

**Snowmass Special Conveners Meeting  
Status and News  
Sept. 30, 2022**

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# Agenda: This Meeting



**10:00 AM** → 10:15 AM **External Reading Process and Plans for Snowmass Summary**

**Speaker:** Joel Butler (Fermilab)

**10:15 AM** → 10:40 AM **Status of the Frontier Contributions to the Snowmass Report**

**Speaker:** R. Sekhar Chivukula (UC San Diego)

**10:40 AM** → 10:55 AM **Policy for Submission of Snowmass Materials to Journals.**

**Speaker:** Michael Peskin (SLAC)

**10:55 AM** → 11:15 AM **Discussion and AOB**

# This talk

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- Special requests (e.g. EP2024)
- Readers' instructions for Frontier Summaries
- Wrapping up Snowmass
  - SLACK contract and "phasedown"
  - Snowmass email list and freeze

# NAS EP2024 Request for Early Information from Snowmass

- We received a request from a subgroup of the NAS EP2024 Study (Nima Arkani-Hamed, David Gross, Young-Kee Kim, Fulvia Pilat), for preliminary versions of the AF and EF report
  - These would be the “90% complete” reports, which are the closest we have to being final now
  - We discussed this in the chair-line and the Snowmass Steering group
    - The main issue – the final reports will be available in a few weeks
    - **Since we did promise to help them, we decided to go ahead PROVIDED the Frontier Conveners agreed**
    - They did, so we sent the reports early this week

This will be our policy going forward

# Instructions to Frontier Summary Report Readers and Conveners - I

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- We included the following statement, which will also apply to input from designated readers
- Each report is the product of two years of effort by the Snowmass Frontier group to build a consensus view of the scientific and technical opportunities within its area. All the conclusions are intended to be final as stated in these draft reports. We are, in particular, not seeking advice to change the substance of the report from anyone at this point. However, we want each report to be reasonably clear and comprehensible, especially to physicists outside the immediate area being discussed. Readers should keep this in mind and propose changes or make comments only if they identify a major factual error; typos, small editorial problems, jargon or acronyms; or sections of text that are badly written and hard to understand. Readers are also encouraged to suggest small “integrative” additions to help connect one section of the text to another.

# Instructions to Frontier Summary Report Readers and Conveners

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- It is essential that the Snowmass Community not see its work altered from outside the Snowmass Frontier process. It is expected that conveners will resist making changes that affect the substance of the report. However, if the readers want to ask questions to clarify some issues or text, the conveners have agreed to try to answer them quickly on a best effort basis.
- To the readers, we understand that this is a different type of review than many that you are used to participating in. We thank you for your help in making the Frontier Summary reports as clear as possible.

# Comments

- **Our process requires at this point that conveners resist** making substantive changes to their reports (except to correct factual errors)
  - Everyone had their chance to make their case in the Snowmass process and presumably read and commented on the various reports
    - We are not having a “redo” or leaving an opportunity for external forces that were not part of the process to shape the Snowmass outcome
    - Everyone will get another chance in front of P5
- This is also the reason why we are not going out for a “general review’ or call to comment.

# Posting of Snowmass Frontier Reports and Comments

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- Sekhar will explain how we plan to have the reading go ahead quietly within a limited group of readers



# SLACK License

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- We undertook the renewal of our SLACK License for Snowmass endgame until the end of July 2023
- The Snowmass SLACK community is much larger community than just DPF, so some thought needs to be given on how we should evolve this
- Post-Snowmass, we, i.e. DPF, should probably set up a working group to decide on a plan.

# Snowmass Twiki

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- We pay a provider for this
  - Seems to be a few hundred \$/year
  - It would be very good to preserve this site and we can probably afford it for 10 years for reference
  - The Snowmass 2013 twiki would have been useful when Snowmass 2021 approached
    - It will mostly not be used in the intervening years
  - We may find other uses for it.

**Thank you for your attention!**  
**Questions?**

# Backup Slides