



Briefing for Delegate Candidates - 2020 Democrats Abroad Delegate Selection Plan

The following summary outlines details of the Democrats Abroad Global Presidential Primary, who may run as delegate, and the process that Democrats Abroad takes to select the delegates who will represent our party in Milwaukee, Wisconsin July 13 to 16, 2020 at the Democratic National Convention.

Democrats Abroad Global Presidential Primary in Brief

- The Democrats Abroad Global Presidential Primary runs from March 3 to March 10, 2020 at 100s of voting centers around the world.
- Democrats Abroad allows same day registration for voters participating in the Global Presidential Primary
- Voters may register in-person or by signing up at <https://www.democratsabroad.org/join>
- In person registration requires that new voters present their US passports for member verification.
- Eligibility: Voters must meet the following criteria to vote
 - Be abroad and be a U.S. Citizen
 - Be a member of Democrats Abroad
 - Be 18 as of November 3, 2020
 - Not have voted, nor plan to vote, in any other 2020 state presidential primary
- Voters abroad may also vote by downloading a ballot and emailing or postal mailing it to Democrats Abroad from February 18, 2020. Ballots must be received prior to 12:00 am Pacific Standard Time on March 11, 2020.
- No proxy voting is permitted.

Democrats Abroad delegation to the 2020 DNC

Democrats Abroad will send 21 delegates to the Democratic National Convention in Milwaukee Wisconsin in July 2020. 8 of these delegates will be our members on the Democratic National Committee. The remaining 13 will be selected during our regional and global conventions in Toronto, Canada, May 15-17, 2020. Democrats Abroad will also send alternates, committee members and a convention page. Details below:

The Democrats Abroad delegation will be made up of the following members, equally divided by gender:

- Automatic delegates
 - Global Chair and Vice Chair of Democrats Abroad
 - 6 elected DNC members
- Selected delegates
 - 1 pledged party leader and elected official (PLEO) delegate, selected at the Global Convention.

- 12 at-large delegates selected during the Democrats Abroad Regional and Global Conventions in 2020.
 - 9 of these delegates will be selected at the three Regional Conventions in Toronto. Those regions are Asia Pacific; Europe, Middle East and Africa; and the Americas.
 - 3 of these delegates will be selected at the Global Convention in Toronto.
- 1 alternate per presidential candidate with delegate representation
- 1 member each in the Credentials, Platform, and Rules and Bylaws committees
- Convention Chair - elected by the delegation following the Global Convention. This person is responsible for managing all the details of the DA delegation's national convention experience including convention prep, housing, breakfast meetings, transportation, etc.
- Convention Page - chosen by Global Chair

Presidential Candidate delegate representation

Presidential candidates are awarded delegates to the Democratic National Convention in proportion to the number of votes received in a state primary or in proportion to their support in a state caucus. Any candidate receiving 15% or more of the primary votes cast in the Democrats Abroad Global Presidential Primary will be accorded delegates (*see page 8 of the DSP for more details of the outcome if no candidate reaches the 15% threshold.*).

The allocation of delegates to campaigns will be finalized once the final global count from the primary is reported. This allocation is subject to a recount by campaigns.

Presidential Candidate Campaigns Delegate Review

- Democrats Abroad is required to send to each Campaign the full list of delegate candidates who have filed to run as delegate by April 20, 2020.
- Each Campaign must, in turn, send Democrats Abroad a list of all approved delegate candidates by April 24, 2020.
 - Campaigns must choose at least 2 names for each delegate or alternate position awarded to the campaign following the Global Presidential Primary
- The campaign approved delegate candidate list must be gender balanced.

Delegate Candidate Eligibility

Delegate candidates must meet the following criteria to run:

- Be a resident abroad and a U.S. Citizen, both at the time of selection as well as at the time of the National Convention.
- Be a member of Democrats Abroad prior to voting in the Global Presidential Primary (same day registration applies)
- Have voted in the Democrats Abroad Global Presidential Primary
- Be 18 years of age or older as of Election Day November 3, 2020
- Must not participate or plan to participate in the nominating process of any other delegation to the 2020 DNC, or of any other political party for the 2020 presidential elections.

- Not be an authorized representative for a presidential candidate or preference group who has been responsible for approving delegates and alternate candidates for the candidate.

