

Term of Spokesperson

Remarks on Procedure, with reference to talk by Ian Shipsey for the CBCAG, yesterday 14.2.

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Timeline for Collaboration & CB Discussion

In October 2018 and February 2019 the Collaboration Board Chair Advisory Group discussed the term of the ATLAS Spokesperson.

The conclusion was to bring the topic to the Collaboration and the Collaboration Board, and that it would be helpful for the CBCAG to develop a proposal and present it, and the deliberations that led to it, as a starting point for efficient Collaboration and Collaboration Board discussion.

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- Calin Alexa - Bukarest
- Ludovica Aperio Bella - CERN
- Shikma Bressler - Weizmann
- Alexander Cheplakov - Dubna
- Brian Cole - Columbia
- Claudia Glasman - Madrid
- Deepak Kar - Witwatersrand
- Marco Leite - Sao Paulo
- Fabienne Ledroit - Grenoble
- Jim Pilcher - Chicago
- Ian Shipsey - Oxford
- Jonas Strandberg - Stockholm
- Geoffrey Taylor - Melbourne
- Tamara Schroeder - Montreal
- Haijun Yang - Shanghai

CBCAG serves as Search Committee for Spokesperson, with CB Chair and Deputy. Diverse composition, in all aspects. The Group, following the election in 2018, decided in October to evaluate the options of term, efficiency and consequences.



Document on the issue of the term of spokesperson endorsed by the CBCAG, in agreement with current Spokesperson and deputies, as CBCAG base for this week's discussions.

Intention is to send this to the Collaboration, subject to new inputs this week, for efficient consideration and decision in the CB in June 2019.

The term of Karl Jakobs ends in February 2021. Thus the next election will be opened in October 2019 such that this consideration is on the structure and free of any personal considerations.

Draft summary text of evaluating the

Term of the ATLAS Spokesperson

The Collaboration Board Chair Advisory Group*)
February 12, 2019

Motivation

The ATLAS Collaboration consists of a significant fraction of the world wide particle physics community. We conduct our science on behalf of the taxpayers of the world. The large international LHC collaborations inspire the public, and our collaboration will exist for at least another twenty years. Given our longevity, our scale, and our importance to the future of our field, we have a responsibility to reflect regularly on our collaboration organizational structures and their efficiency as we strive for an ever more perfect collaboration.

Why discuss this now? Given the Spokesperson cadence of 2+2 years (examples are Fabiola Gianotti, Dave Charlton, and Karl Jakobs) and the importance of discussing terms of office well before an election to that office, the only time the Spokesperson term can be discussed is once every four years. That time is now.

Timeline for Collaboration & CB Discussion

In October the Collaboration Board Chair Advisory Group (CBCAG) discussed the term of the ATLAS Spokesperson. The conclusion of the discussion was to bring the topic to the Collaboration and the Collaboration Board, and that it would be helpful to produce a position paper laying out the deliberations of the CBCAG as a starting point for efficient Collaboration and Collaboration Board discussion.

The CBCAG notes that changing the conditions of the Spokesperson term would need wide support in the Collaboration, which requires time to understand this issue and its consequences. The timeline we foresee for this is: (i) *ATLAS Week February 2019*: Discussion in the Collaboration and Collaboration Board introduced by CBCAG. (ii) *ATLAS Week June 2019*: Decision taken by the Collaboration Board.

Considerations:

- (i) The current term of the ATLAS Spokesperson is two years. There is the possibility for renewal once by a 2/3 majority during the term of office. The Spokesperson appoints Deputies for terms corresponding to each mandate.
- (ii) The overlap between the incumbent and the new elected-Spokesperson is ~8 months (election occurs June/July, term starts March).
- (iii) It takes about one year to learn the job.
- (iv) If a Spokesperson term is two years and is not renewable and a successor is already elected eight months before the incumbent's term ends, the amount of time the

Proposal

Current Spokesperson term: The term of the ATLAS Spokesperson is two years. There is the possibility for renewal once by a 2/3 majority during the term of office. The Spokesperson appoints Deputies for terms corresponding to each mandate.

