instated under the same conditions as a new member.

3.8 Removal of Membership

A member who, by her/his actions, demonstrates that she/he no longer subscribes to the principles of the Democratic Party of the United States and of Democrats Abroad may be removed from membership by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Executive Committee; provided that such vote may only be taken at a meeting of the Executive Committee, after the member has received at least 30-days advance written notification by the Executive Committee of the Executive Committee's intention to remove the member and has had reasonable opportunity to contest the proposed action by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall adopt such rules of procedure as it deems necessary to ensure that the removal hearing is conducted in a fair manner. A member so removed may appeal the decision of the Executive Committee at a general meeting of DA-IL members held pursuant to Article IX.

Article IV: Executive Committee

4.1 Members of the Executive Committee

The DA-IL Executive Committee shall be composed of up to thirteen (13) elected

Officers, namely:

Chair,
Executive Vice Chair,
Executive Chair (the Chair of the registered Israel nonprofit organization for Democrats Abroad Israel RA 580701936),
Vice Chair for Membership (Secretary),
Vice Chair for Finance (Treasurer),
Vice Chair for Legal Counsel,
Vice Chair for Social Media,
Vice Chair for Media Relations and Policy,
Vice Chair for Get Out the Vote (GOTV),
Vice Chair for Fundraising
At-Large-Members

The chairs of any Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees (who are not Officers) shall be observer members of the Executive Committee without voting privileges.

4.2 Gender Balance

Following Democratic Party and DPCA policy, the Chair and the Executive Vice-Chair shall not be of the same sex. For the purposes of this section, the term 'sex' is defined as male, female, non-binary, intersex, or any other classification of sex or gender that is legally recognized by any state or federal jurisdiction within the United States of America.

4.3 Amuta

Members of the Executive Committee shall complete the process of becoming a member of the registered Israel nonprofit organization for Democrats Abroad Israel RA 580701936 (hereinafter the "Amuta"). The membership process will be completed within 10 days of election to the Executive Committee.

4.4 Responsibilities of the Chair

The Chair shall be the chief executive officer of the organization, shall call and preside at all meetings of members and of the Executive Committee, establish the agenda of such meetings, and shall be responsible for carrying out the programs, policies, and activities approved by the organization. The Chair shall be responsible for ensuring the organization is in compliance with host- country laws and regulations. The Chair shall sit ex-officio on all committees and subcommittees of the organization, including Standing Committees, with full voting privileges. Decisions or actions taken by the Chair may be overruled by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Executive Committee. The Chair is a DPCA Voting Representative as defined in Article V herein.

4.5 Executive Vice Chair

The Executive Vice Chair shall be selected at the AGM in accordance with Section 4.2 of these bylaws. The Executive Vice Chair, along with the

will be a DPCA Voting Member. The identity of the Executive Vice Chair shall be provided to DA International by the Chair within 15 days of the date of election of the Executive Committee.

In the absence of the Chair, the Executive Vice Chair shall call and preside at meetings of members and of the Executive Committee. The Vice Chair may have such other duties as the Chair shall define.

4.6 Secretary/Vice Chair for Membership

The Secretary/Vice Chair for Membership shall maintain a current list of members of the organization, keep the minutes of all meetings, and all files and administrative records of the organization. The minutes of all meetings shall be made available to all DA-IL members without undue delay. In addition, the Secretary/Vice Chair of Membership shall provide periodic membership reports to DPCA as required.

4.7 Treasurer/Vice Chair for Finance

The Treasurer/Vice Chair for Finance shall manage the finances of the organization, maintain its financial reports to members, and make and maintain such financial reports as may be required by law. All such records shall be available for review and comment by DA-IL members. The Treasurer/Vice Chair of Finance shall consult with the International Treasurer of Democrats Abroad from time to time on matters concerning the maintenance of financial records and financial reporting (notably to the United States Federal Election Commission). The Treasurer/Vice Chair of Finance shall maintain the minutes of such committee. The Treasurer/Vice Chair for Finance shall sit on the audit committee of the Amuta.

