WE'RE OFFICIAL

We are an official Country Committee!

The adoption of our Bylaws and election of an Executive Committee at last month’s 4th of July Inaugural AGM set the wheels in motion for us to be voted into the Democratic Party Committee Abroad. We jumped the final hurdle at last weekend’s DPCA Online Global Meeting, where global voting members unanimously voted for our admission.

We now have a role in considering issues that relate to U.S. citizens residing abroad and supervising activities of the Regions and Country Committees in such matters as:

1. the nomination and election of Delegates to Democratic Party Conferences and Conventions;
2. the transmission of the views of Democrats Abroad to the DNC and vice versa, both on party affairs and policy; 
3. especially in campaign years, the organization of voter registration campaigns and Get Out the Vote activities, the handling of joint publicity and advertising, the acquisition and distribution of campaign literature and materials, the coordination of visits, and related matters;  
4. cooperation with U.S. civic organizations and other U.S. political parties on nonpartisan and bipartisan programs; 
5. the initiation of steps to organize new committees in countries or areas with a substantial number of resident U.S. citizens; and 
6. the day-to-day operations of the Regions.

Representing DA Kenya officially for the first time on the global stage, the Chair and Vice-Chair exercised their votes on Charter Amendments and Resolutions for Democrats Abroad. All DAKE members are invited to the monthly Europe-Middle East-Africa (EMEA) virtual meetings (1st Wednesday of each month) and Global Meetings. Let us know if you want to join!

THE CHAIR’S MESSAGE

BY ROBYN T. EMERSON

I’m excited about the zeal the Executive Committee has displayed in familiarizing ourselves with the duties, responsibilities, and opportunities of running a Country Committee. With the committed support of DA Regional and International leaders, we are laying a foundation for members to plug in and exercise their rights as American voters in Kenya.

The top two reasons members gave in our recent survey for joining DA are becoming or remaining actively involved in U.S. politics while living abroad and meeting other like-minded Americans. With so much in the U.S. calling for our input and our vote, subcommittees are being formed to mobilize American voters, organize events, communications, and P.R., look for notices of their meetings to attend.

The 2022 Midterm election requires us to dig in a little deeper, bring in every vote possible from Kenya, and influence elected officials on important policies. We’re preparing for a fight and fun, but we can’t do it without you!

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO CAUSING SOME GOOD TROUBLE WITH YOU.
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Kenya Executive Committee

Kevin is a consultant specializing in environmental and social governance and youth workforce development in Kenya for the last 11 years. Hailing from Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Kevin has lived in Sub-Saharan Africa for over 20 years, starting as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Burundi in the late ’80s/early ’90s.

A passionate Democrat who is a registered voter in Volusia County, Florida, climate change and voting rights are the seminal issues motivating his interest in serving on Democrats Abroad. In his spare time, he works to grow the game of baseball in Kenya through the North American Buffaloes baseball club.

Vice Chair
Kevin M. Doyle

Robyn has lived and worked in Kenya for 20 years at executive levels in public and private sector at M&E, urban planning, real estate, community organizing and civic education, women leadership & decision making organizations. She has worked to build community among American Voters in Kenya over the years.

Other leadership roles: President of Women in Real Estate, Co-Author Building in Kenya: A Real Estate Developers Toolkit; Co-Founder Kilimani Project Foundation, Trustee Crafts with Meaning, and Board Member Buildher.

She is a graduate of HBCUs and the University of Texas at Austin.

Chair
Robyn T. Emerson, MSCR

Daniel Mokrauer-Madden is a graduate of both M.I.T and the University of California, Davis. Mr. Madden has over ten years of experience in the agri-tech space and delivering valuable technological resources to low-income communities.

He has a particular passion for working with people at the grassroots level, helping to identify needs and designing beneficial outcomes for those communities.

Secretary
Daniel Mokrauer-Madden

Crispian Kirk is a serial entrepreneur and lawyer who has worked at the intersection of democracy and development. He has extensive experience in voting rights, social enterprise, and international trade.