PLEO Delegate Candidate Eligibility

Those interested in running for PLEO (Party Leader and Elected Official) delegate must submit their application form by April 17, 2020. Those eligible to run for the pledged PLEO delegate position include (in order of priority):

- Officers of the DPCA (members of the Global Executive Committee)
- Former Officers of the DPCA, and sitting Country Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs
- Other sitting Country Committee officers and Executive Committee members
- Sitting Chapter Chairs, Chapter Vice-Chairs, and Chapter Executive Committee members
- Former DNC members
- Former Country Committee officers
- Other former Democratic elected officials and party leaders

Filing Requirements

In order to file to run to become a delegate, candidates must do the following:

- Identify their presidential preference, and sign a pledge of support for that single presidential candidate (including if uncommitted)
- Submit a written application to the Global Chair by April 17, 2020.
- Indicate which automatic delegate position(s) they are filing for. Candidates may file for more than one position

Note: Democrats Abroad will provide a submission form for delegate candidates to use. It will be available no later than March 24, 2020 on the Democratsabroad.org website.

Note2: The Democrats Abroad Global Presidential Primary ballot will include an option for voters to vote uncommitted. Should that option receive 15% or more of the vote, it will be allocated delegates in proportion to its number of votes.

Regional Conventions (pp21 - 28)

The three regional conventions will take place on May 15 and May 16th in Toronto, Canada. These regions are Asia Pacific; Europe, Middle East and Africa; and the Americas. During the three regional conventions we will elect 3 DNC members, and 9 delegates for the National Convention. These 9 delegates will be apportioned across the three regions based on the number of voters who participated in the Global Primary.

Regional Convention electors

- Electors for a regional convention may include:
 - The Regional Vice Chair representing the region;

- All elected national officers and DPCA Voting Representatives, elected or recognized chapter chairs, and members at large for each country committee in good standing.
- Electors must be willing to sign a statement of support for a presidential candidate (including uncommitted), and subsequently caucus in that candidate's Presidential Preference Group and participate in that group's delegate elections.
- All electors for a country committee must be certified by their country's chair and sent to the Global Chair and Regional Vice Chair no later than April 13, 2020.
- Only certified electors may participate in the Regional Conventions.

Regional Convention Rules

- A quorum = no less than 40% of all certified electors.
- No proxies are allowed.
- Unofficial slates are permitted, but no slate may receive preferential treatment.
- Each delegate position election will be run as a discrete, individual election.
- Should a delegate not be elected in an election, that delegate may run again if there are further elections within their Presidential preference group caucus.
- Presidential preference groups must elect a group of delegates who are gender balanced, with no gender exceeding more than one. Gender nonbinary delegation members do not affect the calculation of the gender division.
- Electors may participate by video, audio or web conference tools provided by Democrats Abroad
- Each Regional Convention will be chaired by its Regional Vice Chair, or their designee

Regional Convention Agenda

- Call to order by RVC/designee aka Permanent Regional Convention Chair (PRC Chair)
- PRC Chair appoints Permanent Regional Convention Secretary (PRC Secretary)
- Report of the Regional Convention Credentials and Rules Committee
 - Includes the allocation of delegates within the region, per presidential candidate
 - Includes each elector's voting weight
 - Describes/Prescribes how we elect Platform Committee members
 - Summarizes any decisions referred to the committee by the PRC Chair
- Election of the Regional DNC Member
 - Each region elects one DNC member
 - Their term begins at the close of the 2020 Democratic National Convention
 - Elected by absolute majority of ALL regional electors present
 - Each elector's voting weight reflects the voting weight reported by the Regional C&R Committee
- Recess into Presidential Preference Groups (PPGs)
- Election of Permanent PPG Chair
 - *Temporary Chair*
 - Prior to the convention, the presidential candidate or candidate designee appoints a temporary chair of their preference group
 - The temporary chair calls the meeting to order and presides over the election of a Permanent PPG Chair
 - Election of Permanent PPG Chair

- Election of Delegates and Alternate
 - Pre-meeting: PRC Chair provides the PPG a list of all approved delegate candidates
 - Nomination process: PPG Chair reads the list of all approved delegate candidates
 - Election process: Two rounds of Ranked Choice Voting
 - Affirmative action process: Before each round of voting, the PPG Chair compares our AA goals with our delegation as it stands
- Regional Convention - Take Two!
 - The Regional Convention Reconvenes
 - Results of PPG Caucus elections announced
 - As each PPG caucus concludes its election, its PPG chair reports its results to the PRC Chair
 - Challenges must be made known to the PRC Chair prior to announcing results
 - The PRC Chair then announces the results and any challenge
 - Election of 2 Platform Committee members (per region) for the Global Convention (p27)
 - Elected by the absolute majority of ALL regional electors present
 - Each elector's voting weight reflects the voting weight reported by the Regional C&R Committee
 - Needs to be equally gender divided
 - Regional Convention electors will discuss and adopt "such" resolutions
 - The newly elected platform committee members of each region will bring these resolutions to the Global Convention Platform Committee
 - The PRC Chair may then discuss further business
- Convention adjourns
 - The PRC Chair and Secretary certifies their delegate results with the Global Chair of Democrats Abroad, noting any challenges
 - The Global Chair certifies these results to the DNC by May 26, 2020

