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# *Proposal for* RChain Special Meeting

♪ Welcome to the  
RChain Special  
Meeting ♪

— *by dckc, in progress Apr-May 2019* —

<https://github.com/rchain-community/sm19a>

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# Records: Video, Text

- Note Zoom recording in progress
  - Ask the chair (Dan) if you want the recording paused to speak off the record briefly
- Norm: public video recording
  - On [DivvyDAO: BYOID, RChain, DigLife Youtube channel](#)
  - Thanks to our host, Jim Whitedscarver (jimscarver)
- Goal: near-real-time text notes
  - Scribe volunteers?
  - [Shared notes](#)

# Proposed: to thank Barry, Mark, and Kevin

“Upon submission of a petition signed by 10% of the membership to call a special meeting with **one or more specific matters for a member vote**, the RChain Board will schedule a special meeting of the membership at a commercially reasonable future date.”

-- Bylaws section 3 Annual and Special Meetings

Whereas Barry Cynamon, Mark Pui, and Kevin Goldstein served with distinction on the RChain Cooperative board, let us thank them for their service.

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# Timeline / Schedule

- Tue, Apr 23: [Barry's resignation](#)  
Wed, Apr 24: [Mark's resignation](#)
- Fri, Apr 26: [sm19a proposal in #governance at 23:52 UTC](#)
  - **Mandate: 100+ votes  $\geq$  10% of membership**
  - Rough plan: 2-3 x 90min webinar sessions separated by a few days for "hallway discussion"
- Sat, Apr 27: ~20 join office hours ([video recording](#), [rough transcript](#))

Membership:  
**951 ID-Verified** at  
last count  
per Ian Bloom Apr 24  
in #governance

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- Wed, May 1: [Member meeting](#) 10am PST (before 11am debrief)
- Thu, May 2: Governance meeting
  - [governance landscape spreadsheet](#)
  - ... [raw video, chat](#)
- **Sat, May 4:** Office hours 9am Kansas City time <- **you are here**

See also [RChain community calendar](#)

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- Tue, May 7: Board meeting scheduled
  - ~~Mon May 6?~~
- Tue, May 14: LGM available to join 3:30 PST

Note [doodle poll for time slots](#) from May 4 - 15

See also [RChain community calendar](#)

# Goals and Items of Business

- It's not clear that we can make any binding decisions in this meeting process, given constraints in the [Bylaws](#)
  - For example, under Board Nominations; Election: "Candidates interested in being nominated for election must submit their Director Qualification Statement Form to the RChain Cooperative at [nom-cmte@gov.rchain.coop](mailto:nom-cmte@gov.rchain.coop) **sixty (60) days in advance** of a meeting of the members."
- I aim to **facilitate a discussion where people are heard.**
- Clear proposals with backing from dozens of members (including offers to participate) should be enough to start useful things moving.
  - Example: input to the board on new board members

# Chair/MC: Dan Connolly

- [Decades of collaboration experience at W3C](#)

## Running effective meetings:

- Ensure participants are heard
- Make good use of time
- Ensure good records with clear follow-up

- RChain community participant since Nov 2017

- Capability Security, Correct-by-construction: [Spring 2018 Dev conference presentation](#)
  - Occasional [rchain/rchain core commits](#): rholang code, scala code, .proto docs
  - [RChain-API](#) JavaScript API
- [dreaming big at the RChain Governance Forum](#) (blog item 2018-02-21)
- [Saturday office Hours](#)

- Open to many outcomes

- Chair's role is not to champion any one position

Disclosure:  
contract/SOW:

[RChain Smart  
Contract and  
Software  
Development](#)

Jan 2019, continued  
from Apr 2018

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- Clear participation offers to
  - Watch the notes:
    - If the scribe got it, we heard you already. No need to repeat yourself.
    - If the scribe didn't get it, many meeting participants probably didn't either.
      - Are you talking too fast?
      - Are you rambling?

