

ApeCoin Community,

We want to thank you for all you've done so far to help with DAO governance. We are all building in real-time how exactly this is going to work and we're confident that thoughtful engagement between the community and the Foundation will help us all get to an amazing place.

Our goal is to provide as much support and guidance as possible and part of that means listening and improving. One thing we've heard from members of the community is that it would be beneficial if there were more accessible ways to directly engage with those who are running Discourse. We'd like to try something out to meet that desire and ramp up dialogue with the community by creating space for conversations with those actively engaged in DAO governance.

To that end, we're launching a monthly "office hours" for a small number of community members to meet with a moderator/moderators. These video calls will be a forum for members of the community to ask questions and engage in discussions on AIPs, the governance process, and anything else that's top of mind and important to the DAO.

We welcome feedback on how to make these as beneficial as possible, but for now we propose the following process for these meetings and the sign-up:

- **Timing:** Meetings will last 45 minutes and take place on the first Wednesday of each month. The start time will alternate each month between 8.30am ET and 8.30pm ET to accommodate a wider range of time zones. The first such office hour will be on Wednesday, June 1st at 8.30am ET (followed by Wednesday, July 6th at 8.30pm ET and so on)
- **Sign-Up:** In order to promote a transparent and fair process, sign-up will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. A sign-up post will be posted here on Discourse exactly 1 week before each office hour (the first will go up on Wednesday, May 25th at 8.30am ET). The first 5 community members to reply (the content of your message does not matter) will be invited. A moderator will confirm on the thread the 5 community members who will be joining.
- **Eligibility:** We want these sessions to be in-depth and accessible to those regularly involved in DAO governance. In order to qualify, your account must have Trust Level 2 - Member. You can increase your account's trust level by regularly visiting and engaging with Discourse. Read more about Discourse trust levels [here](#).
- **Additionally,** to ensure a maximum number of community members can participate, any account that is selected to participate in an office hour will be ineligible to participate in the following three office hours. If you are selected but do not show up, you will still be ineligible to participate in the following three office hours. Once three office hours have occurred you will then be eligible again to participate.
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For now this is a test. Our hope is that this forum will be helpful and offer a meaningful space to discuss matters of importance to the DAO. Changes may be made to this system in order to better serve the community and we welcome feedback from all office hours participants and the wider community on ways the sessions can be made more useful.

Yours Apefully,

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