

Archivists Notes, Dec 06, 2024

Cardano Constitutional Convention

This document contains two sets of notes for Dec 06.

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Convention Session Notes

- **Session Name:** Convention Day3
 - **Date:** 6th December 2024
 - **Time:** 9:30
 - **Location:** UBA
 - **Archivist Name:** Oscar Hong
 - **(If available) Link to recording:**
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1. Key Takeaways

(Briefly outline the primary points or ideas discussed during the session. Highlight any actionable insights or critical information.)

- The Chair and Vice-Chair for the upcoming workstreams was elected.
 - Chair: Engie Matene
 - Vice-Chair: Ken Ladd
- The convention successfully concluded with the signing ceremony.

2. Conclusion

(Summarize the overall message or decisions made during the session. Include any next steps or outcomes.)

- **Workstream Committee Structure:**
 - The committee is designed to be autonomous, meaning it will be in full control of its functions and decisions.
 - The Civics Committee of Intersect has pledged support for the organization but emphasized that delegates will have full control. The alternates are invited to join,

and subject matter experts such as Interim Constitutional Committee members may also be included if desired.

- **Final Notes on Governance:**
 - The Civics Committee was recognized as the body responsible for managing workstreams but could delegate tasks to other committees as necessary.
 - Delegates were reminded of the importance of remaining engaged with the workstreams to ensure that future governance is both effective and adaptable.
- **Future Workstream Chair Elections Result**
 - Chair: Engie Matene = 133 points
 - Vice-Chair: Ken Ladd = 126 points
 - Backup: Andrew Thornhill = 75 points
 - Backup 2: Nathan Angelo Lopez Kanapi = 71 points
 - Backup 3: Maureen = 70 points

3. Q&A

(List the questions asked during the session and their corresponding answers. Include the name of the speaker who provided the answer, if available.)

- **Question:** Whether delegates could re-register as candidates after the initial registration?
 - **Answer:** Yes, even if they had registered previously, delegates needed to re-register as candidates for the new vote.
 - **Question:** Whether the role of the committee chair is limited to document creation or extends to overseeing work streams?
 - **Answer:** The role could be expanded to include overseeing work streams, and the responsibilities could be adjusted based on the committee's needs.
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4. Points to Address

(List any follow-up items or action points with the names of individuals responsible for addressing them.)

- **Role of the Chairperson and Scope of the Committee:**
 - Some delegates raised concerns that the scope of the special committee was not clear and may have been broader than expected. Specifically, it was questioned whether the committee should only focus on adding documents to the Constitution or whether it should oversee broader workstreams.
 - It was clarified that the committee could hand back responsibilities to other committees (such as the Civics Committee) if the scope of the special committee became too overwhelming.

5. Sentiment Check

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Committee Election:

- Overall, the atmosphere was positive, but there was a cautious approach regarding the role of the committee, transparency, and accountability.
- The questions raised during the election process were mostly technical in nature, concerning the voting process and methods. However, there were subsequent discussions and questions regarding the role, scope, and responsibilities of the committee. Concerns were raised about the scope of work expanding beyond what was initially intended. In response, it was suggested that tasks could be delegated to other committees, such as the Civic Committee.
- Concerns regarding the scope of responsibilities and duties of the newly elected committee can be approached from two perspectives:
 - The concern about the committee being burdened with an extensive workload.
 - The concern that too much power may be granted to the newly established committee.

Delegate Introduction Session:

- Overall, the atmosphere was positive, and there was a session where various examples of activities being carried out in the communities of different countries were shared. The delegates who gave the presentations clearly explained their passion and vision for the Cardano ecosystem.

Signing Ceremony:

- Everyone showed positive and enthusiastic reactions to the passing of the constitution.

6. Additional Notes

(Add any other observations or context that might be relevant for the final document.)

