



# Steps beyond DPAP: ATHENA Institutional Board Update

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## A reminder - ATHENA Charter:

The Institutional Board is composed of all participating Institutions and is the governing body of the Collaboration. It makes all major policy decisions within the Collaboration. The Collaboration is led by a Spokesperson who is responsible for the scientific and technical direction of the experiment, following the policies agreed by the Institutional Board. The Spokesperson is the principal representative of the Collaboration in interactions with BNL & DOE and its committees, the broader physics community, and the general public. The Spokesperson is elected by the Institutional Board. The Executive Board is concerned with the day-to-day operation of the Collaboration and is chaired by the Spokesperson. The Institutional Board ratifies the Executive Board composition.



## Looking back:

Constructive and productive working relations within the collaboration, including those within the institutional board and with the spokesperson, deputy, and executive board,

The institutional board has worked within the charter and policies to:

- meet, discuss, and ratify the executive board and associated management plan,
- agree on deferring, for example, the formation of a conference committee until after the proposal,
- admit new institution(s),
- form its institution- and author-list in the lead-up to the proposal.



## Post proposal:

- SP request to include an early-career member in the executive board is imminent; ratification,
- Revisit agreement to defer, for example, formation of a conference committee,
- Revisit the voting weights (values) defined in the lead-up to the elections – institution- & author-list,
- Start to address what it will mean/take to be a “collaborator in good standing”,

## DPAP (-process) will obviously influence the future of ATHENA:

- Near-certain to require close communication with SP and EB on direction (policy),
- Admission of new institution and/or migration, approach to the evolution of the baseline, etc.

Anticipate one or more IB meetings in March.