

NEWS:Democrats Abroad Europe-Middle East-Africa (EMEA) Region Announces Six Delegates to the Democratic National Convention

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Washington, DC Today: Democrats Abroad announced the delegate election results of the organization's Europe-Middle East-Africa (EMEA) Regional Caucus, which took place March 15-16 in Brussels.

The elected delegates represent a diverse community, including an African American living in South Africa, a member of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) community living in the Netherlands, a Native American living in Germany and an Arab American living in Lebanon.

The six elected delegates will travel to Denver, Colorado, to represent the EMEA region at the Democratic National Convention August 25-28, 2008.

"Just because we live abroad does not mean it is no longer our country, so we want to participate in the selection process for our Democratic nominee and the next President of the United States. We are pleased to announce our region's six delegates who will travel to Denver to help put a Democrat back in the White House," said Meredith Gowan Le Goff, Democrats Abroad Regional Vice Chair for Europe-Middle East-Africa.

The six delegates are:

Robert Bragar, an American living abroad in the Netherlands, pledged to Senator Obama
David Munir Nabti, an American living abroad in Lebanon, pledged to Senator Obama
Monica Faith Stewart, an American living abroad in South Africa, pledged to Senator Obama
Shari Temple, an American living abroad in Germany, pledged to Senator Obama

Margo Miller, an American living abroad in the United Kingdom, pledged to Senator Clinton
Allin "Chip" Seward, an American living abroad in France, pledged to Senator Clinton

Robert Bragar, pledged to Senator Obama, is the Chair of Democrats Abroad Netherlands. Mr. Bragar is an activist lawyer and Board Member of the Love Exiles Foundation. "As a member of the GLBT community, I am proud to represent Democrats Abroad at the Democratic National Convention where I can be a voice to fight for the rights of US citizens, like myself, who have to live outside the United States because our country's laws bar us from bringing our non-US same-sex partner to live in America," Mr. Bragar said.

David Munir Nabti, pledged to Senator Obama, is a founding member, and the treasurer, of the committee in formation, Democrats Abroad Lebanon. "I am proud and excited to be a delegate from a Democrats Abroad start-up chapter in the Arab World, and hope to bring a new perspective, and a crucial voice, to the US political process during this tumultuous time in the Middle East. We strongly believe the United States can play a more positive role in the region, helping to foster social, economic and political development, and that we need a more

constructive, positive, balanced, and development-based US foreign policy in the Middle East. After 7 long and painful years, we firmly believe that Obama and the Democratic Party are our best hope to restore America's image and role in the region, and the world," Mr. Nabti said.

Monica Faith Stewart, pledged to Senator Obama, is Vice Chair of the start-up committee, Democrats Abroad South Africa. "After attending the Regional Caucus in Brussels, I returned home to South Africa completely energized and prepared to do all that I can to help get Senator Obama elected to the White House. We need a clear change from the policies of Bush. We simply cannot afford a third Bush term in America," Ms. Stewart said.

Shari Temple, pledged to Senator Obama, is the Vice Chair of Democrats Abroad Germany. She played a significant role in the Democrats Abroad Global Primary by serving as the database manager and assisting voters. "During the Global Primary, I helped Americans around the globe be able to vote. I am excited to have the opportunity to represent their votes at the convention in Denver," Ms. Temple said.

Margo Miller, pledged to Senator Clinton, is a Democrat living abroad in the United Kingdom and is a former Chair of Democrats Abroad UK. She headed up the Democrats Abroad team that created www.VoteFromAbroad.org. Ms. Miller also established Americans Abroad for Hillary with her co-chairs and they are now active in more than 35 countries. "As a former Department of Justice lawyer and a New York native, I know that Hillary Clinton will restore our global standing, make government work, and get the Democratic agenda through Congress," Ms. Miller said.

Allin "Chip" Seward, pledged to Senator Clinton, is an American living abroad in France, and a former Chair of Democrats Abroad France. He has been a vocal supporter of the idea of a Hillary Clinton candidacy for President since 2000 and has been actively involved with the campaign together with Sally Sharpe and Christine Houben in France and Margo Miller in the U.K. After winning a DA delegate seat, Mr. Seward said: "The 2008 election is the most important one our country has faced since the Sixties and maybe even since the Thirties. The next President will have to lead our country out of recession, to repair damaged relations with our allies and to restore America's standing as a force for peace and justice in the world. Only someone with the proven track record, experience and resolve of Hillary Clinton can do that job. I am honored to be chosen to go to the Convention and carry that message to our fellow Democrats in the States."

On February 21, 2008, Democrats Abroad announced that Senator Barack Obama won the organization's Global Primary which was conducted February 5-12, 2008.

The results of the Global Primary were as follows:

Biden 0.1%
Clinton 32.5%
Edwards 0.7%
Kucinich 0.6%
Obama 65.8%
Richardson 0.1%
Uncommitted 0.2%

Under the Democrats Abroad Delegate Selection Plan, the results of the worldwide primary are to be applied to the Regional Caucuses once the allocation of delegates to each Caucus is made. The results allocate 2 delegates to be elected by the Americas Regional Caucus, 1 to be elected by Asia-Pacific Regional Caucus, and 6 delegates have now been elected by the Europe, Middle East and Africa Regional Caucus. Five Delegates will be elected at the Democrats Abroad Global Convention in April.

There is 1 delegate each for Obama and Clinton in the Americas, 1 delegate for Obama in Asia-Pacific, and 4 delegates for Obama and 2 for Clinton in EMEA. Additionally, at the Global Convention, there is 1 at-large delegate and 1 PLEO delegate for Clinton, and 2 at-large delegates and 1 PLEO delegate for Obama.

Democrats Abroad Regional Caucuses for the Americas and Asia-Pacific will take place in Vancouver, BC, on April 11, 2008.

The Democrats Abroad Global Convention will take place in Vancouver, BC, April 12-13, 2008.

The U.S. Presidential Election will take place on November 4, 2008.

The Democrats Abroad Delegate Selection Plan has recently been amended, impacting the allocation of delegates to be selected at the Global Convention in Vancouver 3 At-Large and 2 Pledged PLEOs will now be allocated according to the results of our Global Primary.

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