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Meeting Notes - Convention Day 3 - Ha Nguyen - Kenya

Convention Session Notes

Session Names:

1. Cardano Constitutional Convention - Delegate Introduction Sessions
2. Cardano Constitutional Convention Signing Ceremony

Date: Dec 6th, 2024

Times:

- **Delegate Introduction:** 3:30 PM (GMT+3)
- **Signing Ceremony:** 9:30 PM (GMT+3)

Locations: University of Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina & Nairobi, Kenya (Hybrid Session)

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1. Key Takeaways

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Delegate Introduction Session:

- **Focus on Governance Evolution:** Discussions emphasized the three pillars of the Age of Voltaire: institutions, democratic consent mechanisms, and the Constitution.
- **Constitutional Ratification Progress:** 95% of attendees supported the proposed constitutional text during the workshops.
- **Global Representation:** Delegates from over 50 countries contributed insights, highlighting inclusivity in Cardano's governance process.
- **Workstream Elections:** Delegates participated in electing chairs and co-chairs for the future workstream committee, with the top five vote-getters announced.
- **Regional Perspectives:** Delegates shared challenges and opportunities from their respective regions, underscoring Cardano's global mission.

Signing Ceremony:

- **Historic Milestone:** Culmination of years-long efforts to draft and approve Cardano's first Constitution, designed to establish decentralized governance.

- **Global Participation:** Delegates and alternates from over 50 countries joined, with live events in Buenos Aires and Nairobi.
 - **Key Highlights:**
 - A video introduction and live parade from Argentina.
 - Charles Hoskinson's keynote emphasizing Cardano's journey and future.
 - Formal signing of the Constitution by delegates, alternates, and representatives.
 - Symbolic gestures from remote attendees in Nairobi.
 - **Foundation for Decentralized Systems:** The Constitution marks a significant step toward self-sustaining on-chain governance.
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2. Conclusion

(Summarize the overall message or decisions made during the session. Include any next steps or outcomes.)

Delegate Introduction Session:

- Approval of the proposed constitutional text marked a historic milestone.
- Election of committee members successfully completed, setting the stage for the next phase of workstream governance.
- Cardano's mission aligns with promoting decentralized governance, financial inclusion, and technological innovation globally.

Signing Ceremony:

- The Constitution was approved with 60 votes in favor and 3 against, meeting the 51% threshold with 95% support.
- The signing ceremony highlighted a collective achievement and readiness for on-chain ratification.
- **Next steps involve:**
 - On-chain ratification.
 - Implementing governance features.
 - Continuing workshops to ensure inclusivity and participation.
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Delegate Introduction Session:

1. **Question:** Can a Delegate Alternate vote on their behalf if the Voting Delegate is absent?

Answer: Yes, with verification and the Voting Delegate's request, a Delegate Alternate can vote.

2. **Question:** Can new candidates register after the initial registration period?

Answer: Yes, new candidates must re-register if they wish to stand for election.

3. **Question:** Is it possible to elect both a chair and a vice-chair for the committee?

Answer: Yes, the top five vote-getters can self-organize to decide roles, including chair and vice-chair positions.

Signing Ceremony:

1. **Question:** What happens if someone refuses to sign?

Answer: If a delegate or alternate refuses, they cause a procedural disruption. The decision would be escalated to overseeing officials.

2. **Question:** Can absent delegates or alternates participate?

Answer: Yes, absent delegates or alternates can authorize representatives to stamp the document on their behalf.

3. **Question:** What's the role of alternates in the ceremony?

Answer: Alternates accompany their delegates on stage and participate in the signing or stamping process.

4. **Question:** How does the process handle cross-country delegate/alternate situations?

Answer: Representation is ensured via authorization and symbolic gestures to maintain inclusivity.

4. Points to Address

(List any follow-up items or action points with the names of individuals responsible for addressing them.)

Finalize On-Chain Ratification of the Constitution:

- **Responsibility:** Intersect, Constitutional Committee, and elected committee members.
- **Deadline:** Upcoming months following the ceremony.

