

Today's Agenda:

1. Welcome, Agenda, and Minutes from the previous meeting
2. New Institutions proposing to join ePIC
3. Updates on and from the Collaboration Council Committees
- 4. Updates on Membership and Voting**
5. Closed session
6. AOB

Recall our Summer meeting in Warsaw (July 2023):

23 founding institutions had not participated in any of the Collaboration Council's voting rounds, 1 institutional representative remained unclear.

Today (March 2024):

4 founding institutions have not participated in any of the Collaboration Council's voting rounds, or communicated otherwise, and 1 institutional representative remains unclear.

Voting timelines

Electronic on major/main items. Voting is typically opened shortly after the Council Meeting itself. Initially, this stayed open for ~1 week. By motion, this has been extended to ~2 weeks.

My observations are that the time between the nominal deadline and the actual deadline has not reduced. There have been multiple votes – fortunately all consistent – from Council Members. Multiple Council Members have also reached out with questions if they voted.

Membership:

All Collaboration Council Members have contacted by email to update the Council Chair-line on Membership. This started earlier in the week and extended over several days. The goal was to make this a low-threshold effort. The aimed-for timeline for completion is March 11, 2024. Over 70 of Collaboration Council members have responded already – thank you!

ePIC Charter section 4.1 “Within a group, Collaboration members will include PhD Scientists, graduate students, engineers, and other technical staff. However, qualification for authorship on publications may be modified in the future.

The EIC User Group has indeed issued a similar call. Please note that the EIC User Group is a separate entity from the ePIC Collaboration. It includes, for example, accelerator scientists and theorists who do not intend to take part in the Experiment Collaboration.

The near-term purpose is about membership and membership-in-good-standing. In addition, it is about representation on the Collaboration Council and the number of votes by institution. No changes will be made for voting initiated in today’s Collaboration Council meeting.