



Welcome to the in-person / hybrid ePIC Collaboration Council Meeting – July 27, 2023

Attendance and participation: Open to all ePIC collaborators

Today's Agenda:

1. Welcome, Agenda, and Minutes from previous meeting
2. Membership and "Good Standing"
3. Collaboration Discussion with Spokesperson and Deputy, Council Chair and vice Chair
4. Next Collaboration Council Meeting and AOB

Minutes from Collaboration Council Meeting on June 29 and 30, 2023

The meeting agenda and materials are available via <https://indico.bnl.gov/event/19925/> and <https://indico.bnl.gov/event/19926/>

Participation reached 31 by 7pm EDT on June 29 and 63 by 11am EDT on June 30, 2023

By consensus, the meeting was not recorded.

The minutes of the Collaboration Council meeting on April 21, 2023 were adopted and added to that meeting's indico page.

Representatives of the 11 institutions petitioning to join the collaboration presented their plans as posted and were available for subsequent discussion.

The closed session resulted in consensus to vote electronically on the admission of each of the 11 institutions (for/against/abstain). The suggestion was made to record future presentations by representatives from institutions petitioning the join ePIC (we will revisit this point in the future when new institutions petition to join).

No other business was brought up and the meeting was adjourned.

Electronic voting was opened on June 30 and concluded on Tuesday, July 11 at 5pm ET. 136 valid votes were cast by that time. This satisfies the required quorum. Well over 116 votes (a 2/3 majority) were cast in favor of admission for each of the institutions.

The Collaboration Council has thus admitted the University of Tokyo, The Ohio State University, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Yonsei University, Gangneung-Wonju National University, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Oklahoma State University, the University of Seoul, the University of Liverpool, Sungyunkwan University, and Hanyang University to the ePIC Collaboration.

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Charter: Good standing in ePIC

The notion of being a "member in good standing" is crucial for determining access to experimental resources, as well as being a precondition for authorship of scientific and technical papers produced by the collaboration.

Members in good standing must belong to institutions in good standing - if a group loses its standing, then all of its members do as well. However, individual members may lose their status, even if the group standing remains.

Institutions will be reviewed yearly by EPIC CC, and held to standards determined by a Membership Committee. These standards will be fully documented, and may evolve by proposals to the collaboration council. They will include, but are not limited to, considerations of service work, shifts, and other contributions to the EPIC experiment.

Finally, participation of a group's IR in Council matters will be an important part of a group's overall standing.

Upon creation of the EPIC collaboration, all currently-participating institutions will be promoted to good-standing based on their existing contributions. However, they will be reviewed during the next 6-12 months by the Membership Committee, and their continued good standing will rely on appropriate contributions made over that period.

Charter: Rights of ePIC Members

ePIC members immediately receive:

- access to ePIC communication tools (e.g. email lists, discourse, mattermost channels)
- access to all data collected by the collaboration (both raw, reconstructed, and further processings)
- access to simulated data and the scientific codes used for published results

Membership in good standing in the ePIC collaboration provides additional benefits including:

- eligibility to serve as technical or physics group conveners or subconveners, and other Collaboration roles and bodies.
- eligibility to give talks on behalf of the EPIC collaboration
- eligibility to become an author on EPIC papers, physics and technical (...)

Institutional Membership in ePIC is known and reviewed. 1 institutional representative remains unclear. 23 institutional representatives have not participated in any of the voting rounds.

Knowing our Individual Membership is a must for many reasons. Our current knowledge is, at best, incomplete. Expect individual outreach to all institutional representatives in the next week or two.

“Good standing” provides several benefits; among them the ability to give talks.

Engagement has featured prominently in this meeting. Engagement and “good standing” are not unrelated. “Good standing” is an intricate topic; it will be up to the Membership Committee to develop and propose a Collaboration policy.

Today, we can start a discussion – open to anyone participating in the meeting (in person or remote) – to share experiences, develop ideas, and possible approaches to the issues in front of us.

From John Lajoie's slides yesterday:

Engagement within ePIC

- It's very clear that as a collaboration we're not engaging our membership effectively
 - *"The collaboration isn't fun anymore...."*
 - **Ouch!** – but what does this mean?
 - Physicists pour their soul into their work, so it's not "fun" in the classic sense
 - I suspect it means that people are finding ePIC too large, too bureaucratic, and don't know how to find their place in the collaboration
- We need to make it easier for people to engage with the parts of ePIC that they are interested in:
 - "ePIC" to most people should be the small group of people in a few WG's
 - People need to feel welcome and encouraged in these groups, and find a set of colleagues they can easily engage with