

Technical Guide Voter Role

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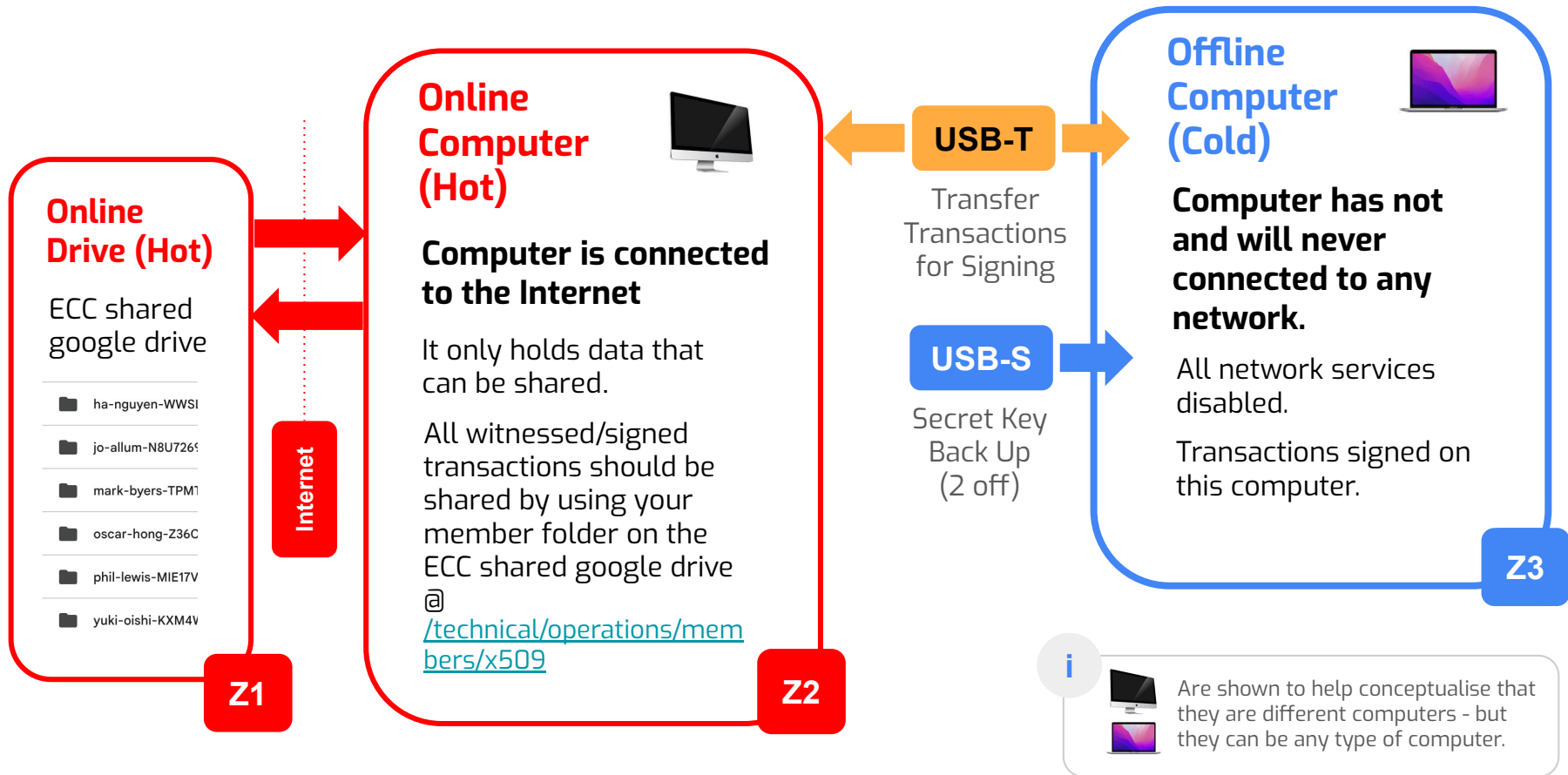
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Appendices

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Protection

2A/ Risks

Information security risks are identified and recorded into the ECC Risk Register.

Each risk is then graded as “Negligible”, “Low”, “Medium”, “High”, “Critical”. And then controls are put in place to ensure they are at the minimum level set by the member’s role.

2B/ Risk Levels based Roles

Voter: Minimum is Low

Membership/Orchestrator: Minimum is Negligible

2C/ Voter Role

This role technical has the lowest level of information security related to it.

Given the keys can easily be reset, are one of many and proxied via the Orchestrator (Head of Security) before use on-chain – mitigating many of the risks.



App 1.1.4

[CICC ECC Technical Guide \(PDF\)](#)

This computer appears to be online!!

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Witness a Cardano Governance Transaction

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Your individual X.509 file (rarely changes)

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2. Governance Action Transaction Hash File (.hash)

Shared with you by the ECC orchestrator for each governance action.

no file selected

3 Hardware (Voter)

3A/ Computer connected to the internet (Existing)



Used to access ECC Google Drive /technical/operations folder

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3B/ Computer never connected to the internet



Used to sign transactions

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3C/ Three(3) USB Drives, Well Known Brand*, 16GB +



One(1) used to transfer files between computers

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Two(2) used to hold secret keys

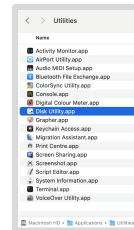
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* Sandisk / Samsung / Kingston / Verbatim / Lexar

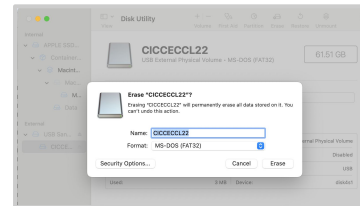
Preparing USBs

1/ Put the USB into your **offline (cold)** computer

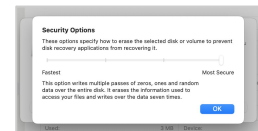
2/ On MacOS > Applications > Utilities > **Open Disk Utility**



3/ Click on the USB > Click **Erase ..** button



4/ Click **Security Options** > Slide to Most Secure > Click OK



5/ Rename the USB Drive to say "CICCECC" & Select ExFat > Click **Erase**



You can get a safe for the storage of your USBs, but if you are a Voter only, this is not critical as your Identity (X509) keys can be reset.

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Software (Voter)



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The follow software is in the ECC Google Drive @
/technical/operations/members/util

4A/ OpenSSL (Ed25519)

This is a terminal tool that can be used to generate your X509 identity. You only need to do this once – and also encrypting your secret keys.

4B/ Cardano-cli

Used to sign the transaction (it does not need a Cardano Node).

4C/ Google Drive (CICC-ECC Shared Folder)

Used to transfer X509 requests/certificates, transactions to be signed, signed transactions.

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There is a more intuitive graphic UI coming, but these are the text based commands that can be used now.

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You can make it easier to access the MacOS terminal using these [instructions](#).

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[Instructions for member to generate X509 Certificate](#).

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Identity & Roles

5A/ X509 Standard for Identity

X509 used by the internet to establish the identity of things (e.g. websites) and people. It creates a set of keys linked to you. One key is public and one is private. The private key needs to be kept secret and never leave the offline (code) "Z3" code. You keep an encrypted copy of the private key on your "USB-S" drives.

ECC App is used by members to generate X509 request.

5B/ Roles / Voter Role

There a number of technical roles; Membership / Delegator / Voter.

This guide is focused on the Voter role.

This role technical has the lowest level of information security related to it.

Given the keys can easily be reset, are one of many and proxied via the Orchestrator (Head of Security) before use on-chain.

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Voting

A/ Orchestrator (Head of Security) creates the transaction for the gov action id and sets the the vote to be as agreed by the ECC as per its governance document.

B/ Transaction put into each of the members Google Drive folder







C/ Each member then copies the transaction file to their Transfer USB (USB-T)

D/ Member then puts the USB-T drive into their offline (cold) computer [Z3] and copies the transaction file to the Computer hard drive.

E/ The USB-T drive is then removed from the computer.

F/ One of the USB-S drives is plugged into offline (cold) computer [Z3].

G/ Member follows the *Software voting instructions ... (later in this doc [7E])*

	ha-nguyen-WWSI
	jo-allum-N8U7269
	mark-byers-TPM1
	oscar-hong-Z36C
	phil-lewis-MIE17V
	yuki-oishi-KXM4V

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Instructions (Step by Step)

7A/ Prepare USBs

7B/ Prepare Offline-Cold Computer

7C/ Copy Software to Offline-Cold Computer

7D/ Create Your ECC Member Identity (X509 Keys)

7E/ Voting on a Governance Action

7F/ Backing Up & Restoring Private X509 Keys (PEM File)

7A Prepare USBs

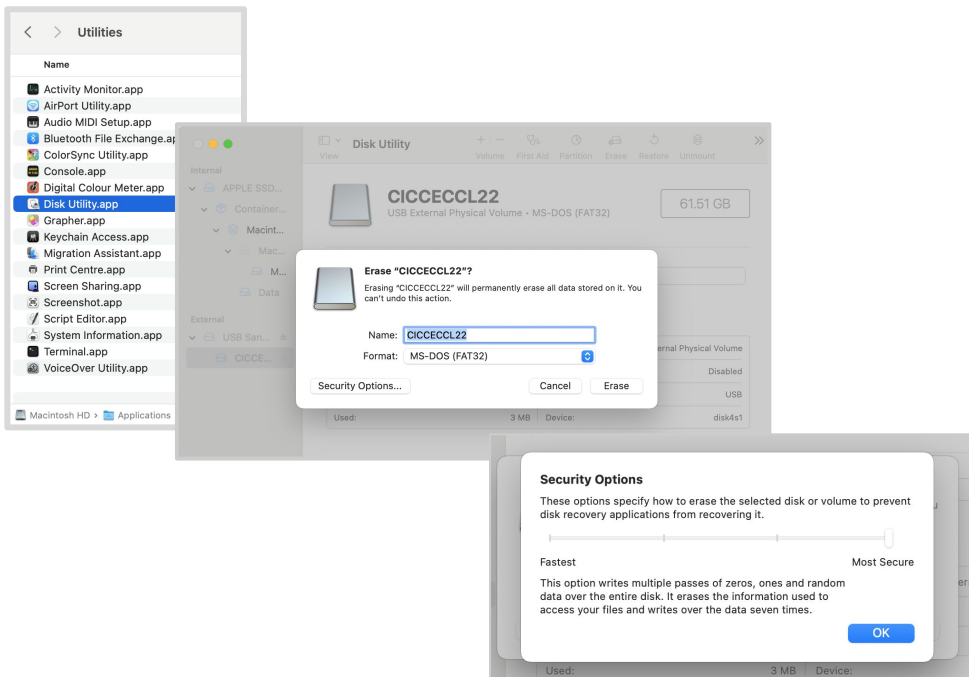
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Prepare Offline-Cold Computer

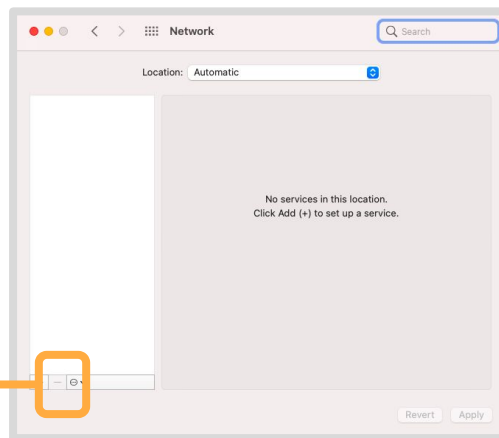
1/ On MacOS > [Apple Logo] > **System Preferences ...**

2/ Click the **Network** icon

3/ Click the **[-] button** until all the "Wifi, LAN" options are removed.

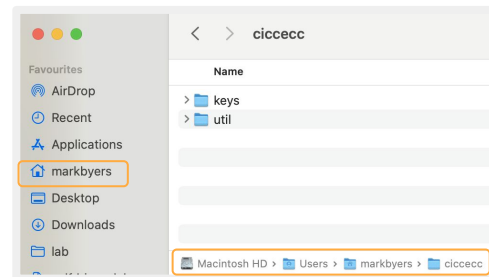
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If using the latest version of MacOS this is slightly different process, but it is the same intent of removing all network access.



4/ Using MacOS Finder or equivalent, create folders:

- /ciccecc
 - /util
 - /keys



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Copy Software to Offline-Cold Computer

- 1/ Insert the “USB-T” transfer USB driven into the online/hot computer
- 2/ Copy the [technical/operations/members/util](#) ([zip](#)) folder to the USB drive.
- 3/ Eject the USB from the online-hot computer and **insert into your offline-cold computer.**
- 4/ Copy the “util” folder from the USB to the “ciccecc” folder you created in step 7B

Note: If you downloaded the zip file, then you will need to unzip it it first, by right clicking on the ciccecc-util.zip and selecting Open With ... Archive Utility.app ...

Continued (7D Create X509 Identity) ...

USB-T



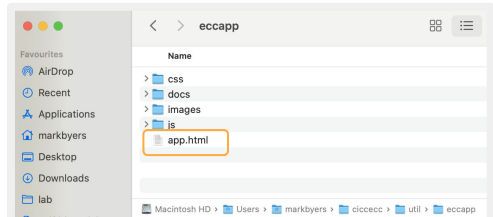
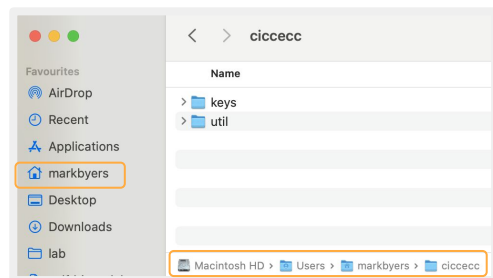
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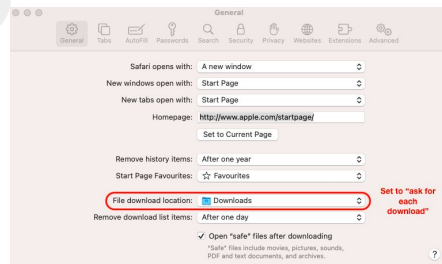


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Create X509 Identity (.pem/.csr)

1/ This will use a simple browser app that is in the **/ciccecc/util/eccapp** folder on your offline computer,

2/ **Get your unique “ECC ID Code”** allocated by the ECC Head of Security (e.g. Mark). You can get your code from the online members list,

3/ On your offline/cold computer using the MacOS Finder (or equivalent) open the **/ciccecc/util/eccapp** folder, and **double click on app.html**. This will open the web browser and show the **Eastern Cardano App**.

4/ Fill in your details and click **“Generate X509 Identity”** and **save the .pem file** to your **“keys” folder**. This is your private key that you must keep safe.

5/ Then click **“Generate X509 Certificate Signing Request”** and **save the .csr file** to your **“keys”** folder. This is your file that you need to share with Head of Security (e.g. Mark)

6/ **Copy the .csr file to your “USB-T” USB drive** and eject the drive and plug into your online computer.

7/ **Copy the .csr file to your folder on the [CICC-ECC shared google drive](#)** - then let Head of Security (e.g. Mark) know.



After all steps completed, power-down your offline computer, to clear all memory of private information.

USB-T



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/ciccecc/ecc/app/app.html



The .pem file is your private key, you must keep this secret!