Global Convention (pp 28-35)

Democrats Abroad will hold its Global Convention on Saturday, May 16, and Sunday, May 17, 2020 in Toronto, Canada. During that time, we will elect 3 DNC members, 4 delegates for the National Convention (3 at large + 1 Party Leader & Elected Official or PLEO) , and 1 alternate for each presidential candidate awarded Democrats Abroad delegates following the Democrats Abroad Presidential Primary.

Global Convention electors/delegates

- Electors/delegates for the Global convention may include:
 - Regionally elected delegates to the 2020 National Convention
 - Current automatic delegates (DNC members serving from 2016-2020)
 - Newly elected automatic delegates (DNC members elected during the regional conventions)
 - DPCA members
 - Distinguished party leaders designated by the Secretary of the DNC

Global Convention Rules

- The Global Convention will be chaired by the Global Chair or the Global Chair's designee

- Delegates may participate by video, audio or web conference tools provided by the DPCA
- A quorum = no less than 40% of all delegates present in person or online
- No proxies are allowed
- Voting weights
 - The voting weight for DPCA members representing their CC = their CC's turnout in the Global Primary relative to total turnout of voters across CCs.
 - The voting weight for all other delegates = the same weight as the total vote allocation allotted to the CC with the lowest turnout in the Global Primary.

Global Convention Appointments

- Global Credentials & Rules Committee : The Global Chair must name a Global Credentials & Rules Committee at least 10 days ahead of May 15, 2020
- Global Convention Platform Committee: The Global Chair will name at least 6 members to the Global Convention's Platform Committee before May 15, 2020, as well as their roles.
 - These 6 are in addition to the 6 platform members elected in the Regional Conventions. (p29)
 - The Global Chair will announce the roles of the 6 Regional Platform committee members before the Convention, and the rules and procedures of the Platform Committee at least 2 days before May 15, 2020.

Global Convention Agenda (p29)

- Agenda rules - the Global Chair will announce the Global Convention agenda latest by May 14, 2020. The agenda must include:
 - *Report of the Credentials and Rules Committee*
 - *Allocation of votes to these participants*
- Diversity announcement - once quorum is called, the Chair announces the current delegation's gender and diversity balance, and reminds all delegates of our diversity goals.
- Recess into Presidential Preference Groups (PPGs)
- Election of Delegates and Alternate
 - Pre-meeting: Global Chair provides the PPG a list of all approved delegate candidates
 - Nomination process: PPG Chair reads the list of all approved delegate candidates
 - Election process: Two rounds of Ranked Choice Voting
 - Election order: PLEO, at-large delegates, alternate(s)
 - Diversity process: Before each round of voting, the Global Chair or the Chair's designees announces our current diversity results and reminds everyone of our diversity goals
 - IF necessary, for gender parity purposes the Chair may require a PPG to pause an election while waiting to hear the results of another PPG election
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- Diversity announcement - the Chair announces the current delegation's gender and diversity balance, and reminds all delegates of our diversity goals.
- Election of three global DNC Members
 - Their term begins at the close of the 2020 Democratic National Convention
- DA 2020 Platform - The Global Convention delegates will discuss and vote to adopt the Democrats Abroad Platform
- The Global Chair may then discuss further business
- Convention adjourns
 - The Global Chair certifies our delegate results, as well as our newly elected DNC member results, to the DNC by May 26, 2020.

Key Deadlines

- Feb 18 - Democrats Abroad Global Presidential Primary ballots available on the DA website
- March 3-10 - Democrats Abroad Global Presidential Primary
- March 24 - Delegate candidate filing form available on the DA website
- April 13 - Deadline for country committees to certify their electors for the Regional Conventions
- April 17 - Deadline for delegate candidates to submit their intent to run with Democrats Abroad
- April 20 - Deadline for the Global Chair to send delegate candidate lists to each Presidential campaign awarded delegates following the Primary
- April 24 - Deadline for the Presidential Candidate campaigns to send approved delegate candidate lists back to Democrats Abroad
- May 15-16 - Regional Conventions in Toronto, Canada
- May 16-17 - Global Convention in Toronto, Canada
- July 13-16 - Democratic National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin