

First, please join me in a warm thank you to the current Elections Committee for lots of work over the past year+ in the bootstrapping phase of the Collaboration.

**John Arrington (LBNL, Chair), Helen Caines (Yale), Domenico Elia (INFN Bari), Or Hen (MIT)**

**Thank you!**

## Proposed 2024 Elections Committee Composition

**Charter context** – Section 5.5: *“The Election Committee will consist of at least three Collaboration Council members appointed by the Collaboration Council Chair after soliciting the nominations from the Collaboration Council. The Election Committee, with approval of the Council, is charged to solicit nominations for elected positions, organize the voting process and report to the Collaboration Council (and Collaboration wherever specified) on vote outcomes. The Election Committee can be called to assist the Collaboration Council in other significant voting matters, such as Charter and/or Policy modifications.”*

This is, indeed, different from – for example – the Publications Committee, where the Chair-line of that Committee solicits nominations Collaboration wide and then proposes the composition. Furthermore, the terms are defined.

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### **Elections Committee Context:**

- Desire to expand the committee to five members,
- Desire to align elections to the Winter and Summer meetings going forward,
- Desire to have a line of Chair, past Chair, and vice Chair – effectively making for a 3-year cycle

### **Council Chair Considerations:**

- The Charter aims to ensure continuity in Elections
- Updates to the Elections Committee are probably best handled by the outgoing Council Chair
- Outgoing Chair should probably limit their updates to (at most) two members, i.e. minority of committee
- Representation is essential, but no pre-defined representation from specific Council Committees

### **Nomination Context:**

Following discussion with the Elections Committee Chair, a call for nominations was made on February 15, 2024 via the Collaboration Council mailing list. What follows is consistent with the (few) nominations received.

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### **Proposed composition:**

- John Arrington (LBNL)
- Helen Caines (Yale) – Chair
- Domenico Elia (INFN Bari)
- Maria Stefaniak (OSU)
- Ken Barish (UCR)

The proposed two new members are thus Maria Stefaniak (OSU) and Ken Barish (UCR)

Helen Caines will transition into the role of Chair of the Elections Committee. John Arrington will stay on and is the past-Chair. Ken Barish will join the Committee in a role as vice-Chair.

Voting is proposed to be for/against/abstain on endorsing the Election Committee composition. Voting will be electronic and will remain open for two weeks.