

Candidate Statement

Name: Colleen Allen-Funk

Chapter: Saxony

Position: Secretary

Gender: Female



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My name is Colleen Allen-Funk and I am a Texas voter living in Dresden. My German husband and I moved here in the fall of 2019 from Dallas. I first got involved with DA Germany through the inaugural in-person 2020 Global Presidential Primary here in Dresden. Since then, I have worked with the leadership of the newly formed DA Saxony to represent the city of Dresden. As my husband and I are starting a family here in Germany, being a part of this group has given me a link to the political issues I am passionate about back in the USA. As we embark on our first full calendar year as an official chapter of DA Germany I am running for the position of secretary.

The position of secretary is one that I am familiar with from various groups and clubs I have previously participated in. Additionally, I am an archivist at heart with a Masters degree in Museum Studies. I believe that my natural inclination towards documentation, in combination with my formal education, gives me a unique set of skills to bring to the position of secretary for DA Saxony.

I see this position as both an opportunity to keep meeting minutes which are documented in a clear and accessible format as well as a chance to develop a chapter archive. My goal in creating a chapter archive is to harness the practical knowledge that members of DA Saxony are gaining as we continue to develop as a chapter. This archive will be created and stored in a format that can be accessed and used for years to come. Practically speaking, this includes collaborating with the other members of DA Saxony to create how-to manuals for our outreach efforts, documenting chapter progression and milestones and much more. Some examples of how I have begun on the archival task is by creating a "How to set up Tabling" document, documenting the results of the 2020 Global Presidential Primary and creating a leadership log to document the development of DA Saxony as a chapter within DA Germany.

If elected to the position of Secretary, I will continue to build upon this foundation to create a lasting legacy for our chapter. I am grateful to all those who have worked so hard to forge this new chapter of DA Germany. I hope to continue to do my part.