

ATHENA Elections Overview

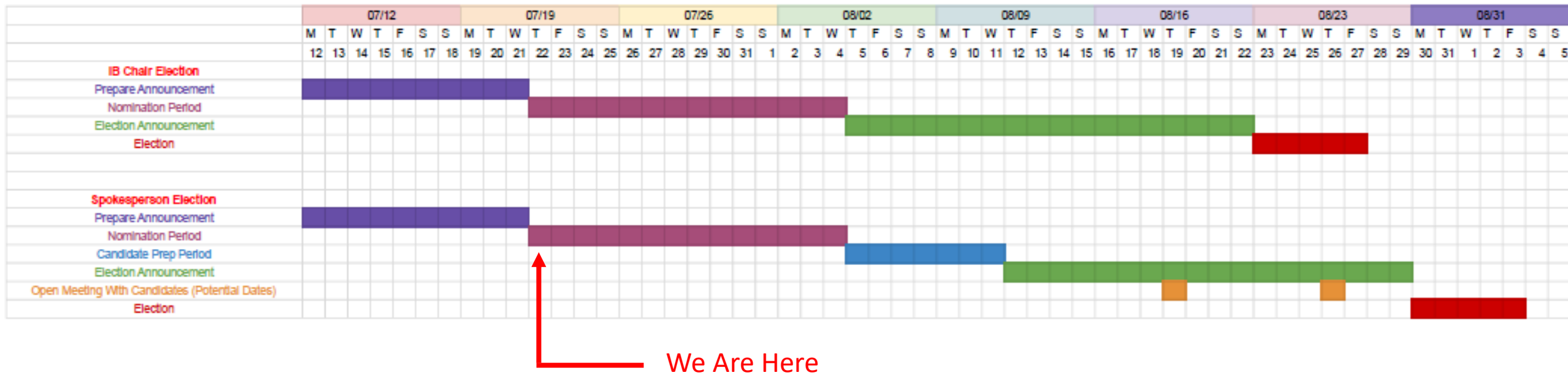
The Election Committee

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ATHENA Bi-Weekly Meeting

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Elections and Timelines



- ❑ Election process for position of ATHENA Spokesperson and Institutional Board Chairperson begin today
- ❑ Election timeline has 4 (3) distinct periods for Spokesperson (Chairperson) election
 - Nomination Period: July 22 – August 4
 - Candidate Prep Period (Spokesperson only): August 5 – August 11
 - Election Announcement: August 12 (5) – August 29 (22)
 - Voting: August 30 (23) – September 3 (August 27)
- ❑ Elections are staggered to allow the IB Chair to be in place before the Spokesperson voting begins

Election Procedures

□ Nomination Period: July 22 – August 4

- Open call for nominees for Spokesperson – All collaborators eligible to run and (self) nominate
- IB Chairperson restricted to IB members, both to nominate and run
- Election Committee will contact persons nominated by another to confirm desire to run
- Nominations not accepted after August 4

□ Candidate Prep Period (Spokesperson Election Only): August 5 – August 11

- Spokesperson candidates required to find a deputy and write personal and management strategy statements
- This period allows time for persons nominated at the end of the nominating period sufficient time to complete these steps (deputy selection and writing can begin in the nomination period as well)

□ Election Announcement: August 12 (5) – August 29 (22) for Spokesperson (IB Chairperson)

- Candidate slates released to IB and collaboration and election officially announced
- This is the two week period mandated by the Charter
- Collaboration members should review candidates and their materials and discuss preferences with their IB reps – will also schedule one or more open meetings between (Spokesperson) candidates and the collaboration

□ Voting: August 30 (23) – September 3 (August 27) for Spokesperson (IB Chairperson)

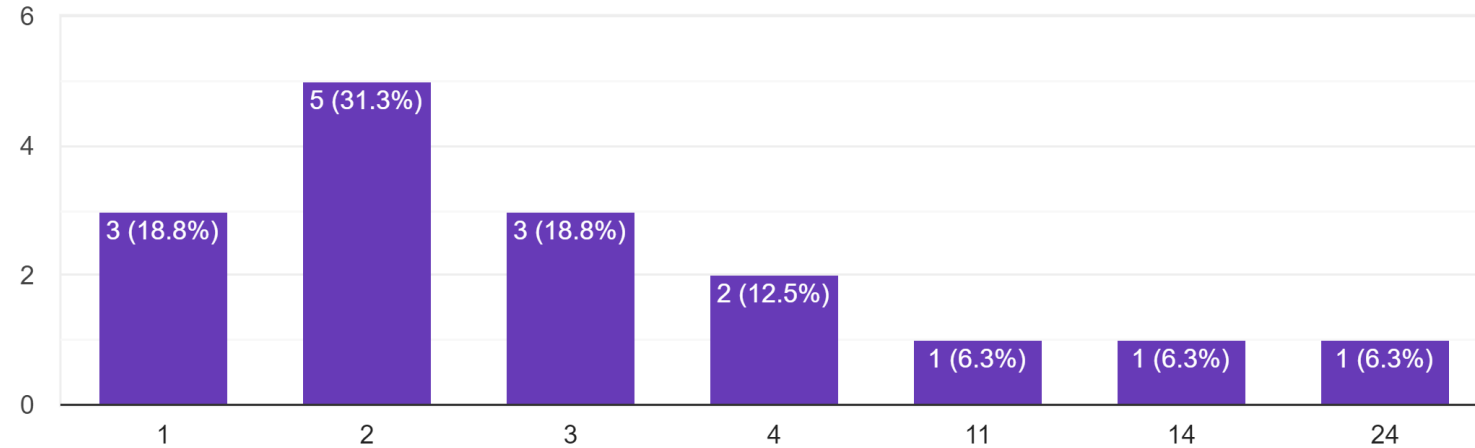
- IB reps will carry out the actual vote, with their choice weighted by institution size (see next page)
- Vote expected to be carried out asynchronously via google form

Institutional Voting Weights

- ❑ Charter stipulates that each institution has its vote weighted depending on the number of 'Collaborators in Good Standing' (CGS) according to the formula:
 $w = 1 + \text{int}(\text{CGS}/10)$; not to exceed 3
- ❑ At this stage, the concept of CGS is somewhat ill-defined, however, we still need some estimation to determine voting weights
- ❑ The Election Committee has asked the IB representatives to make a **good-faith** estimate of the number of members actively involved in ATHENA
- ❑ What about theorists, undergraduates, summer/temporary students, etc?
 - Until all cases and criteria are defined by IB – use best judgement

Number of Active Members

16 responses



- ❑ The Election Committee sent out a call to the IB reps for member estimates July 15th
- ❑ 16 responses as of last night
- ❑ Deadline was given as August 9th – may extend this as the voting period has moved back somewhat

Next Steps

- ❑ Email will be sent today to the ATHENA Public list announcing the opening of the nomination period for Spokesperson candidates
 - Will contain link to Google form to be used to submit nominations
 - Will include a detailed summary of the election procedures

- ❑ Separate email will be sent today to the IB representatives soliciting nominations for IB Chairperson

- ❑ Nomination period will be open for 14 days

- ❑ Reminders will be sent as the end of the nomination period approaches

- ❑ If you have questions about the election process, please do not hesitate to contact us: Pietro Antonioli (pietro.antonioli@bo.infn.it), John Arrington (jarrington@lbl.gov), Nicole D'Hose (nicole.dhose@cea.fr), Yulia Furletova (yulia@jlab.org), Sylvester Joosten (sjoosten@anl.gov), & Brian Page (bpage@bnl.gov)