

Election of the Chair of the Grid Deployment Board

General Process

- A "Search Committee" is formed consisting of 4 National Members of the GDB and the Project Leader.
- The committee receives proposals for and identifies potential candidates. Members of the search committee are not themselves eligible as candidates. Candidates are not necessarily members of the GDB.
- After consultation with GDB members, the search committee proposes one or more candidates to the GDB for ratification or (in the case of more than one candidate) election.
- The term of office of the chair is two years, which can be extended for subsequent two year periods.

Voting Procedure

Eligibility to Vote

Each member of the GDB who has been appointed to represent a country or an experiment is entitled to one vote. Ex officio members (officers of the project, SC2 chair, experiment coordinators) are not eligible to vote. Only members or their *representatives* that are present at the meeting at which the vote is taken can vote. Presence at the meeting means physical presence in the meeting room or connection by Video or Telephone conference. In the latter case the intention to vote must have been declared in advance to the chairman of the Search Committee. Candidates and members of the Search Committee are eligible to vote if they fulfill the conditions of membership and presence. A *representative* of a member must be someone who has a valid connection to the country or experiment. The chair of the Search Committee is alone competent to judge if this is or is not the case.

Voting process

- a. If there is a single candidate the vote will be by acclamation. The chair of the Search Committee is alone competent to decide if the candidature is accepted by those present.
- b. In the case of more than one candidate the vote will be by secret ballot. Each eligible member will be issued with a ballot paper containing the names of the candidates and two envelopes - one blank and one marked with the name of the member. Members or their representatives must mark one name on the ballot paper with a cross and seal it in the blank envelope. The blank envelope is then placed inside the marked envelope and handed to the chair of the Search Committee. The members of the Search Committee that are present at the meeting count the votes, and the chair announces the winner. In the event of a tie the chair of the Search Committee has a casting vote. Members or their representatives that are connected by VRVS or telephone and who wish to vote must announce their intention to do so to the chair of the Search Committee prior to the day of the meeting. They must transmit their vote to the chair either by using the standard envelopes if there is time for these to reach CERN prior to the meeting, or by appointing a third party to fill in the ballot on their behalf, or by disclosing their vote to the chair by any other means.

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Timetable for the 2006 Election

1. The two year term of the current chair expires in September 2006.
2. At the March meeting of the GDB, the project leader requests four volunteers from among the national members to serve as members of the search committee. If four volunteers are not forthcoming by the end of March the project leader will seek additional volunteers to make up the committee, and then ask these members to appoint one of their number as chair of the search committee. This person will be responsible for the rest of the process. This part of the process will be complete by the time of the GDB meeting on April 5.
3. The search committee will ask GDB members to propose candidates, specifying a date by which such proposals should reach the committee. It will also look for suitable candidates in any other way it considers appropriate.
4. After due consultation the committee will prepare a proposal for the July 5 GDB.
5. The new chair will take over at the September meeting.