4.8 Counsel/Vice Chair for Legal

The Counsel/Vice Chair for Legal shall be available for consultation by the Executive Committee and its officers on legal and procedural questions relating to DA-IL and its activities. The Counsel/Vice Chair for Legal shall consult with the International Counsel from time to time on emergent matters, including notably questions on voting issues and financial record keeping. The Counsel/Vice Chair of Legal shall chair the Bylaws and Legal Committee and maintain the minutes of such committee.

4.9 Vice Chair for Social Media

The Vice Chair for Social Media shall participate in the work of the Executive Committee to support the organization by guiding Social Media outreach and engagement and such social media projects and activities as needed for the effective functioning of DA-IL. The Vice Chair for Social Media shall chair the Social Media Committee and maintain the minutes of such committee.

4.10 Vice Chair for Media Relations and Policy

The Vice Chair for Media Relations and Policy shall participate in the work of the Executive Committee to support the organization by chairing the Media Relations Committee and the Policy platform committee of DA-IL and shall maintain the minutes of such committee.

4.11 Vice Chair for Get Out the Vote

The Vice Chair for Get Out the Vote shall participate in the work of the Executive Committee to support the organization by chairing the Voter Registration Committee and directing voter registration-related activities of DA-IL. The Vice Chair for Get Out the Vote shall maintain the minutes of such committee.

4.12 Vice Chair for Fundraising

The Vice Chair for Fundraising shall participate in the work of the Executive Committee foundations, party agencies and engaging in such projects as needed to ensure adequate monetary funds as needed for the effective functioning of DA Israel. The fundraising Vice shall maintain adequate records of fundraising activities and shall make periodic reports to the Executive Committee.

4.13 Members At-Large

The Members-At-Large shall participate in the work of the Executive Committee to support the organization by engaging in such projects and committees as needed for the effective functioning of DA-IL. Regular attendance at Executive Committee meetings is expected, barring any conflicts that cause excused absences. The Executive Committee shall from time to time authorize the At Large Member's tasks, and reflect such resolution in the minutes of DA-IL.

4.14 Term of Office

All members of the Executive Committee shall be elected every two years in odd-numbered years at the Annual General Meeting of the organization (which meeting shall be held no later than March 31). They shall be elected for a term expiring upon the election of their successor. No Officer can serve more than two consecutive terms in the same position.

The number of Members at large positions for any election will be determined by the Executive Committee in a voting year and prior to the publishing of the notice for elections.

4.15 Expiration of Term

The terms of all incumbent Officers and Committee Chairs shall automatically expire upon the election of new Officers in accordance with the foregoing paragraph.

4.16 Removal for Non-Attendance

Any Officer who misses three consecutive, regularly called meetings of the Executive Committee may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Executive Committee at a duly convened meeting at which the question of such removal is on the agenda sent out at least 30-days in advance and at which the Officer is given due opportunity to contest the removal and explain the reasons for her/his absence.

Article V

5.1 DPCA Voting Representative(s)

5.1.1 DPCA Voting Representative(s) are assigned to DA-IL and are elected to represent DA-IL at international meetings;

5.1.2 DA-IL shall have the option to elect a non-voting representative in accordance with the DPCA Charter, and is required to elect at least the minimum number of Voting Representatives necessary to enable DA-IL to cast all its votes in the annual DPCA international meeting.

5.1.3 Such election(s) shall be held at the same time as the DA-IL Chair and Executive Vice Chair and candidates will be selected from the Executive Committee. .

5.1.4 If the membership of DA-IL is entitled to more than one (1) Voting Representative, gender balance as defined in Article 4.2 shall apply.

5.1.5 DPCA Voting Representative/s and DPCA non-voting representative/s will be selected from among the duly elected DA IL Executive Committee as elected at the Annual General Meeting.

5.1.6 The term of a Voting Representative shall be the same as for Officers of the Country Committee.

5.1.7 The participation and rights of the DA-IL Voting Representative(s) in international DA meetings is set forth in the Democrats Abroad Charter.

