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The Program

We'd like to formally invite the top 100 Arbitrum Delegates to register for the Oxcart Delegation Engine! The ODE is an advanced tool for delegates seeking greater alignment with each other and their delegators. As a tool for DAOs, ODE will enable streamlined working group and multisig formation, allowing our top-level delegates to self-govern with increasing legitimacy.

This new tool consists of:

- A smart contract registry ([1](),[2]())

- An API ([3]())

- A dashboard ([4]())

In the first experiment on Arbitrum we have made this new tool available to the top 100 delegates by voting power[5](). The selection of a trusted backup delegate is the only information required to participate, and this can be changed at any time. Delegates will record these selections on-chain via the dashboard, and an API is provided for builders and researchers.

At the early phases we have two primary research goals:

- Determine how meta-delegate support affirms or diverges from active participant voting.

- Determine how access to a meta-delegation dashboard impacts delegate and tokenholder activity.

And two primary action items:

- Resource delegates toward increased connection with:

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- Recommend metrics and methodologies based on the new system that may reduce voter fatigue while increasing legitimacy.

Longer-term we hope to determine how introducing intra-delegate support metrics at various stages of the governance process may increase overall efficacy and legitimacy.

For Delegates

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Our goal is participation by all delegates as future experiments will include those that register in this round. This round, one ARB 12,000 reward will be given to one participant, randomly selected at the end of the registration period at approximately 2024-08-23 12PM, or at precisely blockheight 20590515. To participate you must register a backup delegate from the dropdown of fellow delegates.

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It may take up to one minute for your choice to show on the delegate connection graph.

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Once a backup is selected, you will be eligible for the lottery-style drawing on 2024-08-23:

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Consult the FAQs and reach out via our telegram group if you have any issues.

Next Steps

We'd like to thank all of those at Thank Arb, Thrive Protocol, and Firestarters for their support, as well as the Arbitrum community at large for supporting governance innovation at the level and scale undertaken here. Personally I'd like to thank StableLab and the respective teams building Oxcart and the Forse platform. We hope to give the Arbitrum community something of lasting value in the coming weeks.

If you are a top 100 delegate we ask that you join our telegram group to give feedback; comments to this post are also welcome. We are particularly interested in features or visuals you may find useful. Additionally if you have a preferred governance tool or community that you think would benefit from using Oxcart, we'd like to talk to you.