



**Annual General Meeting Minutes**  
**March 22, 2023**  
**7:00pm WET**

*Present:* Jon Carroll, Andres Espineira, Kristi Espineira, Terry Recht, Eriko Talley and approximately 20 general members

*Absent:* Linda Weygant

1. Introductions
2. Comments by Candice Kerestan (DA International Chair)
  - a. Recognition of DAPT as most successful GOTV efforts
  - b. Mid-terms: most successful in decades with a Democratic President
  - c. Need to reduce barriers to voting. Easier ballot returns, easier to Vote from Abroad.
  - d. Special thanks to Kristi and Andrés for their successful terms and helping DAPT grow.
3. Chair's Report – Kristi Espineira
  - a. Taking Off: Highlights of the past 2 years.
  - b. Connecting: Multiple social events throughout Portugal
  - c. Volunteering: Volunteer Events, GOTV, Postcarding, Phonebanking
  - d. Donating: [www.democratsabroad.pt/donate](http://www.democratsabroad.pt/donate)
  - e. Recognition of Volunteers
4. Financial Report – Andrés Espineira
  - a. Funds managed by global
    - i. Starting Balance \$372
    - ii. Balance to date \$1,155
  - b. Over \$1200 in donations
5. Membership – Andrés Espineira
  - a. 890 members (2022) vs 1257 (2023)
  - b. #2 in membership growth (41%) in DA worldwide
6. GOTV – Jon Carroll
  - a. VFA completions: 119.32% of membership
  - b. Strong numbers with solid team effort
  - c. Recognition of volunteer base

7. Nominating and Elections Committee (NEC) – Mary Campbell
  - a. Review of overall process and timeline (infrastructure, procedures, committee, candidate statements, candidate town hall, voting)
  - b. Election Results
    - i. Chair – Sally DeSipio – 58 votes
    - ii. Vice Chair – Nevin Weiner – 58 votes
    - iii. Secretary – Eriko Talley – 58 votes
    - iv. Treasurer – Linda Rupert – 58 votes
    - v. Counsel – Diane Haven – 58 votes
    - vi. 6 Members at Large
      1. Caitlin Boylan – 47 votes
      2. Terry Recht – 47 votes
      3. Lisa Besso – 45 votes
      4. Jon Carroll – 37 votes
      5. Ellen Lewis – 35 votes
      6. Ron Williams – 34 votes
    - vii. 1 DPCA & Alternate
      1. Ron Williams – 24 votes
      2. Diane Haven (alternate) - 19 votes
8. Remarks by new Chair, Sally DeSipio
  - a. Recognition of Kristi and Andrés
  - b. Goal: Expand engagement and outreach
    - i. Geo: Silver Coast)
    - ii. Demographics: under 40s

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Notes by Eriko Talley, Secretary

