

Update from the Board

GAMBIT XVI

Who is the GAMBIT Board?

- Current members
 - Publications Manager (Csaba)
 - Models Convener (Eliel)
 - Flavour Convener (Nazila)
 - Cosmo/DM Convener (Aaron)
 - **Collider Convener (Are)**
 - **Science Coordinator (Peter)**
 - Core Convener (Tomas)
 - Returning Officer (Adil)
 - Scan Convener (Andrew)
 - Neutrino Convener (Wilf)

What has the Board been discussing?

- Two meetings in current period: November 7 2023, August 2024.
- Main discussions that we want to bring to the community:
 - Format and timing of f2f meetings
 - Mailing list issues
- Other discussions:
 - Board role in leadership election
 - Does the Board call the election?
 - Seeking info from ombudspeople
 - New "wiki" – problems with anonymous input to board

Format and timing of f2f meetings

- The nine month timing of the f2f
 - Moving the date around allows different people to come rather than some people being always blocked
 - Hard to find a time mid-term that works and to find people willing to organise locally
 - Alternatives: annual or biannual (not that biannual)
 - Can't be just a majority preference, we want to avoid exclusion
 - European summer has been proposed, unknown if there is a sweet spot for all wrt to term times and holidays
- Format of the meeting
 - Do we make it more of a physics workshop or a meeting on (BSM) inference, opening up it to a broader group?
 - Good for funding opportunities, more burden on organisers
 - Connected to timing question

Mailing list issues

- Various problems with mailing lists emails not received
 - Cause is apparently DMARC protocol (ensures the email address sending the email is the one that shows up to the user).
 - Seems to be a common issue also outside GAMBIT
- Discussed solutions:
 - Other forms of communication in the collaboration
 - Slack
 - Mattermost
 - Other options?
 - Move list away from hepforge
 - Google lists (more centralised, cannot just sign up)
 - Other lists?
 - Run our own mail server?
 - Will we still have the same problems?