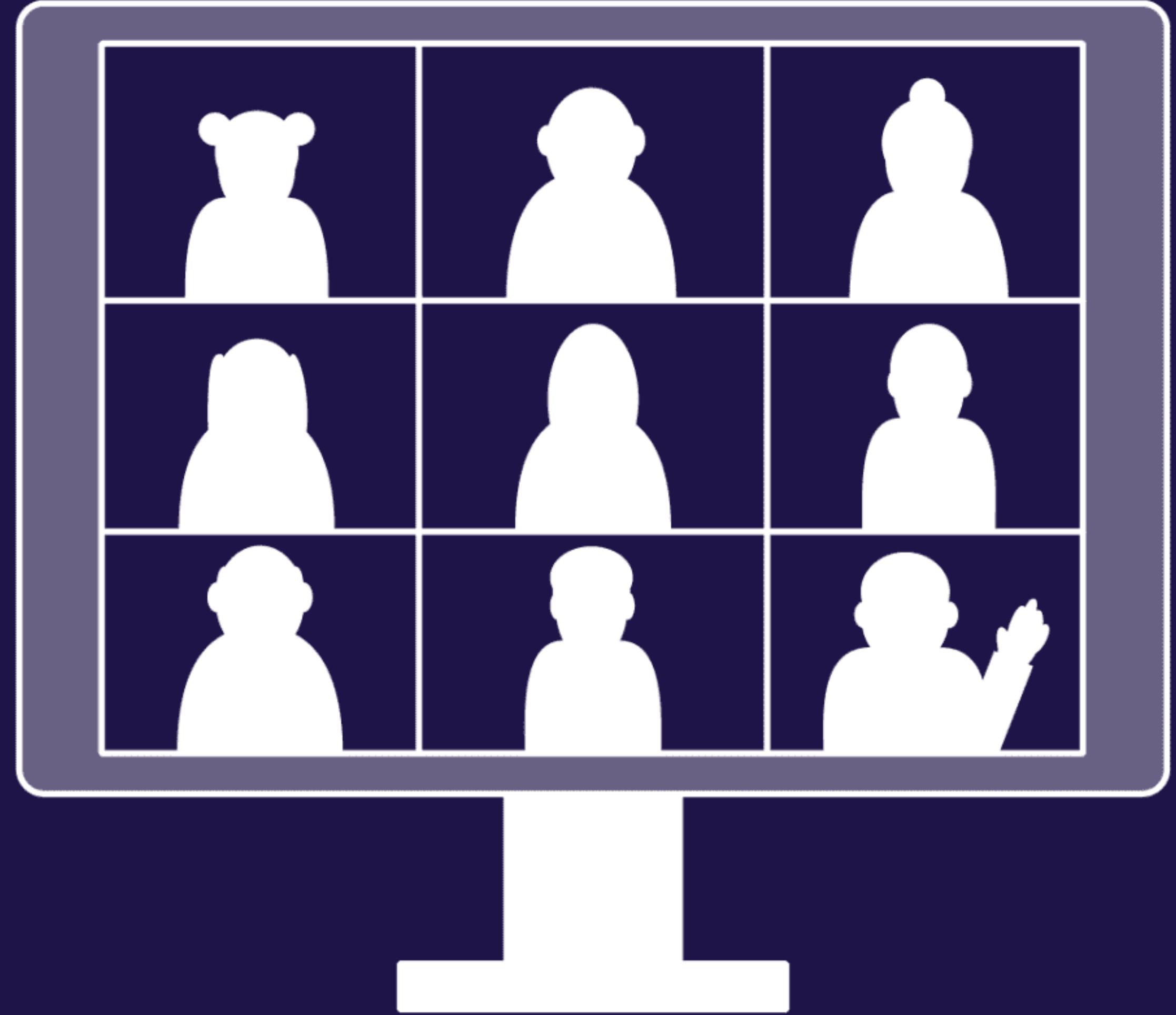




# Annual General Meeting & Election Result Announcement

**Weds. March 22**  
7:00 - 8:30 pm





# Housekeeping

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- We will wait a couple more minutes to give everyone a chance to join
- Please keep yourself on MUTE unless you are speaking
- If you would like to speak:
  - Type **\*\*hand up** in the chat box; Andrés keeping the queue
  - Send the message to everyone
  - Do not use the little hand up icon next to your name - we do not monitor that
- Meeting is being recorded



