Version

1.1.0

Scope

This document covers the governance framework for the Eastern Cardano Council ("ECC").

The latest version of this charter can be found at https://skillzeb.io/template-explorer/community-cardano-ecc, along with its corresponding Blake2b-256 hash. The hash will be included with any on-chain votes this council makes as part of the metadata.

Purpose

The purpose of the ECC is to approve or reject (via an on-chain vote) the Cardano community's on-chain governance proposals, as a member of the Interim Constitutional Committee ("ICC"). Approval or rejection signals that the ECC finds that a proposal is or is not constitutional according to the "Cardano Constitution".

Composition

1. The council has been initiated with six (6) team members from Japan (1), South Korea (1), Vietnam (1), Australia (2) & New Zealand (1).

2. The council in the interim stage will have a maximum of eight (8) team members.

3. The council will have a minimum of five (5) members.

4. If the number of members falls below the minimum then the council as a whole will resign from the ICC.

5. A maximum of two (2) members from any one country.

6. Members must be residents of one of the countries in the EEC Country register: https://skillzeb.io/template-explorer/resource-cardano-ecc-registers

7. New members need to be agreed to by 100% of the council members.

8. Members shall be a minimum of 18 years old and have their identity validated using nation-state identification documents.

9. Members shall have an evidenced two (2) years of experience within the Cardano community and can demonstrate; a thorough understanding of Cardano's operations, orientation, and strategy; knowledge and active participation in decentralised governance, and relevant experience and expertise to evaluate proposals related to Cardano governance.

10. If a member is also a Cardano Delegated Representative (DRep) and/or a Stake Pool Operator (SPO), their DRep voting power as a percentage of total active delegation multiplied by two, combined with their stake delegation as a percentage of total active stake, must not exceed 5%. If their combined delegation exceeds this threshold, the member will have their ECC voting rights suspended, until the threshold breach is resolved.

Multiple Governance Roles

1. Disclosure of Roles: Members of the Council who hold the positions of Stake Pool Operator (SPO) or Delegated Representative (DRep) must clearly disclose their respective

roles in their member information. This includes specifying the SPO and/or DRep position they hold. Members are required to ensure that their voting decisions are not influenced by personal interests linked to these roles, and they must commit to making decisions based on the principles of fairness and transparency.

2. Commitment to Avoiding Conflicts of Interest: Members who are also a SPO and/or DRep must sign a formal commitment to ensure that their voting decisions are made independently, without being influenced by personal or group interests tied to their roles as SPOs or DReps.

3. Voting Rights Restriction: To maintain the decentralisation of governance within the Cardano ecosystem, the voting rights of any Council member who holds SPO and/or DRep roles is restricted, based on them not exceeding an agreed voting power threshold. The voting power threshold is calculated as:
(SPO voting power % * 1) + (DRep voting power % * 2) < 5%
This is the ECC's attempt to ensure that members with multiple governance roles are not able to exert too much influence over governance action outcomes.

Rules

1. This framework can only be changed with the agreement of at least 80% of the council members — i.e., with six (6) team members, it requires five (5) team members to agree.

2. Members must engage in discussions and the voting process. If any member does not engage with three (3) consecutive votes and does not have a rationale for not voting approved by the other members, they may be removed from the council.

3. Votes are only to approve or reject a community governance action in accordance with the Cardano Constitution. Member opinions are not considered as part of this validity check.

4. Council votes are submitted on-chain as an ICC member via a cryptographic signing process when 60% of the members agree. For a council of six (6) members, this would be four (4) of the members' votes agree.

5. Member votes totalled by approve/reject will be shared with the Cardano community as part of the vote, including the rationale. All this data will also be Blake2b-256 hashed for verification and future referencing.

Resources

The following resources will be utilised by the ECC.

1. The Cardano Constitution

2. Shared Google Drive - Private drive that holds documents, registers, etc.

3. Telegram Group

4. Multi-signature address (script) for signing of the orchestrated vote as agreed by the council members, based on the ECC rules.

Conflicts

Covering conflicts of interest and inter-member conflicts.

1. Given that voting is fact-based and does not consider personal opinions then conflict-of-interests should be negligible.

2. If a conflict-of-interest does occur it is registered by the member with the council.

3. Any inter-member conflicts are to be acknowledged by the council and a member is elected to facilitate a resolution to the conflict.

Documentation

1. All discussions and resolutions to be documented and include standard control information i.e. dates, version numbers.

2. All internal documents are confidential/private by default.

3. All decisions, with the rationale, are shared with the Cardano community as part of our voting process.

4. All documents are hashed using Blake2b-256 for independent and future referencing.

5. One of the members will be responsible for documentation.

6. All documentation will be stored on a shared private Google Drive.

7. Registers of key information will be kept - i.e. member details, responsibilities, voting participation, decisions etc.

Communication

1. All public communication needs to be approved by 80% of the members.

2. An ECC Communications Plan will be published.

3. One of the members will be responsible for public communications as the ECC representative via approved channels.

4. The council will report any information as required by the Interim Constitutional Committee in a timely manner.

Reviews

1. We periodically review the council for performance and fit-for-purpose checks.

2. We periodically review this framework for effectiveness and validity.

3. One of the members is responsible for ensuring reviews occur at least once every four (4) months.

4. Review actions are implemented if 60% of the members agree—this does not include this charter; see the "Rules" section.

Prohibition

1. The ECC retains the right to veto any governance action, for any reason, that contains any of the following content, statements, or actions;

2. Cyberbullying, including offensive, abusive, or hate speech, or harassing or impersonating others; or

3. Discriminatory content based on gender, age, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, or religion; or

4. Illegal content, including obscene, sexually explicit, and violent content, may be exposed to an unspecified number of people; or

5. Contains any content that could seriously compromise data protection, data privacy, including sensitive personal information, including without limitation, GDPR, LGPD, CCPA, PDPA, APPI; or

6. Misrepresentations that are factually inconsistent with the qualitative and quantitative content describing the actual state of the Cardano network and ecosystem.

7. The provisions set forth under "Prohibition" have been drafted to define the process for addressing the constitutionality of governance actions related to "Information." However, these provisions may not be limited to such actions and may apply to other circumstances as well.

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