

# RHIC/AGS Users Executive Committee

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# Outline

- Special business
- MCO
- SAS
- AOB

# Special business

- I received a complaint from Chris Pinkenburg (BNL staff physicist) about the surprisingly high level of difficulty obtaining an EIC computing account
- This is apparently a regular problem, but he sent me a specific case for the UEC to discuss
- A postdoc seeking an account was asked to provide the following:
  - A full CV
  - A scan of their passport
  - A scan of their visa
  - A scan of their I-94
  - A scan of their I-797B
- A person who isn't working in the US will not have an I-797B, and if they're not traveling to the US, they won't have a visa nor an I-94 either
- This is a major barrier to participation in the EIC, which is bad for the community **and** bad for the project
- This particular person was grilled about a “gap” in their CV between July and September of 200X (well over a decade ago), which in their case was between high school and college
  - This is not at all the fault of the GUV center staff, but it's definitely ridiculous

## DC Day

- I've exchanged emails with Chloe Zurcher (Bose Public Affairs Group)
- They are planning a virtual advocacy event in April
- I'll be following up with her and will communicate further information with the UEC

## AUM 2021 Proposal

- Our default assumption is for entirely or mostly online meeting, and SQM this summer is also planned to be fully online
- Plan for reduced talk and break times to keep the day shorter (9am to 3pm, same as done for AUM2020)
- Additional details from Christine

# Meetings, Communication, Outreach

- Thesis Awards and Merit Awards—almost have enough volunteers
- DNP/APS Committees & Awards
- Representation & Diversity in Physics

- STAR needs people for shift and sPHENIX needs people for construction
- Governor Cuomo recently announced that people vaccinated within 90 days do not need to quarantine upon entry into NY
  - This is potentially very beneficial for site access, but the lab needs to update
- Alternate food plans need to be made through to the end of FY21 at least
- Comments from Kathy?

# Any Other Business

- Anything else?