

RFC - RIP001 (improved and updated)

Structure reformation and improvement of governance of the RomeDAO

“The houses of Rome are the central game entities conspiring and working together to expand the Republic.”

- wiki.housesofrome.com

Background

In the light of recent events it became evident that the RomeDAO governance structure needs to be changed. Governance-based attacks on DAOs, when entities with malicious intent, hoard enough cheap votes, to eventually push proposals that benefit only these entities, be it any spending or dissolution of the treasury, became a thing. These entities manipulate communities and harm projects with only one goal in mind, make quick money on the work of others.

RomeDAO is currently under this kind of attack, months of work that has been done and countless community efforts, might go to a trash bin. If even partial treasury redemption happens, it will destroy confidence in the DAO, and the whole ecosystem, it will enact unpredictable outcomes to the Houses of Rome game development, the community will be demoralized, people who bought way before redemption will take colossal losses and leave the RomeDAO. It will leave the RomeDAO and its main product Houses of Rome burned and beyond repair.

This proposal seeks to reinvent, update and reinstall, governance structure of the RomeDAO to prevent future attacks and improve governance structure, making it clear and predictable.

This proposal's foundation is based on the original RIP001, “Consul.” governance framework written by the House of Consul and House creation and termination framework written by Davivi of the House of Chaos. However, the role of the Senate as it was outlined in that framework was never really implemented. Although Senators of House sub-DAOs were in fact leaders in those communities, the Senate itself wasn't working as it was intended. Revised and improved governance structure outlined in this proposal seeks to give House sub-DAO's members and Senators power to organize, formulate, accept and reject proposals inside the sub-DAO's structure in a clear and formalized way so, well-considered proposals that was accepted in sub-DAO can be presented to the Senate. The Senator's role in this governance structure is embodied in it, the Senator is obliged to help formulate, and then if accepted, defend sub-DAO's proposal in the Senate.

Proposal implies:

Structural changes in RFC and RIP evolution path, from creation to Snapshot.

Implementation of In-House as sub-DAO governance.

Changes in the Senate and Senator role in governance.

Establishment of the Bank of Rome sub-DAO as an entity responsible for treasury management.

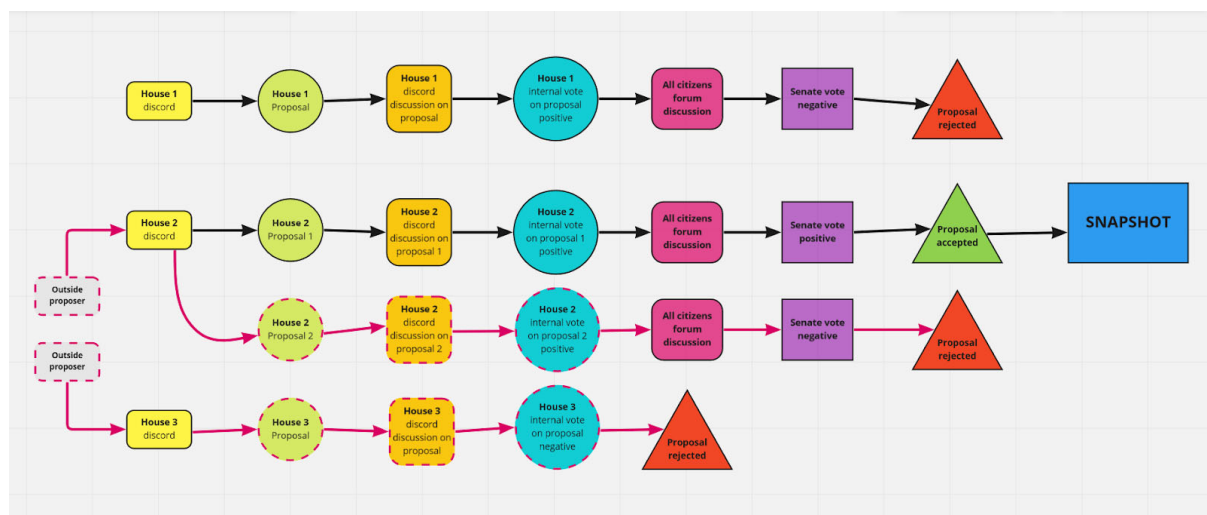
Changes in Forum posting accessibility.

