Collaboration Council Status

Ernst Sichtermann (LBNL) — Chair
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"The EPIC Collaboration Council is the governing body of the Collaboration of international institutions. The CC makes all major policy decisions within the Collaboration."

"The Council is composed of Representatives of all participating institutions."

The Collaboration Council mailing list is for and by designated representatives of participating institutions only;

- It is a low-volume list with 171 subscribers (reviewed),
- Please reach out if you are a council member and have not received its announcements, voting links, etc.

Collaboration Council meetings are generally open to all Collaboration members. Discussions pertaining to individual collaborators, institutions, and other matters require closed sessions.

The Collaboration Council has held two meetings (March 24 and April 21) following the Chair and vice-Chair election;

- Feedback so far indicates that the time of the general meetings is most convenient — further feedback is sought and welcome.

- Anticipate a near-monthly schedule until the upcoming collaboration meeting in Warsaw this Summer; reduced frequency later in the year.

Collaboration Council voting on more major matters — management plan, coordinators, working group structure, etc. — has been electronic.

- Voting has opened shortly after the meetings and stayed open for most of the following working week to allow for discussions with colleagues etc.

- Outcomes are communicated collaboration-wide.

- Voting is important! Participation has been at the ~55% level. This needs to increase to ensure effectivity.

As the result(s) of voting:

- The collaboration now has an endorsed management plan,

- The collaboration now has a team of endorsed Technical, Software and Computing, and Analysis Coodinators,

- The collaboration has an endorsed working group structure and endorsed teams of co-conveners,

- Passed motions to initiate the change control process for the barrel electromagnetic calorimeter and the backward RICH detector,

Initatiative(s) supporting the self-organization of early-career members worked — more on this topic later in this meeting.

Looking ahead a month or two:

- Ongoing work towards establishing a 1) Conference and Talks committee, 2) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee, 3) Membership committee;

  - These committees are essential in developing Collaboration policies and practices on how we work together, what it means to be a collaborator, and how contributions will be recognized.

  - Chair and vice-Chair will be elected by the Collaboration Council following Collaboration-wide nominations; participation is obviously important,

  - Membership will naturally require (much) better insight into the individual collaborators from all institutions; your timely responses will be key,

- Setting initial steps towards an executive board with elected at-large members,

- Starting discussion how to welcome new institutions into the Collaboration while maintaining true to the Charter.