

PROPOSAL NAME

Proposal To Revise Special Council & WG Stewards Term Limits

TEAM DESCRIPTION

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I am an indie software developer who has been in the games industry as a gamer and game dev for over 40 years. I have designed, developed, and published over a dozen games during my career.

My first game, Battlecruiser 3000AD (aka BC3K), was a ground-breaking game that was ahead of its time. Published by Take Two interactive in 1996, it was one of their portfolio titles when [they went public](#) in 1997. So, you could say that I helped the company succeed to where it is today.

Over the decades, I have worked with some of the best software developers and publishers around the world, and my works have been featured in various online and print magazines around the world.

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In order to ensure flexibility and continuity, it is vital that we attract and retain Special Council and Working Group stewards who will have a longer runway with which to perform their roles in their service to the DAO.

In the upcoming 2025 Special Council elections, this proposal will increase the minimum term from 1 to 2 years.

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This proposal will also remove the restriction that prevents a Special Council member or GwG steward from running for office for more than two terms. This allows them to run for as often as they would like to. This provides continuity in leadership positions as well as the retention of familiarity with DAO operations.

ABSTRACT

We currently have a 1 (one) year term, for a maximum of 2 (two) years. This is not only too short a time span, but also, voting drama and shenanigans aside, restricts the flexibility that comes with having key personnel in a familiar role and who have already acclimated themselves to the DAO community, its operations, and its processes.

REF:

[ApeCoin Governance Guidance](#)

[AIP-1](#): Proposing the DAO Process

[AIP-138](#): The Special Council Election Process

[AIP-350](#): Shaping Success: Building a Stronger Future with new Special Council Pay

[AIP-426](#): Special Council Future Election Requirement and Role Clarification

[AIP-239](#): Working Group Guidelines & The Governance Working Group Charter:

[AIP-347](#): Enable DAO Wide Voting for Working Group Stewards

[AIP-412](#): Streamlining Working Group Elections: Improved Second Round Voting Strategy

BENEFIT TO APECOIN ECOSYSTEM

Extending the term limits not only reduces the drama and distractions that come with the elections process, but it also allows the DAO to attract the quality and caliber of people who otherwise do not find a role that comes with a 1 (one) year term attractive enough for them to take the risk.

STEPS TO IMPLEMENT

1. In the next (2025) Special Council elections, increase the term from 1 (one) to 2 (two) years
2. In the next (2025) GwG elections, increase the term from 1 (one) to 2 (two) years
3. Remove the restriction that prevents a Special Council member or GwG steward from running for office for more than 2 (two) terms. If an individual is dedicated enough to the DAO and thus wants to run for 10 years straight - and the

DAO voters allow it, why not let them?

REPORTING EXPECTATIONS

The expectation is that this proposal would be implemented by the DAO's administrative team.

The community should regularly review the impact of this proposal.

If accepted, the administration and the community should review the impact of the updates after the 3-month period for conflict ends.

OVERALL COST

Total amount requested from the ApeCoin Ecosystem Fund = 0