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Voting on a Governance Action

1/ As instructed by the ECC Voting Orchestrator, copy the `mainnet-ecc-vote-[govaction reference].hash` file from the members voting folder on the CICC-ECC shared drive to your `/ciccecc/voting` folder on your offline computer using your USB-T.

2/ Open the ECC App on your offline computer (`/util/app.html`), select the files & click Witness Transaction, save the `.witness` file to the `/voting` folder on your offline computer.

3/ Copy `mainnet-ecc-vote-[govaction reference]-member-[firstname]-[lastname]-[code].witness` to your USB-T and then plug it into your online computer.

4/ Copy `mainnet-ecc-vote-[govaction reference]-member-[firstname]-[lastname]-[code].witness` to your member folder on the ECC Shared Members Folder.



After all steps completed, power-down your offline computer, to clear all memory of private information.

Identity Voting View Transaction Data Backup Restore Notes

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Shared with you by the ECC orchestrator for each governance action.
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Witness Transaction

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View Governance Transaction Data

Transaction File (.json)
In the shared folder in the /transaction folder.
Choose File no file selected

View



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1/ Use the ECC App Backup tab to encrypt your keys

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Encrypt & Backup Your PEM File

X.509 Identity (Private Key) File (.pem)
Your individual X.509 file (created using the Identity tab)

no file selected

Password
Your password for encrypting the file. **Keep it safe!!**

Save the file onto your "USB-S" drive(s).

2/ Use the ECC App Restore tab to decrypt your keys

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Decrypt & Restore Your PEM File

Encrypted Backup X.509 Identity (Private Key) File (.backup)
Your encrypted individual X.509 file (typically stored on USB-S)

no file selected

Password
The password you used to encrypt/backup the private key file.

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Appendices

A1/ Util Advanced - Using openssl for X509 Identity

A2/ Converting Your Keys

A3/ Protecting & Storing Your Keys



1/ Set up openssl by copying the files to a specific folder on your MacOS

If you using Mac with a Silicon chip (e.g. M1, M2, M3, M4) then replace util/openssl with /util/openssl-silicon

```
cd ~/ciccecc
```

```
sudo mkdir -p /usr/local/Cellar/openssl@3/3.3.1
```

```
sudo cp -r util/openssl/ /usr/local/Cellar/openssl@3/3.3.1
```

```
export PATH="$HOME/ciccecc/util/openssl/bin:$PATH"
```

```
xattr -d com.apple.quarantine ~/ciccecc/util/*
```

2/ Test that files copied and are set up OK, using MacOS Terminal, run:

```
openssl version
```

You should see:

"OpenSSL 3.3.1 4 Jun 2024 (Library: OpenSSL 3.3.1 4 Jun 2024)"

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To work out if you have a Silicon chip - click the **Apple icon** top-left and **About This Mac**. If you see **Chip: Apple M1 M2, M3 or M4** then you have a Silicon chip and need to use the /openssl-silicon folder.

MacBook Air

M1, 2020

Chip Apple M1

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"sudo" is short for super user do. It will prompt you for your computer login password.



1/ This will use software that you have copied to your offline computer to the **/util** folder.

2/ Each member has a unique code allocated by the ECC Head of Security (e.g. Mark).
You can get your code from the list @ [Instructions for member to generate X509 Certificate](#).

3/ Open the MacOS Terminal and navigate to the **/keys** folder and run:

```
cd ~/ciccecc/keys
```

```
openssl genpkey -algorithm ed25519 \  
-out member-[firstname]-[surname]-[code].pem
```

```
openssl req -new \  
-key member-[firstname]-[surname]-[code].pem \  
-out member-[firstname]-[surname]-[code].csr
```

Example answers, leave all other questions blank.

```
C = [your country code]  
ST = [your state]  
L = [your location/city]  
O = Eastern Cardano Council  
OU = Voter  
CN = [firstname].[surname].[code].council.eastern.cardano
```

4/ Copy only the .csr file to your folder on the [CICC-ECC shared google drive](#) - then let Head of Security (e.g. Mark) know.