# Agenda

7:00 - 7:10	Welcome remarks & GOTV Video
7:10- 7:25	Introductions
7:25 - 7:35	International Chair Democrats Abroad Candice Kerestan
7:35 - 7:50	Chair's Report
7:50 - 7:55	Financial Report
7:55 - 8:00	GOTV Report
8:00 - 8:15	Nominations & Elections Committee
8:15 - 8:30	Q&A <i>(we will stay on for more discussion)</i>



# Introductions

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- What is your name?
- Where do you live?
- Where do you vote?



# **Candice Kerestan** International Chair Democrats Abroad

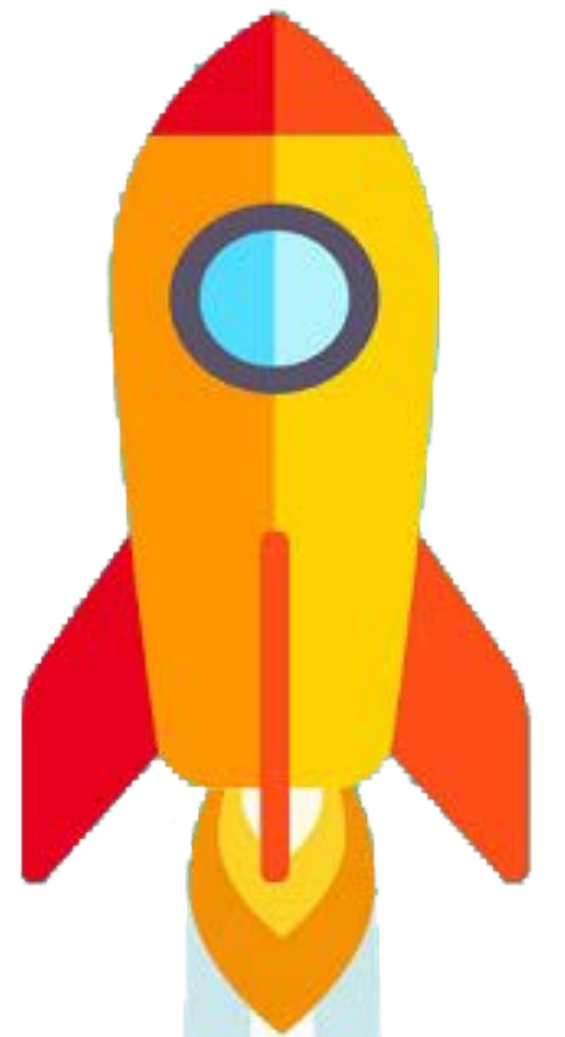






# Chair's Report – TAKING OFF

- Still punching above our weight in membership & GOTV
- Hosted DNC Event “Road to Victory”
- Complete rewrite of DAPT bylaws
- Lots of local and online events throughout Portugal
- Robust infrastructure (democratsabroad.pt domain, email, document repository, brand assets, etc)
- From out of compliance with \$0 to a smooth election with lots of candidates and over \$1000 in the bank





