

# **RHIC & AGS Users' Group Subcommittee on Bylaws**

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# Elections I Nominating Committee

- Present Language:

The Nominating Committee shall consist of four members appointed by the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee is charged with preparing a slate of candidates for election of the Chair-elect, and Executive Committee members.

- Proposed Change:

The Nominating Committee shall consist of four members **appointed by the Chair and approved by the Executive Committee**. The Nominating Committee is charged with preparing a slate of candidates for election of the Chair-elect, and Executive Committee members.

- Reason for Change: Simpler process than using a committee to choose a committee but still allows for input from UEC members.
- Question: Are Nominating committee members generally chosen from among the UEC members?

# Elections II When Good Elections Go Bad

- What procedure will we follow if an election results in a tie? This is not covered in the present charter.
- Some possibilities:
  - Have a runoff election. This begs the question what if the runoff election results in a tie?
  - Let the UEC vote.
  - Let the chair or vice-chair cast the deciding vote.
  - Other possibilities?
- Reason for change: This happened in the last election for spokesperson and an ad hoc solution had to be found (a runoff was held)

# Elections III More Inclusive

- Present Language:

The Nominating Committee is charged with preparing a slate of candidates for election of the Chair-elect, and Executive Committee members. The slate should reflect a balance of interests among active fields of research at the BNL facilities.

- Proposed Change:

The Nominating Committee is charged with preparing a slate of candidates for election of the Chair-elect, and Executive Committee members. The slate should reflect a balance of interests, **institutions, and nationalities** among active fields of research at the BNL facilities.

- Reason for change: fairness; UEC more representative of Users; insight into particular concerns of non-US Users; Dennis Kovar

# Other

- Are UEC meetings officially open to all members? This should be clarified in the bylaws. Right now, they are treated as such.
- Right now, only regular (elected) members of the UEC can:
  - Gets copies of the meeting minutes
  - Be counted for a quorum
  - Call for a written vote

Should we extend these privileges to the appointed member as well?