Our considerations and observations suggest that the advantages of a three year term outweigh the value of the confirmation in the 2+2 model.

Therefore:

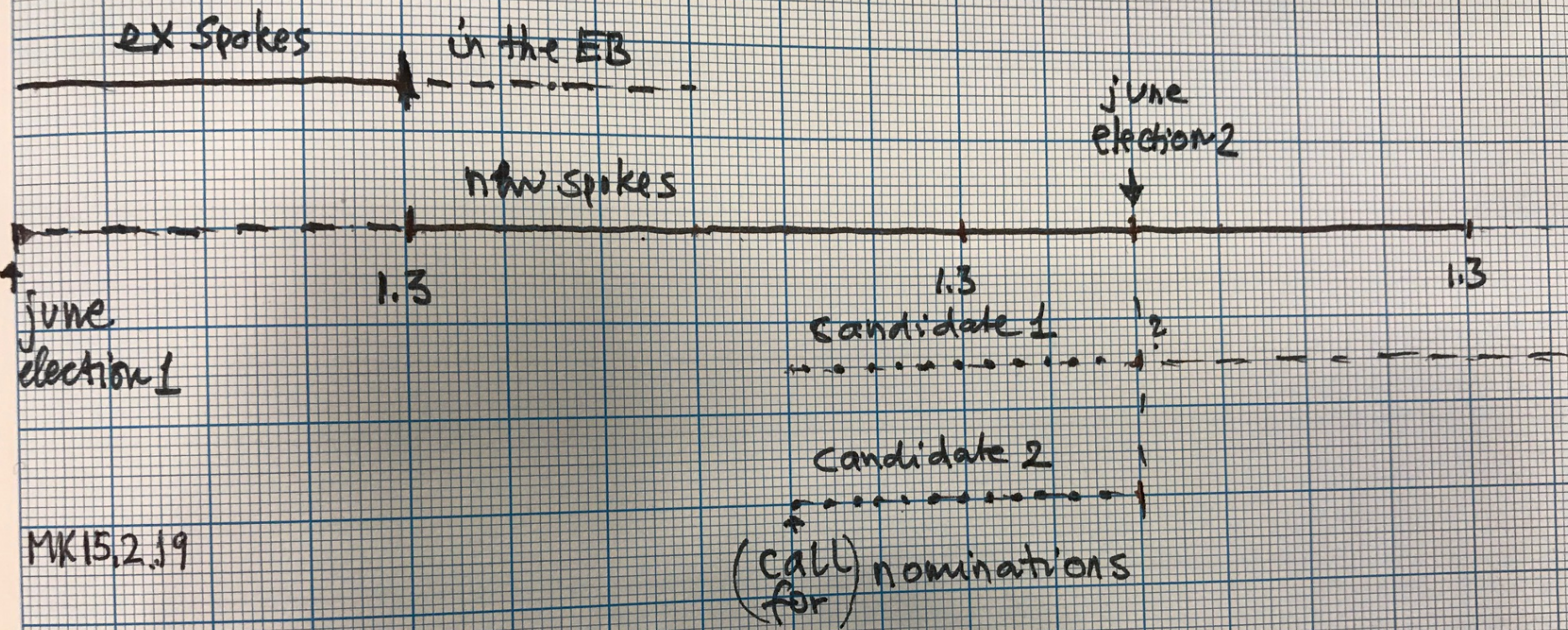
Proposed Spokesperson term: The term of the ATLAS Spokesperson is three years, not renewable. The Spokesperson appoints Deputies for terms corresponding to the mandate.

CBCAG + CB Chair + Deputies (ex+current), supported by the Management

Yesterday: Ian Shipsey's summary of observations and considerations + reactions.

Today: invite for further thoughts.

Then: Send the CBCAG 3 page document, possibly modified, to the CB and Collaboration for further consideration and decision by the Collaboration Board in June.



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Sketch of a two year term with ex, incumbent and 2 spokes candidates