Changes in sub-DAOs creation process.

RomeDAO, sub-DAOs and their relationship:

RomeDAO as any decentralized autonomous organization controlled by the organization's members - holders or RomeDAO issued tokens. RomeDAO consists of and operates through the collective body of sub-DAOs. **Sub-DAOs** are a group of collectives who share values, culture and work together as independent sovereign entities within RomeDAO. Sub-DAOs such as Houses and Bank of Rome, as collectives, or/and individual members of those sub-DAOs may use formal proposals to make improvements for RomeDAO. Such proposals may include requests for funding particular sub-DAOs endeavors, allocation of treasury funds in partnership programs, governance changes and so on. Proposals from individual RomeDAO members, or proposals as a collective effort, should go through the system of in-House and inter-House governance of RomeDAO and sub-DAOs rules.

Proposal creation and in-house governance of the RomeDAO and sub-DAOs:



Step 1 - Ideation:

Members from an individual House, or any citizen without a particular House, can create a proposal. This is done through discussions within the House. In the case if citizens outside any particular House want to present a proposal, those citizens (outside proposers) **should**

present it to any House of their choice. Proposal at that stage should be called Request For Comment (RFC).

Step 2 - Informal and formal discussion in the particular House discord server:

House members discuss the presented proposal, and if needed improve it. It is recommended to have a dedicated channel for **proposal suggestions** that is accessible for everyone. No definite time is set to form that proposal. House members and citizens, together with proposers, should formulate a Request For Comment **into** the Rome Improvement Proposal after adding respected and supported suggestions to this proposal. House Senators, and their respected delegates, should help to form this proposal to align with Rome Improvement Proposal recommendations. To then post it to the In-House vote.

Step 3 - In-House Vote:

Each particular House must vote in favor of or against the proposal (RIP#) in question. In-House voting is organized through each particular House discord server. Voting uses simple YES/NO emoticons (thumb up/thumb down reactions) in dedicated in-House **proposals voting** Discord channel. Posting proposals in the dedicated voting channel should be accessible for each particular House **Senator only**. Voting should be accessible for each member of a particular House.

Step 4 - Open discussion on proposal in Forum:

House senator post proposal, that was prepared and discussed in that particular House Discord channel before, to the Roman Forum as a Rome Improvement Proposal (RIP#). Posting the Rome Improvement Proposal on Forum should be accessible and delegated **only** to House's senators of each House. Senators **can not** post proposals that were not discussed and formalized in their House before. Commenting on a proposal is open for every citizen of Rome. In a **72** hours window citizens of Rome should express their approval/rejection, and/or additions to the proposal, in the form of comments for that proposal Forum post. After a 72 hours window of Forum discussion on the Rome Improvement Proposal passes, the Senator that posted that proposal passes it to Senate Hearings. Announcement of Forum discussion on the proposal should be made in the main Houses of Rome Discord server, and in every House Discord server, on the same day as the forum post, by Senators or their delegates.

Step 5 - Senate Hearings and Senate Voting:

After 72 hours of Forum discussions, a Rome Improvement Proposal is presented for Senate hearings by the Senator of which House that proposal originated from. Senate Hearings and Senate Vote is organized in dedicated **#senate** channel in the Houses of Rome **main** Discord server. Senators discuss proposal matters and debate to clarify proposal intent, and outcomes. **If needed**, the original proposer might be invited to clarify details and/or defend his proposal. Writing messages in #senate channel is accessible for Senators only (and for original proposer if they are invited), members of the Houses and citizens of Rome can read messages and see voting results. Senat has **up to 72** hours to discuss and vote on the proposal. After discussion concluded voting should be organized by Senator who presented that proposal, as question in the #senate channel: DO YOU AGREE WITH THIS PROPOSAL PASSES TO A SNAPSHOT VOTE? YES/NO. Senators of each House **should** react to that question with simple YES/NO. If a simple majority of Senators voted for that proposal to pass to a Snapshot vote, the Senator presented that proposal should post

Snapshot vote on that proposal in the next **24** hours. **Rejected** proposals might be reformed and changed by any citizen or House member and might be presented for **In-House** vote again. Identical to previously rejected proposals, or proposals with the same intent and outcome as rejected proposals, should not pass for In-House vote within the next **30** days.