5.2 DPCA Voting Delegation

DA-IL's DPCA Voting Delegation consists of those persons who have been elected to represent DA-IL within the DPCA, and who hold the right to vote in the DPCA. These persons are the Chair, Vice-Chair, and DPCA Voting Representative(s) duly elected at the AGM. No person voting for DA-IL shall carry more than one (1) vote, excluding any proxy votes allowed by the DPCA Charter. No person on the Executive Committee will carry more than one vote notwithstanding the different positions held (i.e. Treasurer and DPCA Representative).

- 5.3 Alternate DPCA Voting Representative(s)
 - 5.3.1 In parallel to the election of Voting Representatives, as provided in Article 5.1 above, DA-IL shall elect the same number of Alternate DPCA Voting Representatives as the minimum number of Voting Representatives necessary to enable DA-IL to cast all its votes in the annual DPCA international meeting.
 - 5.3.2 Such election(s) shall be held at the same time as the DA-IL Chair and Executive Vice Chair.
 - 5.3.3 If the membership of DA-IL is entitled to more than one (1) Voting Representative, gender balance as defined in Article 4.2 shall apply.
 - 5.3.4 An Alternate DPCA Voting ~~but~~ and shall also serve as an At-Large Member of the DA-IL Executive Committee.
 - 5.3.5 The term of an Alternate Voting Representative shall be the same as for Officers of the Country Committee.

Article VI: Executive Committee Responsibilities

6.1 Schedule of Meetings

The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times a year upon call by the Chair for the purpose of consulting with and advising the Chair in the administration of the organization. A meeting of the Executive Committee may be called by any two members of the Executive Committee.

6.2 Responsibilities of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the conduct of the affairs of DA-IL in accordance with policies of the DNC and the DPCA. The Executive Committee may act in meeting, by telephone, by video conference, by e-mail, or by other written or electronic means. The Executive Committee shall adopt a budget for DA-IL prior to the Annual General Meeting each year. Decisions taken by the Executive Committee shall be by simple majority vote of those present in person or proxy or participating by approved real-time electronic means at any quorate meeting of the Executive Committee; or if such vote is taken by e-mail or other written form, by simple majority of the entire Executive Committee.

6.3 Code of Conduct

Elected Officers and appointed Committee Members are expected to adhere to the DPCA Code of Conduct and other procedures and policies defined by the DPCA and made available in the DA Wiki site at: <https://wiki.democratsabroad.org/> .

Article VII: Committees

7.1 Standing Committees

DA-IL shall have the following Standing Committees: Membership, , GOTV, Community Building, Fund Raising, Bylaws, Platform and Policy, Social Media, Media Relations, Merchandising, and Audit Committee.

7.2 Ad Hoc Committees

The Chair may create one or more Ad Hoc Committees or Chapters , with such functions

and responsibilities, as he/she shall designate.

7.3 Committee Chair Appointments

The Chair in its discretion shall appoint or remove the chairs of the Standing Committees and the Ad Hoc committees, which shall be subject to approval at the meeting of the Executive Committee next following such appointment or revocation. The membership of each such committee shall be selected by the committee chair after consultation with the Chair.

7.4 The Executive Committee, in its discretion, shall establish Regional chapters in Israel and the Palestinian Territories from time to time and as follows;

- a) the establishment of the Palestinian Chapter;
- b) the establishment of the Northern Israel Chapter;
- c) the establishment of the Central Israel Chapter;
- d) the establishment of the Southern Israel Chapter;
- e) the establishment of the Gush Dan Chapter;
- f) the establishment of the Jerusalem Chapter.

7.4.1 The Chapters shall operate in compliance with the bylaws of the Country Committee (as may be modified in the judgment of the Country Committee from time to time), as well as the Charter and rules of Democrats Abroad. The Executive Committee may, in its sole discretion, upon a 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee elect to terminate a Chapter. Prior to taking such a vote, the Executive Committee shall give a written notice to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Chapter detailing the reasons for terminating the Chapter and giving the Chapter sixty (60) days to rectify any issues raised in such letter. The Executive Committee shall consider the steps taken, if any, by the Chapter following the notice before taking its vote.

7.4.2 The Chapter shall hold a meeting yearly to elect a Chair and vice chair as per the definitions of the position in Article IV of the Democrats Abroad Israel Bylaws and in accordance with Article 4.2 ensuring Gender Balance.

