

Validator Jury

The following jury system has been written up in a way that can be implemented by any delegative voting system. It is currently being implemented by the Validator Commons for a set of proof-of-stake blockchains, and was the subject of a pilot described at

 [Validators Common - Deliberative Jury Pilot](#) .

Simple Summary

A two-week regular cycle of validator juries to evaluate on-chain proposals across several chains, where jurors are drawn at random from a broad validator set.

Motivation

Make governance less exhausting. Also: Twitter is not the best place for in-depth, collegial discussion on serious proposals.

Specification

For precise process, see  [Calendar for Jury Process](#) .

Requirements

1. Jurors **MUST** be given at least 5 days notice from selection to the actual meeting.
2. The membership of the jury pool and selected jurors is public.
3. The jurors (and jury pool) for a given proposal **MUST** all validate the chain on which that proposal is being voted on OR the chain must whitelist the juror through some official process.
4. The recommendation for a given proposal **MUST** be published at least 3 days before the end of on-chain voting for that proposal.
5. Juries **SHOULD** be statistically representative AND visibly representative of the larger validator ecosystem. E.g. large vs. small validators, Western vs. Asian validators, etc.
6. Jury meetings and witness testimony should be public and recorded, but jury deliberation should be private.
7. Unanimous consent of jurors required. In lack of unanimous consent, a write-up of the rationale & discussion is required.

Rationale

[TBD.]

We hope that once the jury process is up and running (and has traction in the community), people will post proposals in a way that maps onto this process.

Court Team

This is the group of people who are helping execute this program.

- Damien Bonello, Simply Staking
- Othman Gbadamassi, Chainflow
- Joshua Tan, Metagov
- Antoine Vergne, Mission Publiques
- POSTHUMAN

Funding

This project is currently being funded by [Metagov](#), via the [Validator Commons](#).

Project management

Tasks

- ☐ Post to proposals that we are running a validator jury that for this chain, and that if you are interested in participating in the first week you should apply.
- ☒ JOSH: ~~create minimal project plan~~
- ☒ OTHMAN and DAMIEN: edit [this form](#)
- ☐ Pick two regular times for the proposal jury meeting, one for Asia/Europe and one for America/Europe
- ☐ Build intake form after a jury member is selected
 - ☐ Accept or decline
 - ☐ If accept, choose what time they want to join
 - ☐ If decline, give a reason
- ☐ Build placeholder Telegram channels (Commons Court Room 1, Commons Court Room 2, etc.)
- ☒ >>>> ~~Milestone 1: Announce the Jury on Twitter~~ <<<<
- ☐ Reach out to big delegators
 - ☒ JOSH: email Lexa and Udit (Hypha)
 - ☒ JOSH: email Maria (ICF)
 - ☐ JOSH: email Juno Delegations SubDAO
- ☐ Reach out to recruit more jurors, by end-of-the-week
 - ☐ DAMIEN:
 - ☒ Informal,
 - ☒ Simply Staking,
 - ☒ Notional,
 - ☐ Chorus One,
 - ☐ KalpaTech,
 - ☐ Imperator
 - ☐ OTHMAN:
 - ☒ Everstake,
 - ☐ Stakin (Del Rey?)
 - ☐ JOSH:
 - ☒ Rina (Citadel),
 - ☒ Post to Cosmos Hub Governance telegram channel
 - ☒ Post to Validators League discord, Cosmos Validators discord
 - ☒ Alex Ausmus (Coinbase),
 - ☐ Ethan Buchman (??),
 - ☒ Avicenna (??)