Step 6 - Snapshot Vote:

Snapshot voting should be done **only** on the proposal that previously passed In-House voting, open Forum discussions, and Senate voting in that exact order. In a **24** hours window from Snapshot post, **announcements** should be made by the Senator who presented and posted that proposal, in the main Houses of Rome Discord server, in their particular House server and by other Senators, or their respected delegates, in their Houses as well. There will be a 72-hour window for all citizens to vote on Snapshot. For the Snapshot vote to be valid, there must be a **15%** quorum. For the snapshot vote to pass, there must be a **3/4** majority.

Step 7 - Proposal execution:

In a proposal that passed the Snapshot vote in favor, there should be an outlined way and matter of execution. If the proposal implies treasury allocation, funding or any spending, execution should be passed to the Bank of Rome sub-DAO.

Bank of Rome sub-DAO:

Bank structure:

The Bank of Rome as a sub-DAO manages the treasury of the RomeDAO. Bank of Rome should have 2-4 treasury managers, at least one of them should ~~be a Solidity~~^{be a Solidity} developer capable of executing smart contracts that is needed to operate the treasury and allocate funds, at least one of those managers should have valid and provable experience in economy, business or money management. Those managers could and should be called Senators and will have the same rights as any Senator of the Houses of RomeDAO. Bank of Rome Senators should implement changes in treasury allocation, funding or spending based on Rome Improvement Proposals that have passed the Snapshot vote by a majority of votes. Bank of Rome Senators should send requests to multi signatories to approve transactions. Bank of Rome Senators should write monthly reports on expenditures and treasury changes and allocations. The Bank of Rome should have its own Discord server, like any other House.

In the moment of establishing the Bank of Rome sub-DAO as a structure, voting between all Senators should be made on the salary \$usd value for Bank of Rome Senator position. Bank of Rome Senator position should be paid according to market conditions, same as RomeDAO pay for developers and contributors in House Sempronia for the development of the Houses of Rome game, Senators of all houses should formally agree in simple majority of vote, on salary in \$usd value.

Senator of the Bank of Rome - Treasury Manager:

Unlike other houses, Senators of the Bank of Rome cannot be chosen by in-House member's vote. Instead, Senators of other Houses formally present pretendant on that position to the Senate in #senate channel of main Discord server of the Houses of Rome

DAO. Existing Senator of any House can become Senator of the Bank of Rome, and should go through the same procedure as any other pretendant. Other Senators should publicly, in #senate channel, **interview** pretendant for the position of Bank of Rome Senator, before voting starts. After discussion concluded voting should be organized by Senator who presented that pretendant, as question in the #senate channel: DO YOU AGREE WITH THIS PRETENDANT GRANTED TREASURY MANAGER - SENATOR OF THE BANK OF ROME POSITION? YES/NO. Senators of each House **should** react to that question with a simple YES/NO. If a super majority of Senators voted in favor of that pretendant, that person is granted the role of treasury manager - role of the Senator of the Bank of Rome. After vote is concluded, Senator that presented the pretendant or their respected delegates should post announcement in Discord main server of the Houses of Rome DAO. Senator of the Bank of Rome can be stepped down by other Senators formal vote in #senate, to do so Senator of any House should start a formal discussion in #senate channel on the main Discord server of the Houses of Rome DAO with explanation of the reasoning behind such a vote. After discussion concluded, voting should be organized by the Senator who proposed firing the person in question. Senator propositor should formally ask in the #senate channel: DO YOU AGREE WITH THIS PERSON STEPPING DOWN FROM TREASURY MANAGER - SENATOR OF THE BANK OF ROME POSITION? YES/NO. Senators of each House **should** react to that question with a simple YES/NO. If a super majority of Senators voted in favor of firing that person from that position, the person in question should step down from the position of treasury manager - position of the Senator of the Bank of Rome.

