

# Introduction

As the first quarterly cycle of AVC Subcommittee Meetings is nears its end, it's time to reflect on our progress and consider how we can increase our effectiveness. Certain modifications might even remove some of the overhead currently shouldered by our Governance Facilitators (thank you).

LDF from Composable has requested assistance in gathering perspectives for this task, and we urge all stakeholders to contribute their viewpoints.

The aim of this post is to encourage the individual AVCs to share their experiences: their successes, what they plan to improve in the next cycle, and their thoughts on the current AVC regulations. Specifically, we are interested in your thoughts on whether these regulations strike a fair balance between opportunities and responsibilities, given how Atlas and, in particular, the Governance scope are structured today.

## Insights from the First Quarterly Cycle

### On the Use of Agendas

#### Observations from the First Cycle

Throughout the first cycle, we've noticed that the use of agendas varies significantly between AVCs. Some AVCs forego the use of an agenda entirely, others follow a recurring pattern dictated by Atlas 2.5.5.1, and a few share a written agenda in a separate document.

#### Reflections

Regardless of the approach taken, newcomers and unprepared participants appear to struggle with understanding the meeting's structure, leading to potential dips in comprehension and engagement. Near the end of this cycle, several AVC moderators expressed confusion or uncertainty regarding the progress in the scope cycle, indicating room for improvement. When watching the recordings off-sync it gets hard to identify the agendas shared in separate documents, and for newcomers its impossible to figure out the different approaches.

Governance Facilitators are required to assess the discussions on the call to ensure they meet the Atlas 2.5.5 requirements: "AVCs must also convene 2 scheduled AVC Subcommittee Meetings to discuss the creation of the Aligned Scope Proposals for each of the 5 Scopes, each quarterly cycle.", As an observer this task looks a bit ungrateful and maybe even hard from time to time.

#### Suggestions for Improvement

Share agenda in advance: Publishing the agenda a few days prior to the meeting in a consistent format could help participants prepare better. The agenda should as a minimum list the current cycle, the scope being covered on the call, and whether it is the first or second meeting for that scope. Details about potential impact points are appreciated.

Display the agenda on the call: Presenting the agenda on screen at the beginning of each call could quickly provide an overview of the topic and subtopics to participants and viewers. This could simplify the assessment process for governance facilitators and ADs, ensuring compliance with Atlas requirements. Can anyone from governance or other ADs verify this hypothesis? This might also enhance comprehension and user engagement.

### On Setting long term goals and short term actionable items

#### Observations from the First Cycle

Some AVC meetings have become mere platforms for discussion without producing tangible results. These gatherings often lack clear objectives, fail to produce actionable decisions, and lack effective follow-up measures. On the other hand, in one instance, delegates have been tasked with heavy-duty work. It could look like the culture/structure from the calls prior to the AVC meetings also know as "Rune Radio" might have impacted how some of the AVC calls are conducted.

#### Reflections

Such varied approaches are vital, and as we remain neutral, this is not a critique of any of the pursued strategies, provided they meet the Atlas and scope requirements. We are curious whether the different AVCs achieved their objectives with the selected approaches. We welcome any insights.

#### Suggestions for Improvement

Keeping participants engaged with interactive methods could help improve outcomes. This could include icebreakers,

brainstorming sessions, small group-chat discussions, or online collaboration tools like interactive whiteboards like Miro or the use of Sli.do.

Each AVC could consider setting one or more goals for the next quarter and determine if their approach—or specific aspects of it—helps them get closer to that goal. This could range from growing the AVC community, attracting more MKR holders to delegate, or influencing changes in the scopes. Stating this in the AVC could help the supporting delegates focus on the things that are right for each specific AVC instead of submitting ad-hoc proposals or not doing anything at all.

In the long run, aiming to convert the AVC meetings to the only place in the DAO where the important strategic decisions are actually made in MakerCore, could have a positive effect on attracting relevant stakeholders to participate live on these meetings. What would it take for us to get there?

## **On the Use of Different Repositories**

### **Observations from the First Cycle**

AVCs utilize a diverse range of repositories for their work, including [Hack.io](#), Github, Google Docs, Miro, Discord, and of course, the forum. During various AVC calls, moderators have requested links to the work of other AVCs.

### **Reflections**

Without a shared structure, navigating the work and progress of different AVCs can be challenging.

### **Suggestions for Improvement**

Experimenting with various approaches is highly encouraged. However, it might be beneficial to create a directory listing where each AVC stores its work files, possibly on the forum. If there's support for this idea, I'd be glad to help facilitate its implementation.

## **On the Lack of Consensus Mechanisms**

### **Observations from the First Cycle**

AVCs may work on the same problem, each aiming to adjust the scope in a particular direction, resulting in multiple suggestions.

### **Reflections**

With this approach, it's unclear which proposal will be adopted, and whether compromises should be made. If so, how should this process occur? This could lead to wasted effort if AVCs are not able to collaborate effectively.

### **Suggestions for Improvement**

While we don't have a clear solution for this issue, it may be worth exploring strategies for consensus building. Developing a framework for decision-making and conflict resolution could enhance collaboration and prevent unnecessary duplication of efforts.

## **On Summarizing Meetings**

### **Observations from the First Cycle**

AVC moderators and aligned delegates do not attend all meetings from other AVCs (and are not required to). Those interested in the proceedings often have to either join the call or watch the recording on YouTube, which can be time-consuming. One AVC has started transcribing and summarizing its meetings using Chat GPT publishing it on the forum.

### **Reflections**

If the number of YouTube views is any indication, a lot of information from these meetings is not reaching the wider audience. Valuable insights are lost when they are not documented or shared effectively. This could inhibit the DAO from learning from past experiences and make it challenging for new AVC members to join.

We appreciate the initiative with the transcribed Youtube recordings using Chat GPT to summarize. However, we want to challenge the correctness. As of yesterday, we approached [@0xDefensor](#) using this approach, since a summary of some research we were doing in BLUE was described wrong in the summary.

### **Suggestions for Improvement**

AVCs could agree to consistently use a template for sharing knowledge, jointly developed by all AVCs. This could include any key points worth sharing with other AVCs and Ecosystem Actors. Again, we are happy to do the foot work and kick off the template, if there is support for this.

If the transscription/Chat GPT-model is being used, it should probably be reviewed more or at least by more people than one and corrected when it is wrong.

An alternative proposal might be to streamline the summaries, focusing heavily on decisions made and actions to be taken.

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