Plan and Expand Community Workshops:

- **Objective:** Continue expanding the scope of workshops to include more regions and ensure global participation.
- **Responsibility:** Cardano Civics Committee, regional delegates, and governance teams.
- **Deadline:** To be scheduled throughout 2025.

Develop Educational Resources:

- **Objective:** Create and distribute multilingual resources to ensure accessibility for non-English speakers.

- **Responsibility:** Cardano Foundation and community contributors.

Education and Outreach to DReps:

- **Objective:** Facilitate communication and provide guidance to Delegated Representatives (DReps) to ensure effective participation.
 - **Responsibility:** Intersect and Constitutional Delegates.
 - **Deadline:** Immediate and ongoing.
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Delegate Introduction Session:

- **Mood:** Positive and collaborative. Delegates expressed enthusiasm about shaping Cardano's governance and shared commitment to its principles.
- **Themes in Questions:** Questions focused on logistics and ensuring inclusivity and clarity in the election process, reflecting a desire for transparency.

Signing Ceremony:

- **Mood:** Overwhelmingly positive, with enthusiasm and celebration.
- **Themes in Questions:** Curiosity and eagerness to understand procedural details, with a mix of logistical and symbolic inquiries.
- **Keynote Reception:** Charles Hoskinson's speech inspired emotional applause, reflecting pride and shared vision.

6. Additional Notes

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◆ Summary of Candidates and Election of Committee Members Results

Candidates and Summaries

1. Evans (Tanzania)

- Delegate from Tanzania.
- Expressed commitment to supporting the community's work.

2. Maureen (Douala, Cameroon)

- Delegate from Douala, Cameroon.
- Advocated for her candidacy with gratitude for votes.

3. Boris

- Briefly introduced himself and requested votes.

4. Nathan

- Initially hesitant but later expressed full commitment to the responsibility.

5. Unnamed Delegate (Lagos)

- Believes change begins with oneself and expressed a desire to lead.

6. Genuine

- Teacher skilled in understanding people and fostering collaboration. Inspired by discussions and documents from previous sessions.

7. Ken (Wyoming, USA)

- Joined Cardano in 2020, lawyer from Wyoming.
- Vision to empower smaller groups to work semi-autonomously while coordinating at the organizational level.

8. Max (Netherlands)

- Background in economics, University of Amsterdam graduate.
- Emphasized transparency and openness.

9. Gabriel (Austin, USA)

- Background in music and supporting disenfranchised communities.
- Confident in the group's competency.

10. Andrew (Georgia)

- Active in Cardano since 2018, founder of Cardano community in Georgia.
- Experienced in managing companies and team building.

11. Cash (Zach)

- Initially reluctant but eager to contribute.
- Advocated for defining roles and continuing workshops to improve constitutional literature.

12. Leo

- Runs a drone company.
- Prioritizes ensuring the Constitution is well-defined and supports critical definitions.