New House creation, Guilds and Collectives:

New House creation:

To create a **new House as a sub-DAO** collective of a minimum of **100** people should own, and prove through Snapshot, ownership of **2%** of token supply. To create a new House, the collective should present themselves to other Houses through standard proposal procedure. In that proposal should be outlined: what primary role new House will present in the RomeDAO, and what goals that House is targeting, new House creators should present link to Discord server with at least 100 real people, that proved themselves as a real person by reacting with emoticon to special post with new House role and goals.

Senator of the House:

A Senator is a leader of the House sub-DAO who represents the community's voice in the Senate. All accepted and validated by the Senate Houses should elect a leader for the House's Senator position. Election process in House sub-DAO should be formal and public, but exact organization and execution should be in the hands of active members of that sub-DAO collective. After a successful election, elected ~~Senators~~ Senator and their respected representatives should announce their success through the main Discord server of the Houses of Rome DAO for citizens and collectives acknowledgement. After invitation to the Senate in #senate channel of the main Discord server of the Houses of Rome DAO, an elected Senator should present ~~themselves~~ ~~their self~~ to the Senate in formal fashion,

explaining the House's origin and goals. Only after this steps and procedures the newly elected Senator should gain access to the #senate channel and Forum posting of proposals.

House termination:

1. The House membership in the Discord server falls below **30** people.
2. The House takes a Snapshot vote showing a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority decision to disband, where each wallet has one vote rather than by token stake. This is to prevent a whale from disbanding a House on their own or with a small group of high-stake holders.
3. Should a large patron seek to leave a House and take with them a significant amount of token from the House warchest, leading to the House falling below the 2% ownership required, the following will result:
 - I. A vote will take place in the Senate where the contributions of the House in question will be considered by the other Houses.
 - II. If the other houses value the contributions of the House in question and their ability to work is not impeded by the departure of a large patron, the House in question should be allowed to continue operations.
4. A House is deemed by a super majority of the Senate to be in bad conduct or bad faith.

Should a house be terminated, the following actions will be taken:

- Announcements should be made by Senators or their respected representatives in the main Discord Houses of Rome DAO server.
- All other currently existing Houses may invite members of the terminated house to join their Houses, if they so choose.

Guilds and Collectives:

Guild is a collective of a minimum of 3 people united under one or several professions and/or character classes. Guild creation is **recommended** to be formally or informally announced in the main Discord Houses of Rome server, it is recommended for Guild to have a logo and formal rules. Guild members can ask Senators of any House for assistance on announcements and dedicated Discord channel creation if needed.

Collective is a group of people united under any wanted goal or belief. Collective members can ask any House members and Senators or their respected delegates to assist with announcement posts, proposal creations or any campaign. Collective may become a Guild or a sub-DAO if requirements are met. The collective cannot include members who have been expelled by the Houses of Rome Discord for reasons of bad conduct or bad faith. A bad faith expulsion can be contested by bringing the matter to a House representative, who can bring it to the Senate.

Execution:

RIP 001 should be embodied in the RomeDAO and Houses of Rome wiki at wiki.housesofrome.com , Senators should choose a responsible person.

Senators and their respected representatives should change #senate channel settings of the main Houses of Rome Discord server according to this proposal.

Person responsible for Forum management should change posting rules according to this proposal.

Senators and their respected representatives should add channels for in-House sub-DAO proposals and discussions in their House sub-DAO Discord server.

Conclusion:

These slight changes in governance structure gives power to ordinary folks to decide what proposal will pass through, as they are the first and most active part of that path, and also the last deciders.

This structure gives Senators a more engaged role, as they are representatives of the people of their House, they should follow the voice of their community. Senate Hearings will show members of the Houses what Senator they chose, and how he is willing to defend their position.

Establishment of the Bank of Rome with staff on payroll will finally free Sempronia's developers from the burden of managing funds.

Changes in Forum posting accessibility will clear it from spam and nonsense proposals.

Changes in the House as a sub-DAO creation process erased possible vectors of governance-based attack through the creation of a 3 person House.

Foundation for proposal: RIP001, House creation and termination by Davivi of the House of Chaos and "Consul." framework by the House of Consul.

Proposal is written as a community effort by Kratistos of House of Chaos, senator Bacchist of House of Chaos and Cassius Dio of House of KeK.

["Consul."](#) framework

[House creation and Termination](#) framework

[Governance](#) scheme