You can make it easier to access the MacOS terminal for a particular folder using these [instructions](#).



[Text file with the MacOS terminal commands](#)



The .pem file is your private key, you must keep this secret!



1/ You need to convert your .pem file to a Cardano formatted key, so it can be used to witness voting transactions.

2/ Open the MacOS Terminal and navigate to the **/keys** folder and run:

```
cp member-[firstname]-[surname]-[code].pem member.pem
```

```
node convert-pem-to-skey.js
```

```
rm member.pem
```

```
cp member-cardano.skey member-[firstname]-[surname]-[code].skey
```

```
rm member-cardano.skey
```



[Text file with the MacOS terminal commands](#)



The .pem & .skey files are your private key - you must keep them secret!

3/ Follow commands in the [next slide](#) to **encrypt the /keys folder** and then **copy to the "USB-S" USB drives** as a back up.

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Protecting & Storing Your Keys



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USB-S

1/ Your keys need to be encrypted with a password before storing on your "USB-S" USB drives.

2/ Encrypting using the MacOS Terminal in your /keys folder

```
zip -r keys.zip keys/
```

```
openssl enc -aes-256-cbc -salt -in keys.zip -out keys.zip.enc -k  
[password]
```

```
dd if=/dev/urandom of=keys.zip bs=512 count=10
```

```
rm keys.zip
```

Copy zkeys.zip.enc to your "USB-S" USB drives

3/ Decrypt using the MacOS Terminal in your /keys folder

Copy zkeys.zip.enc from your "USB-S" USB drive to /keys folder

```
openssl enc -aes-256-cbc -d -in keys.zip.enc -out keys.zip -k [password]
```

```
unzip keys.zip -d /keys
```



[Text file with the MacOS terminal commands](#)



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Witnessing using cardano-cli



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USB-S

1/ Your keys need to be encrypted with a password before storing on your "USB-S" USB drives.

2/ Open the MacOS Terminal and navigate to the **/voting** folder and run:

```
cardano-cli transaction witness \  
  --tx-body-file transaction-[govactionid].json \  
  --signing-key-file ../keys/member-[firstname]-[lastname]-[code].skey \  
  --mainnet \  
  --out-file transaction-[govactionid]-witness-[firstname]-[lastname]-[code].json
```



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ECC Credentials On-Chain

https://cardanoscan.io/cchot/cc_hot1qd9gyfczgayd0lua2t9sa5utw9dcssvr8h0az0qdmj5n6as2rjmn7

CC Hot

Script

Sponsored: **bc.game** – Free Luckyspin and Win Up To 5 BTC Everyday! [Play Now](#)

cc_hot1qd9gyfczgayd0lua2t9sa5utw9dcssvr8h0az0qdmj5n6as2rjmn7

HEX 034a8227024748d7f9d52cb0ed38b715b8c41833ddfd13c0ddca93d76

Delegated By (1)

cc_cold1zwz2a08a8cqdp7r6lyv0cj67qqf47sr7x7vf8hm705ujc6s4m87eh

<https://beta.explorer.cardano.org/en/constitutional-committees/listMembers>

Constitutional Committee

Explore the role, composition, and current status of the Constitutional Committee responsible for Cardano's governance. Review member details, governance actions, and the proposal policy to understand the decision-making processes that shape the network.
To learn more about the different parameters, click [here](#)

Current State Confidence	Proposal Policy N/A	Active Members 7	Threshold 66.67%
Governance Votes 1	Upcoming Change N/A	Last Change Timestamp 03/09/2023, 07:45:09	

