

PARA Proposal - In-Person Spring PARA Meeting

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Background:

Prior to COVID-19, all PARA spring meetings were held in-person. Since the pandemic, the meetings have been virtual. While the use of virtual meetings helps reduce travel costs and frees up participants' time on the day of the Spring meeting, it reduces the effectiveness and efficiency of the PARA spring meeting for the following reasons:

- Participants are less engaged
- Group discussions are less effective
- Voting participants have had to be tracked down during board votes
- Important decisions have been postponed
- Numerous followup meetings have been scheduled

Proposal:

The PARA board meeting will be done in-person unless extenuating circumstances arise which make it infeasible.