

Election X Space Questions

What is your experience in Cardano?

Adara: We're a small team with broad Cardano experience. Each member has been here for at least 4 years, some as long as 7. We have experience across all 3 governance roles, DRep, SPO and ICC. We have Lally who was the Constitutional Convention delegate from the Scotland workshop, who is currently serving in a governance support role at Intersect which includes sitting in as Secretary for their ICC seat meetings. Prior to governance, many will recognise Lally from the Clay Mates community and has a long-standing presence in the space. Jose is our governance powerhouse. He was foundational in the development of the Constitution having been a member of the Civics Committee and Intersect Steering Committee, roles that he has recently stepped down from to focus his attention in new areas. Jose is also a current member of the Intersect Constitutional Council, the name for Intersect ICC seat, along with Ian. Ian is from HEPHY pool and has been in Cardano since 2018, initially a community lurker for the first few years before learning how to become an SPO in 2021, making the leap to mainnet in 2022. It's a small pool but contributes in any way it can including being a Mithril Signer and a long-time supporter of SanchoNet since 2023, where the majority of his Cardano governance knowledge was formed. He decided not to let that knowledge go to waste and applied for the Intersect ICC seat which he has served on with several other community members (including Jose) since last summer. Dennis is our fourth and final member who is a Cardano Community member of 4 years who brings a wealth of experience from outside of Cardano with 25 years' experience in public/private governance structures for enterprises. Bringing a breath of fresh air to what can sometimes be a bit of a crypto bubble.

What motivates you to run for the CC?

Adara: A wealth of experience across all elements of Cardano, from technical to governance, and a deep-rooted connection to the governance system that has developed over the past few years. We would like to continue to put that experience to use and to pass it on to future generations of DReps and CC members rather than it wither away and go to waste.

How do you plan to execute your duties as a CC member?

Adara: We plan to take our lessons from our time on the ICC and enhance our processes going forward in order to be more adaptable and efficient as we would be operating as part of a much smaller team. We already have a small GitHub set up that people can visit to get an idea of what to expect from us. We plan to be as transparent as possible publishing rationales in a range of formats to increase accessibility. You can see a test rationale for the Project Nova test governance action for this election. We haven't completed the vote on-chain on SanchoNet but this will give you some idea of our professionalism. The rationale is available in 3 formats, jsonld, markdown and pdf. Should we be elected, this will be expanded to include things like our charter and

meeting minutes. As for security, we naturally can't expand too much on this area for obvious reasons. However, Intersect has been in the process of developing a voting tool for their current Intersect ICC seat members in order to allow non-technical members to participate equally with more accessible hardware wallet options. This tool is open source and we believe there are plans to host the code in a way that any future CC seat can adopt it for their needs. Additionally, in our team we also have experience managing keys across hot and cold environments to further increase our levels of security where required.

What are the trade-offs of the different models?

Adara: Having members that have been a part of, or observers of, a multi-member ICC seat we are grateful for being able to have the input of a range of voices and perspectives. It has been quite a lot of work and so we can see how a consortium can have the benefit of sharing the load as it were, over that of an individual member seat. That said, we probably have all experienced the quirks of decentralisation and the co-ordination challenges that that can bring sometimes and so we can appreciate where being an individual might be a benefit in that regard. From experience though, our members don't think that they ever would attempt to run as a solo candidate, so we respect those that are.

Beyond simply voting, what are the most important guiding goals for the CC in its first year?

Adara: Cardano governance is still in its infancy. Things like setting precedents will continue to be an important consideration for the future of the system for a while. Our group in particular, we like the idea of a seat being bigger than just one defined group of people, we feel that it's important to pass on our experiences for the future DReps and CC members of this chain. Individual terms are finite, processes and values can outlast any one of our seats.

Thinking of the CC as a group, what strengths do you believe you / your team is best positioned to provide?

Adara: A wealth of experience in Cardano governance to date, we are approachable people who are open to working with others. We might not be big names in the community but we've all already put our hearts and souls into this ecosystem for years, some efforts seen, many not seen. Among our members we also have Jose who is a great representative for the Latam community and Dennis, who not only brings some fresh eyes from outside of the world of crypto but is someone who is also keen to bridge with the Vietnam community that he has extensive business experience with from his career.