



US ISSUES

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US CITIZENSHIP



- Transmission of Citizenship – “Grandparent Clause”
- Passport Renewal
- Travel to Certain Countries
- Recent Announcements

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US TAX AND BANKING



Could your name be here???





**Make US policy-makers listen
to Americans overseas:**

Vote!

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Why vote from overseas?



- US law takes no account of, or even harms overseas Americans.
- Voter turnout: low in the US (around 65% seems cause for celebration), but lower for overseas Americans (4%).
- We must speak, to make lawmakers listen to our concerns.
- Register in 2019 and again in **2020: the 100th anniversary** of American women voting nationwide!



What you can do?



- Register for and vote in every election, and get other family, club and community members to do so.
- Register through the FAWCO website-FAWCO/US Issues/US Voting (<https://www.fawco.org/us-issues/u-s-voting>)
- Use the resources provided by the US Voting Committee-FAWCO/US Issues/US Voting/US Voting Articles (<https://www.fawco.org/us-issues/u-s-voting/u-s-voting-articles>) and/or join the Committee to help inform and register overseas voters.



Thanks to Committee members!



- Laureen Scharps (AWC Frankfurt Taunus Rhein-Main): for ideas and articles

A screenshot of a web browser displaying the FAWCO website. The browser's address bar shows the URL "https://www.fawco.org/us-issues/u-s-voting/u-s-voting-articles". The website's navigation menu includes "ABOUT", "MEMBERS", "UN ADVOCACY", "US ISSUES" (highlighted in red), and "GLOBAL ISSUES". Below the navigation is a red banner with the text "US Voting". The main content area shows a breadcrumb trail: "You are here: US Issues / US Voting / US Voting Articles". The article title is "Register every year – it's easy!" by Mary Stewart Burgher, dated 15 January 2019. The article text begins with "An article by Laureen Scharps (AIWC Frankfurt Taunus Rhein-Main)" and "I just wanted to let you know that Tyler and I sent in our absentee ballots ... It was an easy process to register online and then, once the ballot was sent by email, we were able to fill it in online and then print the completed ballot with its...". A "Read more" link is provided. At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled "October: registration ends and voting starts for overseas Americans" dated 16 September 2018. The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom of the screenshot.



HOT TOPICS



- Taxes – compliance, filing threshold, RBT
- Banking
- Financial Reporting
- Overseas Americans Week

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