

## Scenario Summary:

An Aligned Delegate (AD) added communications in April for votes that took place in February, aiming to increase their communication score and compensation. The Governance Facilitators observed this delayed update and determined that it did not meet the Atlas' "actively communicating" standard due to the 6-week delay. The AD argued that the Atlas does not specify a strict time requirement for submitting vote communications and requested the decision be reconsidered.

## Interpretation and Outcome:

According to the Atlas, Aligned Delegates (ADs) must meet specific participation and communication requirements to qualify for compensation. These requirements are outlined in sections 2.6.3.6 and 2.6.3.8, which emphasize timely and active participation and communication.

### Key Clauses from the Atlas:

[2.6.3.6:

](<https://mips.makerdao.com/mips/details/MIP101#2-6-3-6>)

ADs must participate in AVC Subcommittee Meetings to qualify for full income. Participation must be meaningful and contribute useful research and information, which implies that the timeliness and relevance of participation are critical.

[2.6.3.7:

](<https://mips.makerdao.com/mips/details/MIP101#2-6-3-7>)

Voting activity metrics modify AD income payouts, requiring a high level of consistent voting activity over the past 6 months.

[2.6.3.8:

](<https://mips.makerdao.com/mips/details/MIP101#2-6-3-8>)

Communication metrics for the last 12 months are also crucial. ADs must actively communicate their voting rationale to maintain transparency and assist MKR holders in understanding governance decisions. Specifically, if an AD actively communicates on less than 95% of votes over the last 6 months, their income is reduced.

### Interpretation:

The term "actively communicating" in the context of the Atlas implies that ADs must provide timely and relevant communication about their voting activities. This requirement ensures transparency and allows MKR holders to understand the rationale behind votes in a timely manner. While the Atlas does not specify an exact timeframe for submitting communications, it is implicit that these should be done within a reasonable period after the vote to be considered "active."

Based on the facts provided, adding communications for February votes in April does not meet the standard of "actively communicating." A 6-week delay undermines the purpose of timely and transparent governance. Thus, such retroactive edits should not count toward future compensation calculations.

### Reasonable Timeframe for Communication:

To clarify the expectations and prevent similar disputes, we suggest implementing a specific timeframe for submitting vote communications. A period of one week after the conclusion of a vote is reasonable for ADs to provide their explanations and align with the Atlas' intent of active participation. This timeframe ensures that communications are timely, relevant, and useful for governance purposes.

### Discretion for Extenuating Circumstances:

While the one-week rule provides clear guidance, some discretion should be granted to Governance Facilitators to account for extenuating circumstances. For instance, delays caused by technical issues, calendar irregularities, or other significant impediments could warrant exceptions. Facilitators should evaluate such cases individually to determine if a delay is justified.

### Conclusion:

Editing or adding communications after a compensation period has ended should not count toward future compensation calculations. To maintain the integrity of the governance process, ADs must adhere to a one-week timeframe for submitting vote communications. Governance Facilitators should exercise discretion in exceptional cases but uphold the principle of timely and active communication as per the Atlas' standards.

## **Addendum: Processing Expired Contracts and Carryover Period**

### **Context:**

There was an additional question when calculating compensation regarding how to handle expired delegate contracts and the MKR voting weight associated with them. Delegate contracts expire after one year, and sometimes MKR holders (delegators) do not immediately move their MKR to a new contract. This addendum provides guidance on how to process these expired contracts while maintaining compliance with the Atlas.

### **Conclusion:**

To ensure a smooth transition and prevent unnecessary disruptions in governance participation, we will allow for a two-week carryover period

when a delegate contract expires. During this period, the voting weight from expired contracts will continue to count towards a delegate's vote weight for compensation calculations. This approach balances the need for continuity with adherence to the Atlas' requirements.

### **Justification:**

#### **2.6.3: Aligned Delegate Income and Participation Requirements**

- ADs are eligible to receive income based on their voting weight and participation. This eligibility is critical for maintaining active and aligned governance participation.
- Ensuring a short carryover period helps maintain the integrity of compensation calculations while accommodating the practicalities of transitioning MKR voting weight.
- Delegates with active delegators, who can respond within a short period of change, should not be punished based on the arbitrary expiration of contracts. Two weeks provides ample time for delegates to broadcast their new contracts while not substantially risky security assumptions of delegation.

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