13. Engie (New Zealand)

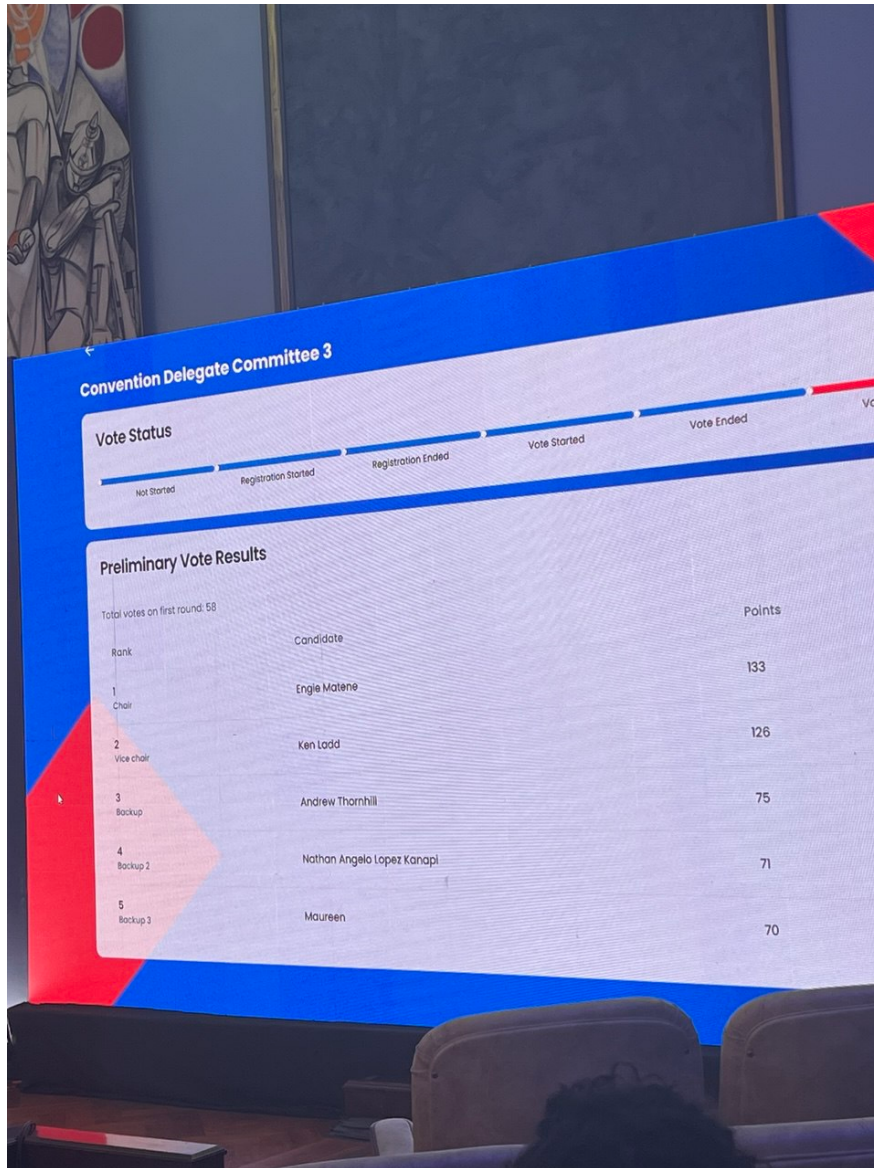
- Software developer by trade, now focused on community work, especially rural communities.
- Strong commitment to ensuring future workstreams and procedures are done transparently.

14. Maria (São Paulo, Brazil)

- Representing Latin America, with a focus on Brazil.
- Long-time observer now stepping forward to contribute actively.

Election Results

1. **Engie** – Rank 1
2. **Den** – Rank 2
3. **Andrew** – Rank 3
4. **Nathan** – Rank 4
5. **Maureen** – Rank 5



Additional Notes

- Candidates were evaluated and ranked based on delegate votes.
- The top five candidates will organize roles as chairs or co-chairs within the committee.
- Finalized results will be audited and shared with delegates.

◆ Delegate Introduction Session:

- **Regional Highlights:**
 - Africa: Emphasis on financial inclusion and youth engagement.
 - Latin America: Focus on representation and economic resilience.
 - Europe: Discussions on energy efficiency and governance innovation.
 - Asia: Strong alignment with decentralization and financial inclusion.

- Indigenous Communities: Māori delegation drew parallels between cultural values and Cardano's governance model.
- **Creative Inspiration:** Personal anecdotes and cultural reflections enriched the event's depth and diversity.

◆ Signing Ceremony:

- **Global Scope:** Emphasized inclusivity and collaboration through symbolic use of flags, live streams, and synchronized signing.
- **Event Closure:** The ceremony ended with a celebratory performance and group photos, capturing the spirit of unity and accomplishment.

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