He is the father of three girls, which infuses his passion for the empowerment of girls.

Treasurer
Crispian Kirk, JD
Beverle M. Lax, PhD, is a graduate of UW-Madison in African Languages and Literature. Professor Lax taught linguistics, writing, and Swahili at the University of Nairobi and the US International University during 36 years in Kenya, shaping today’s professionals.

Dr. Lax is a writer, mentors the underserved in digital and computer literacy, challenges dubious processes that deny women’s rights, and interrogates systems to forward democratic initiatives.

Counsel
Beverle M. Lax, PhD

James Ilako, MBA, is a graduate of the American University, Kogod School of Business. Previously, James has worked on Wall Street with Kellner, Dileo & Co., and as a vice president of the Empire State Development Corporation in NYC.

Mr. Ilako has lived in Kenya since 2010. He has worked as a business and finance consultant in the private, non-profit, and aid sectors. His latest venture is a sports development project. And he always makes time for a little golf!

James believes shared values regarding voting rights and democratic principles are vital. He would also like to promote Kenya as an investment opportunity for U.S. companies. He votes in New York.

Mr. Ilako will be heading up the DAKE fundraising efforts.

Member-At-Large #1
James Ilako, MBA

Nakia J. White is a graduate of Montclair State University, Rutgers, and has a special certification from New York University. She is also a former two-time elected official in Newark, NJ, where she also worked with Senator Cory Booker. Nakia has been in Kenya for seven years and is devoted to voter rights for all.

Ms. White will be leading the communication committee.

Member-At-Large #2
Nakia J. White, MBA
UPCOMING EVENTS

“CONVERSATION ON US FOREIGN SECURITY IN AFRICA”
US Africa Policy Town Hall

JOIN OUR VIRTUAL TOWN HALL WITH

DANA L. BANKS
Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Africa at the National Security Council

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UPCOMING ELECTIONS

CALIFORNIA
GOVERNOR
RECALL ELECTION OF GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM

The 2021 California gubernatorial recall election is an upcoming special election on whether to recall Governor Gavin Newsom, scheduled to be held in-person on September 14, 2021, with every voter set to receive a ballot at their address for the option to vote by mail, beginning August 16, 2021.

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VIRGINA
GOVERNOR
DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FORMER GOV. TERRY MCAFULIFFE

The 2021 Virginia gubernatorial election will be held on November 2, 2021, to elect the next governor of Virginia. Incumbent Democratic Governor Ralph Northam is ineligible to run for reelection, as the Constitution of Virginia prohibits the officeholder from serving consecutive terms. Former Governor Terry McAuliffe won the Democratic primary.

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NEW JERSEY
GOVERNOR
DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FORMER GOV. PHIL MURPHY

The 2021 New Jersey gubernatorial election will take place on November 2, 2021, to elect the governor of New Jersey.

Incumbent Democratic Governor Phil Murphy, who was first elected in 2017 with 56% of the vote, is running for reelection to a second term.

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California Voters: Join the Democrats Abroad California State Committee on August 29th at 12:30 pm EDT for an exciting and informative event on the #CAReCall election and getting out the vote in 2022.

https://www.democratsabroad.org/keep_ca_blue_2021

Governor Ann Richards was the most recent Democratic Governor (26 years ago) of the #LoneStarState. DAKE is joining @TXabroad to make sure she wasn’t the last. Join our Chair, Texan Robyn, as she and others tell stories about the famed dame for a Birthday celebration & planning session to #FlipTexasBlue in 2022.

https://www.democratsabroad.org/291236/texans_abroad_-

https://www.democratsabroad.org/keep_ca_blue_2021_ann_richards_global_birthday_celebration

Carolyn Maloney, NYC Representative, Co-founder, and Chair of the House’s Americans Abroad Caucus, will hold an online “Town Hall” for Americans Abroad on September 20 at 7p EDT. Those interested in participating in the event may sign up as well as submit questions via this form.

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