

Candidate Statement

Name: Wy Ming Lin

Chapter: Stuttgart

Position: Vice Chair

Gender: Male



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I've had the chance to meet some of you already, but since I'm fairly new, let me take the opportunity to first introduce myself. My name is Wy Ming Lin and I'm running for Vice-Chair of the Stuttgart Chapter of the DAG. I'm a born and bred New Yorker, but I relocated to Tübingen 2.5 years ago for my Masters in neuroscience and will soon start my PhD here.

Like many of you in 2020, I wanted to help in any way I could to make sure we brought back decency to the White House. I looked for ways to volunteer with the DAG, and thankfully Sasha reached out to me asking if I could help out at a voter information table in Stuttgart. I went, had a fantastic time, and was so glad that I was able to help even just two people figure out voting from abroad. But what really struck me while I was there was just how passionate you all are to bettering our country and making an impact. I loved the experience so much that I tried my best to go to every other info table I could to help with the election.

From my many conversations with more seasoned members of the Stuttgart Chapter though, I got the impression that our group is so widespread, which makes it sometimes hard to get programs running or to build interest in coming to meetings. We're one of the biggest chapters in Germany and there is so much potential to energize the Americans in the region - I'd love to see a more cohesive and active chapter!

Our work as Democrats abroad didn't end in 2020. My goal as Vice Chair would be to collaborate with the local leadership--and all of you--to revitalize the Stuttgart Chapter, to build momentum as we head into the midterms in 2022, and to prepare the chapter for our GOTV efforts for 2024. I'd love to meet all of you to discuss programming, ways to reach out to more Americans here, and how we can make an impact in upcoming elections.

I may be new here, but I'm eager to build up our chapter and create a vibrant community of American expats here in Baden-Württemberg!

PS. I was Stocherkahnfahrer des Jahres 2020, so voting me in as Vice-Chair means lovely summer rides down the Neckar post-pandemic :)