The meeting shall be called upon reasonable notice and conducted in accordance with Article VIII of the Democrats Abroad bylaws, and 60 days before the date of the Executive Committee's Annual General Meeting.

7.4.3 The minutes of the meeting and contact details of individuals so elected shall be promptly provided to the Chair of the Country Committee.

7.4.4 All financial matters concerning Chapters shall be under the review and supervision of the Chair and Treasurer of the Country Committee who shall take into consideration the budget, sources, and proposed uses of funds relating to any Chapter.

7.5 Expiration of Term

The terms for all committee and chapter Chairs shall automatically expire upon the election of a new DA-IL Chair.

7.6 Open Meetings

Meetings of all committees and chapters shall be open to all members of the organization. Committee meetings shall be announced in advance to the general membership. Minutes of meetings shall be provided to the Secretary.

7.7 All committees shall periodically report on their activities to the Executive Committee. Each committee shall prepare an annual report for distribution to the membership prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Article VIII: Nominations and Elections

8.1 Nominations and Elections Committee

At least two months prior to the Annual General Meeting, and in any event no later than January 31st, of an election year, a Nominations and Elections Committee (hereinafter "NEC") shall be named by the Chair with the approval of the Executive Committee. The members of the NEC shall elect a chair from among its appointed members. All NEC members shall be subject to the obligations of confidentiality (pursuant to Article 3.5). This committee shall be empowered to receive nominations of members for elected officer positions from the membership and to make nominations, with assent of the nominated member, for any open position. The nominations committee shall not exclude any eligible member as a candidate.

8.2 Establishing Voting Procedure

At the meeting approving the appointment of the NEC, the Executive Committee shall decide, in view of local circumstances and to promote the greatest participation, on the rules and procedures for the balloting and elections. They shall define proxy and voting procedures and procedures for notifying members of the election process. Should proxy votes be allowed, each member attending a meeting is limited to carry a maximum of two (2) proxy votes. To the extent possible under the rules of the DNC and DPCA, provision shall be made to enable members to vote remotely via a personally verifiable electronic means (e.g., by fax, e-mail, on the Web, etc.).

8.3 Nominations Invitation

The NEC shall notify the membership and solicit nominations no less than 30 days prior to the annual meeting at which an election will be held. Any member of the organization wishing to run for an open position and not nominated by the Nominations Committee shall declare his/her candidacy at least 17 days before the annual meeting in writing addressed to the Chair of the Nominations Committee.

8.4 Ballot Preparation and Distribution

The chair of the NEC shall prepare ballots containing the names of the nominated candidates for distribution to the membership of the organization no

earlier than 17 days before the annual meeting and no later than 14 days before such meeting. Such ballots shall be posted to the DPCA website and e- mailed or postal mailed to all DA-IL members no less than 14 days before the election meeting.

8.5 Candidate Presentations

The NEC shall ensure that nominated candidates have reasonable and equitable opportunity to present their candidacy, qualifications, and platform prior to the elections. The NEC shall ensure adequate distribution of all such information to the membership, including posting on the DA-IL website.

8.6 Restrictions on Nominations from the Floor

At an election meeting if there is no declared candidate for an open position, then members may nominate a candidate from the floor. Otherwise, there may be no nominations from the floor of the meeting.

8.7 Nominations for Special Election

In the case of an election held to fill a vacancy pursuant to Article 8.5 (Elections for Officer Vacancies), the election shall be held at the next Annual General Meeting, following the rules given in Articles VII (Nominations and Elections) and VIII (Elections and Removal from Office).

8.8 DPCA Election Procedures

The DA-IL election procedures shall adhere to and follow as practicably as possible the current DPCA Country Committee Election Procedures and relevant policy guidelines as updated and made available in the DA Wiki at: <https://wiki.democratsabroad.org/> Any variation from these guidelines shall be approved by the Executive Committee prior to the election. The Officers of the Executive Committee (with the exception of the Executive Vice Chair shall be elected by a majority of votes of (i) the members voting (in person or by proxy) at the Annual General Meeting and (ii) by mail, fax or electronic ballot (e.g., email, web) counted at the Annual General Meeting. In the event of the use of mail ballots, ballots received by mail shall be kept unopened and delivered to tellers appointed by the meeting to count the votes.

The Executive Vice Chair, the DPCA Voting Representatives and Alternative DPCA Voting Representatives will be elected by a majority of votes of the members (in person or by proxy) at the Annual General Meeting, following the election of the Chair.

Article IX: Elections and Removal from Office

9.1 Election and Counting of Ballots

The NEC shall run the election part of any membership meeting. The Officers shall be elected by a simple majority of votes of (i) the members voting (in person or by proxy) at the Annual General Meeting (or in the case of a

vacancy, at the general meeting at which the election is held), or (ii) by written or electronic ballot (e.g., e-mail, web) counted at the annual meeting (or in the case of a vacancy, at the general meeting at which the election is held). All ballots and votes shall be verified and counted by tellers appointed by the NEC to count the votes. The candidate receiving the most votes shall be elected.

In the case of a tie in the number of votes cast for an elected position, an immediate, on-the-spot run-off election shall be held following the announcement of the voting tie result. In such a case, absentee ballots will not be admitted in the runoff election, though proxies may again be voted if they are general to the election and not limited to a specific candidate who is not a candidate in the run-off round. In the case of a tie, and if a challenge is raised at the election meeting, then a run-off election date shall be set, allowing at least 15 days for the NEC to hear the complaint and adjudicate the challenge, with a further minimum 7 days for voter notification and ballot distribution. Absentee and proxy ballots may be admitted in such a run-off election.

9.2 No Secret Ballot

In accord with Democratic Party and DPCA policy, there is no secret ballot voting in DA-IL elections. All ballots cast must include such personal identification and contact data (i.e., name, phone, e-mail) as to allow for validation that the voter is a member of DA-IL, and to confirm that votes are counted as the voter intended. An electronically submitted ballot with a typed name shall constitute a valid "signature," so long as the ballot is submitted from the e-mail address registered in the membership database.

9.3 Removal from Office

Any Officer may be removed from office by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of (i) those present at a duly convened and quorate meeting of the membership or (ii) those voting in a duly organized vote by electronic ballot (e.g., e-mail, web) on the question, subject to the following conditions: (a) Notice of any meeting under this Section must be given in writing to the membership at least 30 days in advance, (b) the Chair or Secretary shall notify the Officer in writing at least 30-days in advance, and (c) the Officer shall be provided with due opportunity to contest the reasons for her or his removal.

9.4 Vacancy of the Chair

If the position of Chair becomes vacant for whatever reason, the Executive Vice Chair shall succeed to the office of Chair and elections shall be held to fill the office of Executive Vice Chair in accordance with Article 8.5 (Elections for Officer Vacancies). Any Executive Vice Chair succeeding to the office of Chair shall serve only until the election of her or his successor at the next regular election.

9.5 Elections for Officer Vacancies

Any vacancy among the Officers of the Executive Committee shall be filled by an election held at the next Annual General Meeting of the members of the organization in conformity with Articles VII (Nominations and Elections) and

VIII (Elections and Removal from Office) hereof. Until such vacancy is filled by an election, the Chair may make an interim appointment at his or her discretion of a member to fill the vacancy on a temporary basis, subject to approval by the Executive Committee. Any Officer elected at an election shall serve only until the next regular election.

9.6 Election Challenges

An election may be challenged by any eligible member. Challenges must be submitted in writing to the NEC within 30 days of the election. The NEC shall hear and adjudicate all election challenges in accord with the DPCA Country Committee Election Procedures and the DPCA Rules of Procedure.

9.7 Election Reporting

In accordance with DPCA requirements the certified minutes of the election meeting shall be reported to the International Secretary of DPCA and the Regional Vice Chair for EMEA, together with the complete contact information of all elected officers within 15 days of the election. The election results shall also be promptly reported to the full membership.