# Chair's Report – CONNECTING

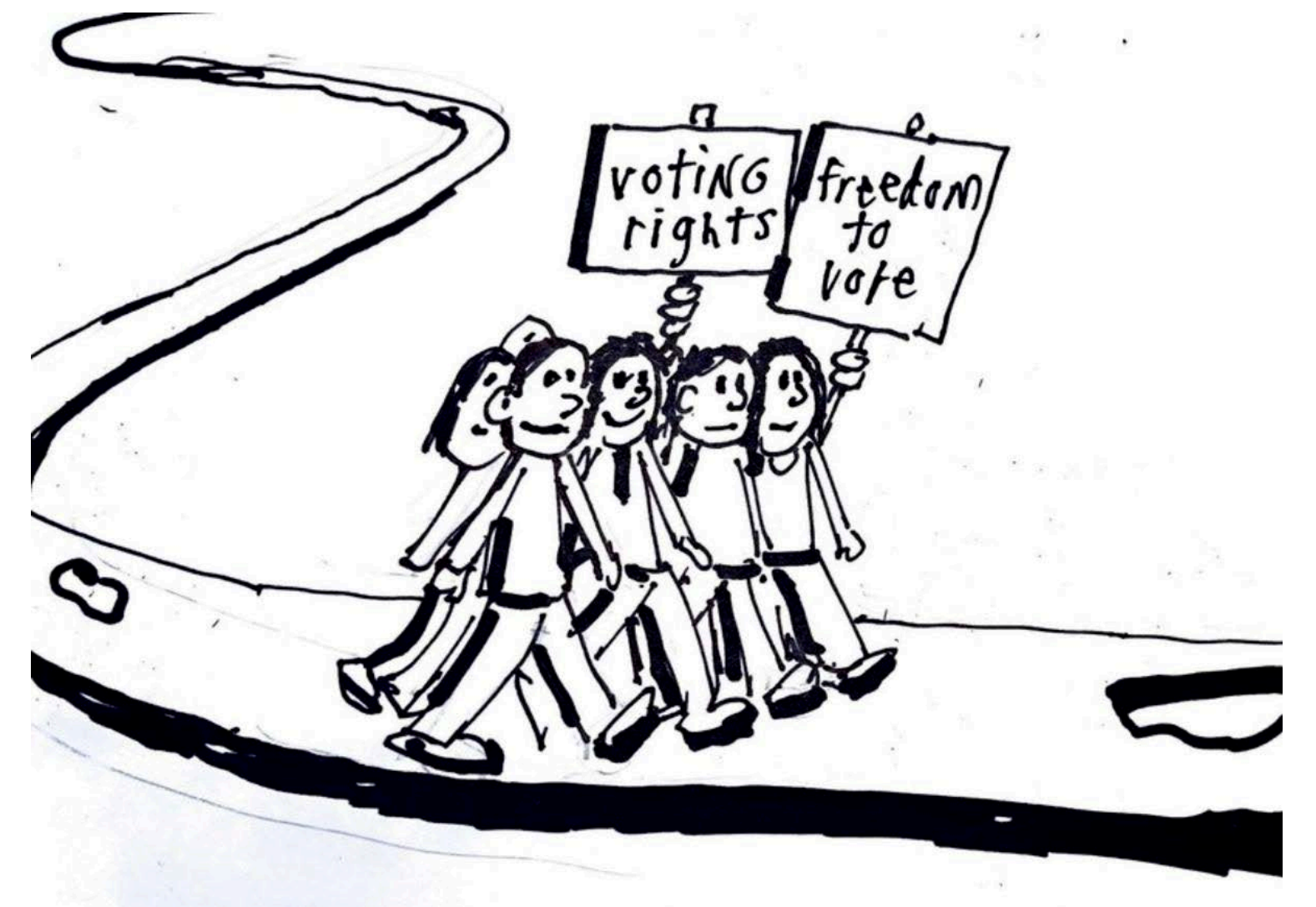
- Virtual wine tasting
- Meet and greet in Cascais
- Independence Day picnics in Lisbon, Cascais & Porto
- "Battleground" film discussion with Nancy Novack, film editor, & Cynthia Lowen, director
- Porto picnic & voter assistance
- African tour of Lisbon
- Unstoppable Blue Wave Lisbon/virtual event co-sponsored with DA Global Black Caucus
- Election day coffee in Porto
- Lagos/Algarve meetups
- Lisbon cocktail party
- 2023 preview & volunteer info session
- Nominations information session
- Candidate town hall





# Chair's Report – VOLUNTEERING

- Volunteer events
- GOTV meetings
- Postcarding parties
- Let's Get Calling GOTV event
- Phonebanking recruitment and training
- Earth Day beach cleanup in Matosinhos



**Behind-the-scenes: social media team, graphic design, event organizers, voter support, donors, bylaws team, Nominations & Elections committee, word-of-mouth, letter & postcard writing, phonebanking**





# Chair's Report – DONATING

**Become a donor to DA Portugal**  
**<https://www.democratsabroad.pt/donate>**

Donations at this link will be allocated to DA Portugal to support our GOTV efforts, which may include phonebanking, tech/infrastructure costs, event deposits, print materials, mailings, etc.

**IT'S EASIER THAN EVER!**

**DEMOCRATS ABROAD**

OUR PARTY ▾ TAKE ACTION ▾ COUNTRIES ▾ NEWS ▾ DONATE VOTE ▾ JOIN/SIGN IN ▾ Q ▾

PORTUGAL

**\$1,212.00 RAISED**  
GOAL: \$2,000.00

**1. Amount (US Dollars)**

\$10  \$25  \$50  \$100  \$250  
 \$500  \$10,000  Other

One-time  Monthly

Recurring donations are VERY useful.

**Pay with**

Card number  MM / YY CVC

**LET'S CONTINUE THE FIGHT - MAKE A DONATION TODAY**

“Every dollar you give supports our work to elect Democrats who will fight to make a better life for ALL Americans. Join us by making a donation today.”

Candice Kerestan, International Chair  
- Democrats Abroad



# Financial Report

## Profit & Loss

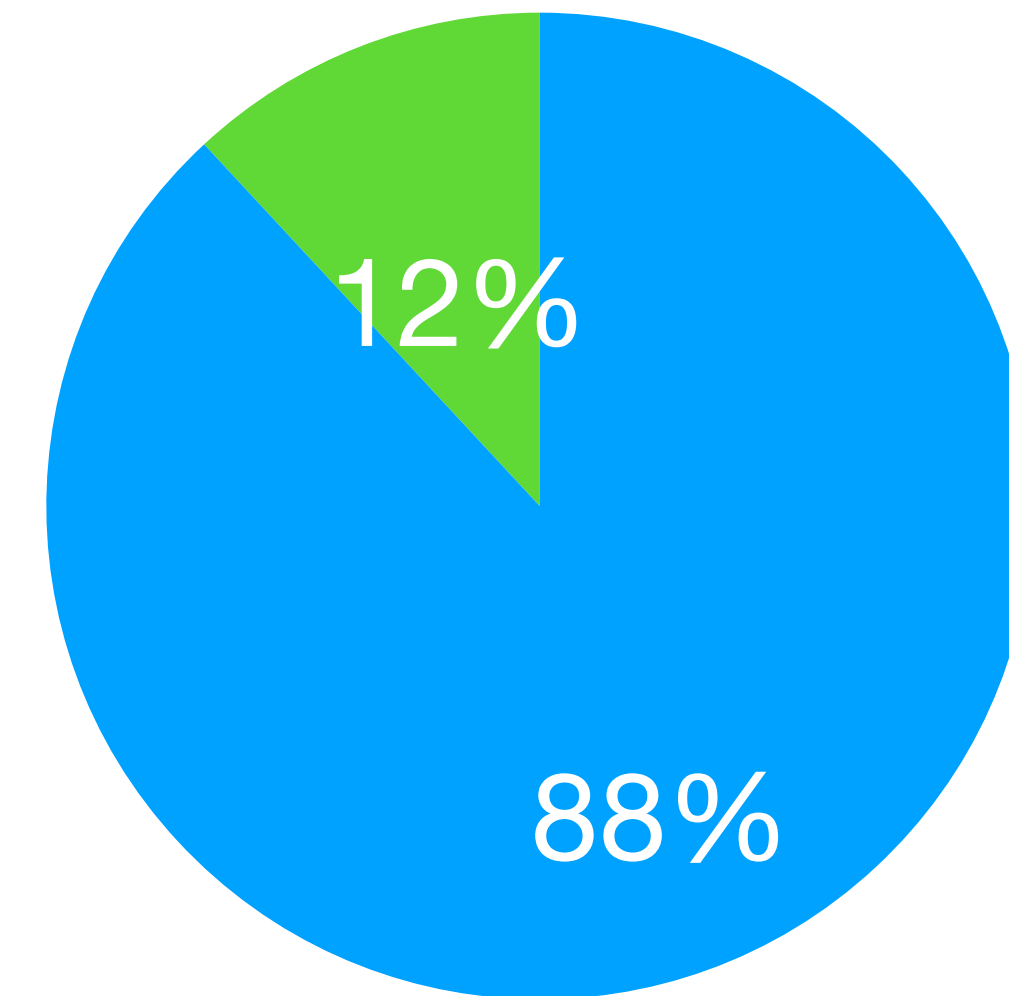
<b>Starting Balance</b>		\$372
<b>Income</b>		
Gifts In Kind	\$60	
Donations	\$1,227	
<b>Total Income</b>		\$1,287
<b>Expenses</b>		\$504
<b>Balance</b>		\$1,155

## Global Funds

**Online Advertising** \$1,400

(\*) Plus funds used for Phonebanking to Portugal Members, a DNC Event in Lisbon, and a Black Caucus event also in Lisbon

## Expenses



●	GOTV	\$444
●	Technology	\$60
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$504</b>



# Membership Report

- 2022 Verified Membership: 890
- 2023 Verified Membership: 1257
- 367 increase (41% growth)
- #2 in membership growth in DA worldwide

Membership Growth		2022	2023	Increase	Percentage
Total Increase	Mexico	9075	9701	626	7%
As Percentage of Membership	Ukraine	140	202	62	44%



# GOTV Report - VFA Completions

Statics from [votefromabroad.org](http://votefromabroad.org) by country sorted by completed registrations

Country	Membership	VFA	Percentage		Country	Membership	VFA	Percentage
United Kingdom	26379	8205	31.10%		Norway	2110	638	30.24%
Canada	23586	7662	32.49%		Belgium	1873	617	32.94%
Germany	15214	5598	36.80%		Denmark	1975	590	29.87%
Mexico	9568	4396	<b>45.94%</b>		Thailand	3177	532	16.75%
France	12031	3934	32.70%		Ecuador	1166	490	<b>42.02%</b>
Spain	5645	2138	37.87%		New Zealand	1870	452	24.17%
Netherlands	5298	1731	32.67%		Czech Republic	1054	378	35.86%
Italy	4451	1683	37.81%		Greece	1336	358	26.80%
Australia	6379	1676	26.27%		South Korea	2286	346	15.14%
Switzerland	4372	1275	29.16%		Singapore	1347	344	25.54%
Sweden	3727	1231	33.03%		United Arab Emirates	2440	319	13.07%
<b>Portugal</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>1124</b>	<b>119.32%</b>		China	3339	310	9.28%
Israel	3343	1009	30.18%		Hong Kong	1484	225	15.16%
Ireland	3373	938	27.81%		India	1558	192	12.32%
Japan	4111	928	22.57%		Taiwan	1151	181	15.73%
Austria	1851	826	<b>44.62%</b>		Viet Nam	1161	108	9.30%
Costa Rica	1697	743	<b>43.78%</b>		Dominican Republic	1992	74	3.71%





# GOTV Report – ENGAGING

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- GOTV volunteer meetings
- Social media outreach
- Postcarding and letter writing
- Voter assistance at events and online
- Phonebanking outreach
- Facebook advertising funded by DA Global
- Direct mail campaign funded by DA Global



# Go to [votefromabroad.org](https://votefromabroad.org)

Always register in case of special elections

The screenshot shows the homepage of Vote from Abroad.org. The header includes the logo 'Vote from Abroad.org' with the tagline 'Absentee Ballots for U.S. Citizens', and navigation links for 'About VFA', 'Your State Rules', 'FAQs', and a language dropdown set to 'English'. The main content area features a large blue background with white text: 'You're here to vote. We're here to help. You're a US citizen who lives abroad. You can vote. We've got you covered.' Below this is a form to 'Select your voting state to continue:' with a dropdown menu showing 'Press here to select' and a 'Get Started' button. To the right is an illustration of a globe with four stylized figures: one holding an American flag, one holding a megaphone, one holding a ballot with a checkmark, and another holding a ballot with a checkmark.



# **Election Results**

## **2023-2025 Term**



# Nominating and Elections Committee

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- Mary Campbell, Chair
- Stephanie Bennett
- Andres Espineira
- Kristi Espineira
- Paula Nailon





# NEC - Timeline

Jan 27 - Election Information Session & AGM Announcement

Feb 5 - Reminder: Election Information Session & AGM Announcement

Feb 14 - Nominations Open & AGM Announcement

Feb 21 - Reminder: Nominations Open & AGM Announcement

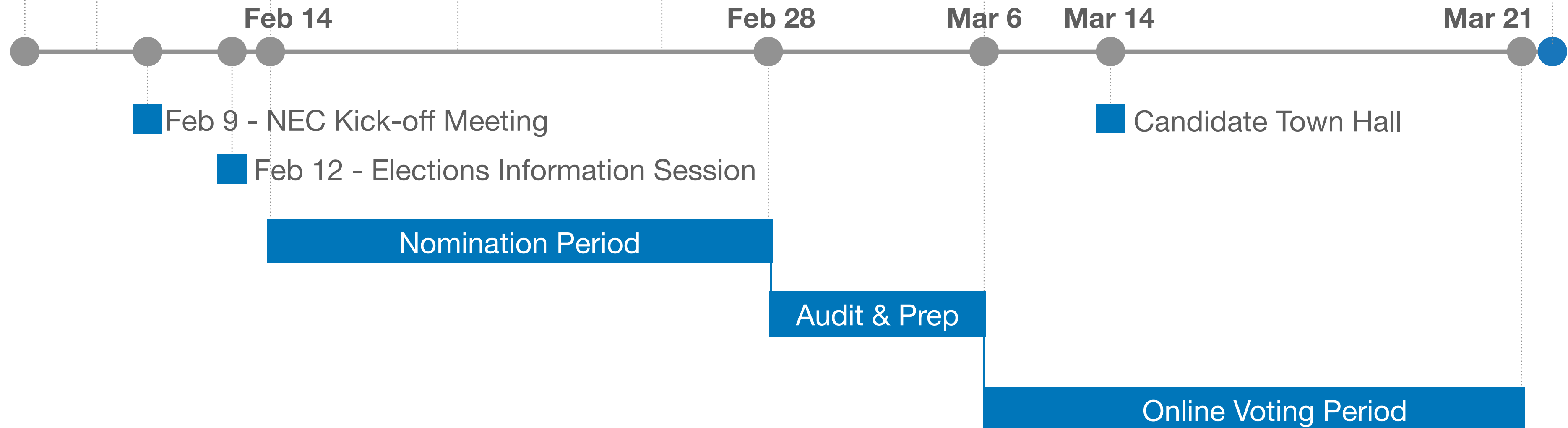
Feb 26 - Nominations Last Call & AGM Announcement

Mar 6 - Voting open & AGM Announcement

< Multiple reminders for voting & AGM >

**DAPT  
Annual  
General  
Meeting**

**Mar 22**





# NEC - Election Procedures

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- Elected officer positions:
  - Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Counsel
  - Six Members-At-Large
  - One DPCA Voting representative and one alternate
- Online voting only (March 6th through the 20th)
- Gender balance
- Validation of votes (as member of DAPT, no duplicates)



# NEC - Elections Results

## Officers

<b>Chair</b>	Sally DeSipio	58
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Nevin Weiner	58
<b>Secretary</b>	Eriko Talley	58
<b>Treasurer</b>	Linda Rupert	58
<b>Counsel</b>	Diane Haven	58

## Six Members-At-Large

Caitlin Boylan	47
Terry Recht	47
Lisa Besso	45
Jon Carroll	37
Ellen Lewis	35
Ron Williams	34
Arthur Gousby	33
Frank Missell	18

## One DPCA Voting Representative

Ron Williams	24
Diane Haven	19 (*)
Arthur Gousby	15

(\*) Alternate



# What's Next

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- Remarks from new Chair Sally DeSipio
- Friday March 24th @7pm — DAPT New Executive Committee Initial Organizational Meeting
- Email [volunteer@democratsabroad.pt](mailto:volunteer@democratsabroad.pt) to join our general volunteer list or GOTV team
- Stay Tuned for future events and volunteer opportunities



# Q & A