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♪ RChain blues ♪

- A. Coop refinement
- B. Non-coop
- C. fizzle

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- **Let's facilitate discussion where people hear each other.**
- **#members:** I agree in general and appreciate your time. Unfortunately my biggest concern now is that based on past actions outside of the member's control (in the short to medium term at least) **it became near impossible to responsibly put one's reputation on the line for this project.** That said just as maybe just maybe the project was growing past those previous actions, more ridiculousness follows and it puts at least me back at square one in terms of putting my reputation on the line for it. That is the most annoying part of this entire project thus far for someone that believes in the project and the space as a whole.

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- Clear proposals with backing from dozens of members (including **offers to participate**) should be enough to start useful things moving.
  - [sm19a issues list](#) has some rough proposals
  - Conduct polls, votes in member-only discord channel(s)

[help wanted](#)

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# IOB 4 Member Participation in Governance -> GP001

IOB4 says "The RChain Cooperative board shall define some parameters ..."

Kenny was giving weekly updates...

RCHAIN PROGRESS REPORT 01.23.19

Kenny Rowe <https://blog.rchain.coop/blog/2019/01/23/rchain-progress-update-01-23-19/>

IOB4 links to <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nBRLjw8tuQd05GlaclhrN2FwFPJInwaiLNwiW0nb-E4/edit> which bears  
"RChain Governance Process: GP001"

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# IOB 6 Technical Governance

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...I encourage those how are to keep in mind the critical role the coop plays in governing the platform once mainnet launches.

[https://github.com/rchain/legaldocs/blob/master/2018%20Annual%20Meeting/RChain%20Improvement%20Process%20\(RIP%20Process\).pdf](https://github.com/rchain/legaldocs/blob/master/2018%20Annual%20Meeting/RChain%20Improvement%20Process%20(RIP%20Process).pdf) was adopted as part of the vote of ballot measure #6 during the Oct 2018 annual meeting.

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# Please share your thoughts!

- Chat in [#members](#), [#governance](#), etc.
  - Endorse the [proposal in the #governance channel at 23:52 UTC Fri Apr 26](#).
- Join [@dckc's weekly office hours](#)
  - Sat 1400UTC <https://zoom.us/j/6853551826>
- Make comments on this slide deck
- Raise an issue in the [sm19a](#) github repo

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# Appendix: RChain Cooperative Status

- [Bylaws Oct 8 2017 \(original pdf\)](#)
  - Governing statute: [RCW 23.86](#)
- [Board transparency report](#) - decisions, votes thru Oct 27, 2018
- [Oct 2018 annual meeting ballot form](#) (cited from [Debrief 99](#) blog item)
  - Item #1 Financial Transparency
  - Item #4: Member Participation in Governance
  - Item #5: RChain Monetary Policy
  - Item #6: RChain Improvement Process
- Membership: 951 ID-Verified (per Ian Bloom Apr 24)

# Appendix: RChain Coop Staff

- Greg M. - President
- Lilia R. - General Manager
- Ian B. - Administrative Director
- Bill S. - Head of Human Resources
- Kent S. - Software Developer
- Tim M. - Part Time Accounting Assistant
- Ned R. - Product Manager



# Appendix: RChain Cooperative Officers

- Greg M. - President
- Ravi S. - COO
- Treasurer - currently vacant
- Secretary - currently vacant

# Appendix: planning brainstorm

Note [doodle poll for time slots](#) as early as May 4, 6

- When? Where? 2-3 x 90min webinar sessions
  - Day, time TBA with  $\geq 7$  days notice
  - Venue: Zoom (+ discord for polling/voting)
    - Goal: near-real-time note taking (e.g. google doc or this slide deck)
  - Goal: separate sessions by a few days for “hallway discussion”
  - Goal: vary times of day for world-wide participation
- What? Agenda chosen by the chair in this slide deck
  - Formal proposals in writing  $\geq 48$ hrs before final session
    - Reference materials frozen by cryptographic commitment (git hash, sha256, etc.)
- Who? RChain members
  - Polls, votes conducted in member-only discord channel(s)
  - *Risk of listening by non-members is acknowledged; no enforcement planned*
- Why? [expressed will of  \$\geq 10\%\$  of the membership](#)
  - per [bylaws](#) of Oct 8, 2018

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