Article X: Meetings

10.1 Notice of Meetings

Notice of (i) Annual General Meetings, (ii) meetings at which elections and decisions on removals from office will be held, and (iii) meetings to amend these Bylaws shall be sent to members at least 30 days before the meeting via the official membership e-mail distribution list and DPCA website. Notice shall be given of other meetings of members (with no less than 14 days written notice) and of the Executive Committee and Standing Committees (with reasonable notice under the circumstances) shall be given via the official membership e-mail distribution list and/or DPCA website, as well as by other means as the Chair shall prescribe.

10.2 Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting of members shall be held no later than March 31 of each year and shall act upon the following: (i) approval of the accounts and the report of the Chair and the Treasurer for the preceding calendar year, (ii) in election years, the election of the Officers, (iii) such other business as the Chair shall deem appropriate, (iv) DA-IL is registered as a non-profit association in Israel as Democrats Abroad Israel R.A. 580701936 דמוקרטים אבראוד ישראל ע"ר. All statutory requirements for auditors, audit committee, and other positions, as well as reporting of the non-profit association will be conducted at the Annual General Meeting of DA-IL as described herein, and (v) other agenda items submitted as per Article 10.7 (Meeting Agenda). Other Meetings of the General Membership

Other meetings of the membership may be held from time to time upon call by (i) the Chair, (ii) two (2) members of the Executive Committee, or (iii) the lesser of 10% of the membership, or twenty (20) members who request the holding of a meeting.

10.3 Meetings Open to All Members

All meetings of the membership, the Executive Committee, the Standing Committees, and Ad Hoc Committees (if any) shall be open to the membership and conducted in accordance with these Bylaws (including the provisions in Article 9.1 on notice).

10.4 Manner of Assembly

Meetings of Democrats Abroad Israel may be held in person, by telephone, videoconference, or by such electronic means as the Executive Committee approves by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

10.5 Constituting a Quorum

A Quorum is required for any meeting to have a valid vote, pass resolutions, or elect officers. For the purposes hereof, a Quorum shall be determined as follows:

(I) for meetings of the membership, the lesser of 10% of the membership, or twenty (20) members;

(ii) for meetings of the Executive Committee, Standing Committees, or any Ad Hoc committee, one-half of the members of such committee, provided that the chair or vice chair of such committee is present;

(iii) a person attending or voting by approved real-time electronic means (e.g. teleconference, videoconference, etc.) shall be counted as in attendance for the purposes of achieving a Quorum, in accordance with Article 9.5 (Manner of Assembly).

(iv) Proxies shall not be counted in determining a Quorum.

10.6 Failure to Call a Meeting

If the Chair fails to call a meeting in a timely manner for whatever reason, the Secretary or another Officer shall call the meeting.

10.7 Meeting Agenda

The agenda of a meeting of the membership shall include any item of business submitted in writing to the Chair in advance by any two (2) members of the Executive Committee; or the lesser of ten percent (10%) of the membership, or ten (10) members. The agenda of any meeting of the Executive Committee or of a subcommittee shall include any item of business submitted in writing to the Chair in advance by any two (2) members of the Executive Committee or of the committee, as the case may be.

10.8 Governing by Roberts Rules

Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of Roberts Rules of Order, for all procedural matters not governed by these Bylaws, or the Bylaws, rules and regulations of the DPCA.

Article XI: Rules Applicable to the Country Committee

The functioning of the DA-IL Country Committee shall be governed by (i) these Bylaws and such rules as the Executive Committee may adopt and (ii) the Bylaws and rules and regulations of Democrats Abroad and the Charter and Bylaws and rules and regulations of the Democratic Party of the United States. In the event of a conflict between these DA-IL Bylaws [item (i) above], and the Bylaws, Charter, or rules and regulations of either Democrats Abroad or the Democratic Party [item (ii) above], the documents, rules and regulations of the latter [item (ii)] shall prevail.

Article XII: Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of DA-IL present in person or by proxy at a regularly constituted and quorate general meeting of DA-IL. Written text of any proposed Amendments shall be distributed with the advance notice of the general meeting where such amendments will be discussed or voted upon.

Amended versions of these by-laws were prepared and approved by the Executive Committee:

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19 February 2007

7 October 2008

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21 November 2008

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18 March 2019