- ☒ Jack Zampolin (Strangelove);
- ☒ Zaferean
- ☒ VLAD:
- ☒ Imperator
- ☐ JOSH: add in (qualifying) participants from the previous survey
- ☐ >>>> Milestone 1.5: Recruit More Jurors <<<<
- ☐ >>>> ANNOUNCE ENROLLMENT PERIOD ONCE WE HAVE 10 JURORS in the POOL <<<<
- ☐ >>>> DAY 1: ENROLLMENT PERIOD BEGINS _____ <<<<
- ☐ COURT TEAM: start collecting proposals into a doc, maybe literally just the on-chain links + the off-chain forum discussions
- ☐ COURT TEAM: for jurors, a text write-up explaining the entire process *in detail*, so people don't get confused later
 - ☐ Same for witnesses
- ☐ >>>> DAY 5: JURORS <<<<
- ☐ >>>> DAY 7: ENROLLMENT PERIOD ENDS <<<<
- ☐ >>>> Milestone 2: First Jury Meeting & Recommendation <<<<
- ☐ >>>> Milestone 2.5: Recruit More Jurors <<<<
- ☐ >>>> Milestone 3: Make Improvements to Process <<<<
- ☐ >>>> Milestone 4: Second Jury Meeting & Recommendation <<<<
- ☐ >>>> Milestone 5: Third Jury Meeting & Recommendation <<<<
- ☐ >>>> Milestone 6: Negotiate with Validators and Foundations to Support Participation and Voting Commitments <<<<
- ☐ >>>> Milestone 7: Secure Follow-on Funding for Incentives <<<<
- ☐ >>>> Milestone 8: <<<<

Outreach templates

Town hall announcement

Twitter for Prop 95

Prop 95 Town Hall - Validator Edition 
 Friday, Feb. 3 at 11am NYC time (UTC-4)

Link: [add Zoom webinar link here]

Ft. oni of _____, don cryptonium of _____, xavier of Chorus.One, and @_____ of Citadel.One

This will also be our second validator jury! Remember to sign up for the pool:

Twitter for Atom 2.0

ATOM 2.0 Town Hall - Validator Edition 

Wednesday Oct. 26 at 11am NYC time (UTC-4)

Link: <https://twitter.com/i/spaces/1nAJErNLBkYxL...>

Ft. @jackzampolin
of Strangelove,
@Pavlutsky
of <http://Citadel.one>, and
@danhwang88

Followed by our 1st validator jury! Sign up

Jury pool recruitment

- **From [Cosmos Hub post](#):** If you're a validator on Cosmos that cares about governance, sign up for a future validator jury. 50 USD per session, saves you time judging proposals you would need to look at anyways, plus "the best conversation I've ever had in Cosmos governance" according to a previous juror. [Sign-up here](#).
- **Short version:**
Hi folks! Josh here from Metagov. As many of you know, a bunch of validators and I have been working on a new jury system to support Cosmos governance, but to get it started we really need your help. tl;dr If you're a validator that already participates in governance, please join us in one of our future juries. 50 USD per session, it saves you time on governance work you're already doing, plus "the best conversation I've ever had in Cosmos governance" according to a previous juror. Sign up here <https://forms.gle/JuRTne6niBk6jqjq7>

Also, forum post with more details:

<https://forum.cosmos.network/t/yes-jury-duty-is-cool-and-saves-you-time/8960>

- **What Josh uses on Discord:**

Hey _____, a bunch of other validators and I are organizing a new validator jury system. Can you join us for one of the future sessions? We discuss on-chain proposals in small randomized groups. You're paid 50 USD per session, it saves you time judging proposals you would need to look at anyways, plus you'll get "the best conversation I've ever had in Cosmos governance" according to a previous juror.

You can accept the invitation here (form takes 30 seconds):

<https://forms.gle/3izpwTKwNVfBKJMn6>

I've linked the forum discussion in Cosmos Hub for context:

<https://forum.cosmos.network/t/yes-jury-duty-is-cool-and-saves-you-time/8960>

For more details, here's the project doc:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NIWLLeHpgByDAVwOXG02PjUVOChM17btYSKC8JSSihl/edit#>

Let me know if you have any questions I can answer, happy to jump on a call if so!