Celo Governance Call #5

March 25, 2021

Overview

- <u>Key Document:</u> [Governance Working Group - Living Doc](#)
- <u>Purpose of Call:</u> There have been some tensions in the governance process, and this is the first of several calls aimed at resolving those tensions and ultimately improving the governance process.
- <u>Next Steps:</u>
  - Yaz Khoury and Asa Oines will make a possible new template for the next call. Daniel White also indicated he'd like to join.
  - Yaz Khoury and Judy Piper will meet to define the working group goals. Gabrielle Micheletti and Daniel White also indicated they'd like to join.
  - We will meet again in 2 weeks, and we will continue to meet regularly to address these issues.

Summary

The call broadly had two parts:

1. <u>Summary of Tensions:</u> We summarized each tension in the current governance process. See each tension in the *Governance Tensions* section below.
2. <u>Potential Improvements:</u> We focused on ways to make it easier to understand and contribute to the governance process. See *Potential Improvements Discussion* section below.

Part #2 (Potential Improvements) was more substantive, so it's listed first below.

Potential Improvements Discussion

We'd like to make the governance process smoother and make it easier for others to participate. These are some potential ways we discussed improving the process:

- <u>North Star:</u> Make it easy for anyone to participate in the governance process. How does a brand new community member understand whether a proposal will benefit the community or not?
- <u>Structure for Improved Documentation:</u>
  - Here's what to expect with the governance process
  - How to create and submit proposals
  - Things that can be changed through the governance process
- <u>Platform:</u> Github may not be the most accessible place for the General Celo Community, and Medium may be a good alternative (or supplement).
- <u>Easy-to-Understand Categories for Changes:</u> Make it easy to understand how the proposal will affect the Celo network (e.g. lower protocol change vs more simple change).
- <u>TLDR:</u> Add a simple explanation of the proposal and why it's needed.

Note that none of these were officially adopted, and we will likely continue to discuss in the next meeting.

Governance Tensions

All of the bullet points below were listed on the Github Issue, and this section just breaks them up into categories and adds bullet summaries.

Governance Proposal Quality
- <u>Need More Process Documentation:</u> Governance and CGP process not as specified as CIP Process. See Cosmo's [example](#).
- <u>Proposal Completeness:</u>
  - CGPs with missing sections or underspecified.
  - Never post proposals until they are fully specified, including code verification procedures.
- <u>Aim for Standalone Doc:</u> Try to make CGP text reasonably stand-alone, giving the gist even to readers who don't follow the links. (But do provide the links for further context and community discussion.)
- <u>Include Audit Reports:</u> Ensure Audit Reports are publicized prior to submission.

Related to Governance Roles
- <u>Proposal Editors:</u> Need more CGP editors.
- <u>Approver Timing:</u> Coordination with approvers needs a more specified Verification process.
  - Provide timely push notifications to approvers (when proposals are posted and as expiry approaches), to give them time to review
- <u>Community Input:</u> Proactively seek community input on proposals before they're posted. In particular, seek non-cLabs input on proposals that involve privileges to cLabs or cLabbers.
- <u>Code Verification Documentation:</u> Document the proposal code verification procedure. Make sure many non-cLabbers know of it and have successfully invoked it. (Sufficiently many to really catch problems, if they arise.)

Organization & Clarity
- <u>Create CGP Repo:</u> Move governance to its own repository outside the current repo to separate CIP and CGP processes.
- <u>Too Many Numbers:</u> Need to resolve inconsistency between proposalID and CGP Numbers.
- <u>Associating CGP Parameters w/ a CIP:</u> CGP governable parameters need to be tracked down in the CIP process.
- <u>Fix CLI for Governance:</u> celocli governance:view is difficult to understand and fails to helpfully parse some proposals.