List Of Members

Public Key	Status	Term
3c9ebce6a769f0f218214585c7b0ef69d8db6e0f0364d95e191e4c	ACTIVE	434- 580
6796d87d5169e5e8c2138886a0994b69858735ec08eef01758bfc280	ACTIVE	434- 580
N/A	ACTIVE	434- 580
85c47dd4b9a2e70e88965d91dd69be182d5605b23bb5250b1c94bf64	ACTIVE	434- 580
07e0eb70a1cfd5de084b5fcc8a9b28ff772282b57e760d692c75bde	ACTIVE	434- 580
4a8227024748d7f9d52cb0ed38b715b8c41833ddfd13c0ddca93d76	ACTIVE	434- 580
4012cab5026e6ef8c5b78f65cd7667352631ec086e796f5f82f0755	ACTIVE	434- 580

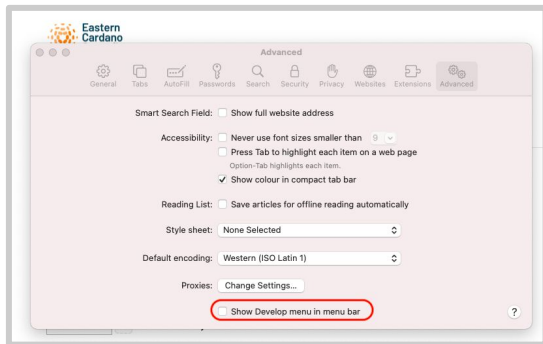
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Safari Enabling Developer Mode

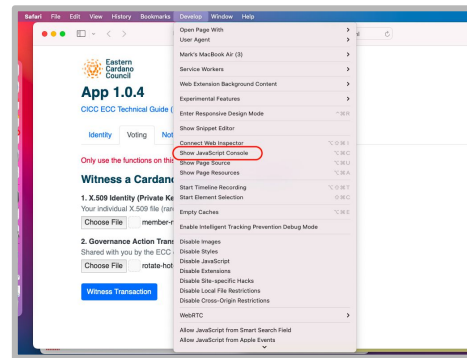


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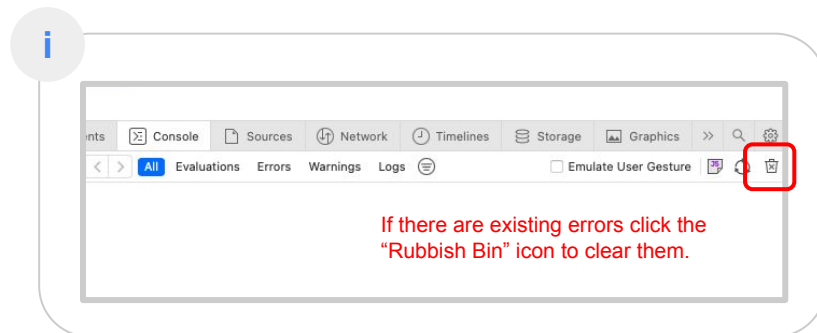
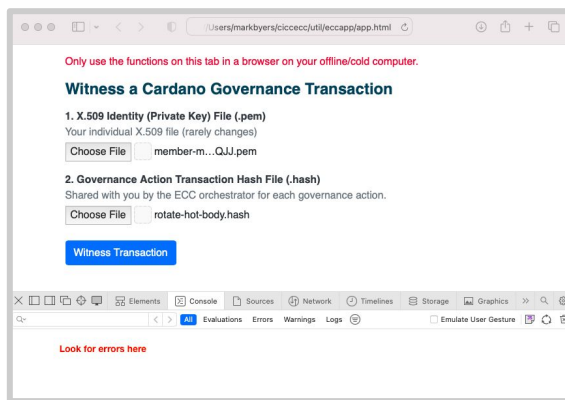
1/ Menu > **Safari** > **Preferences..** > **Advanced Tab**, tick “Show Develop menu in bar” and close the Preferences window..



2/ Menu > **Develop** > **Show Javascript Console**.



3/ Select the files & click **Witness Transaction** and then see if any errors in the **Console tab**. If there are then screenshot and send to the Orchestrator.



If there are existing errors click the “Rubbish Bin” icon to clear them.