

Initial Elections Process

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Overview

- Voting eligibility for this process
 - Same eligibility requirement as ICCC election after Harvard meeting
 - Postdoctoral level or above and attended 2 CMB-S4 meetings
 - Registration and petitions ended last week (153 voters)
 - **Participation in bylaws ratification vote will also be the opt-in for initial membership in the CMB-S4 collaboration**
- Initial election process (See Appendix A of bylaws draft)
 - Bylaws ratification
 - First Election: Co-spokespeople, Science Council chairs, Membership Committee Chair, Publication & Speakers Committee Chairs
 - Second Election: Governing Board
 - All elected positions filled by April at the earliest
 - Newly formed governing board appoints Elections and Voting Committee for next elections in ~ Mar. 2020 (terms start Jul. 2020)

Proposed schedule

- Thursday, March 8 - Bylaws vote opens
- Thursday, March 15 - Bylaws vote closes

If bylaws ratification passes

- Monday, March 19 - Nominations open for all positions
- Sunday, March 25 - Nominations close for co-spokespeople and chairs
- Monday, March 26 - Voting opens for co-spokespeople, chairs
- Sunday, April 1 - Voting closes for co-spokespeople, chairs
- Sunday, April 1 - Nominations for governing board close (and newly elected people removed from candidate lists)
- Monday, April 2 - Voting opens for governing board
- Sunday, April 8 - Voting closes for governing board

Proposed nominations and elections details

- Each eligible voter can nominate one person per vacant position
- Elections will be online, with a 1 week long voting period
- All eligible voters will receive a unique link via email to an anonymous ballot
- Candidates will provide a photo and a statement (limit 200 words), which will be posted on the CMB-S4 wiki and linked from the ballot form

Governing board election (from bylaws appendix A)

- Governing board election will be similar to ICCC with potentially a mix of elected and appointed representatives to ensure full representation
- ICCC will create a list of categories before the election that need representation
 - E.g. early career scientists, members of small institutions, representatives of existing CMB programs
- 10 candidates with most votes automatically on governing board, remaining 8 spots can be filled with top vote-getters who fulfill these categories
- 1 Governing Board position reserved for a postdoctoral member, and voting for this position will be restricted to postdoc voters
 - Will poll initial membership for status to determine the list of postdoc voters