

## PROPOSAL AUTHOR:

Bigbull - Potentially the author(s) can be the overall GWG Stewards (Related to [AIP-412](#))

## PROPOSAL NAME:

Better representation in the Special Council Elections: Improved Candidate-Round Voting Strategy

## TEAM DESCRIPTION:

Bigbull is an elected ApeCoin DAO Governance Working Group Steward.

## PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION:

### TLDR

: The voting strategies for the Special Council are different to the Working groups for the candidate round in the election, this can cause confusion amongst voters.

In the current candidate round of the election voters have to select one candidate only. If approved they will be able to select one or multiple candidates. Firstly, this is useful if more than one seat needs to be filled. Secondly, It is also useful when voters have several top choices they are happy to see be selected. Thirdly, it allows delegations to better vote to represent the diverse views in their delegations.

### Solution

Change the Snapshot Strategy to weighted voting

, which enables the voter to distribute the weight of their vote among the candidates they wish to see getting elected.

It is important to note that we are already using this process overall with the Working Groups elections and this method of voting in the Nominee round

of Special Council elections. Furthermore, under this format should you favour our existing Candidate round

standard of single-choice voting

, you can still concentrate all of your voting power on one candidate. We're simply offering an alternative for those who wish to have a broader influence across all positions being filled.

## BENEFIT TO APECOIN ECOSYSTEM:

The benefits are similar to AIP-412 which was specific only to Steward elections. The author choose not to include the Special Council in that AIP and there are benefits for better representation in the candidate round of the Special Council Elections as well. This also will simplify the voting procedure for voters by standardising the process across the board from Working Groups to Special Council.

### 1. Diversity in the Special Council

Qualified candidates will have different backgrounds and this way you can vote for more than one candidate. This gives the ability to vote for multiple candidates you may see working well together.

### 1. More accurate representation of voters choices

By making every vote count. More voters will vote and their vote will count to the total tally, this will encourage voter turn out and Special Council members who best represent the community.

### 1. Potentially better represent Diverse interests in Delegations

It will also enable the voting in delegations to better reflect the views of the diverse group of voters in those delegations. This will solve the concern that certain whales in sub delegations control the outcome of the entire delegation. N.B. If a delegation wishes to only select the number 1 candidate that is their choice as an independent Delegation. However, we would encourage them to follow the same method of voting as in the main ApeCoin.eth snapshot.

No new platforms or technologies are adopted. It is a change in the strategy used for the rounds of the Special Council election only.

## DEFINITIONS:

Descriptions provided from Snapshot official site.

Official Explanations

[Snapshot](#): Online voting platform that ApeCoinDAO uses that allows DAOs, DeFi protocols, and NFT communities to vote without gas fees.

[Snapshot voting strategy](#): A set of conditions used to calculate a user's voting power. These strategies enable Snapshot to determine the final result of voting on a particular proposal.

#### Current Approach

[Snapshot single-choice voting](#): Each voter can choose only one option.

#### Suggested Approach

[Snapshot weighted voting](#): Each user can spread their voting power across any number of choices, from one to all. Their voting power will be divided between their chosen options according to how much weight they attribute to each option by increasing or decreasing the voting power fraction.

#### STEPS TO IMPLEMENT:

1. Have the AIP approved.
2. Have GWG communicate that the snapshot voting strategies have been standardised with the Special Council and Working Group elections. Also to say the new SC rules apply from Q4 2024 elections.
3. Have Webslinger Replicate the Working Group Candidate round snapshot voting strategy used in Q2 2024 elections on apecoin.eth to the Special Council candidate round of the elections.
4. Have the APE holders vote via snapshot to select winners of the Candidate round of the election of Special Council.

#### REPORTING EXPECTATIONS:

Once the Q4 2024 Special Council election is completed using this voting method, then the progress will be reported to the community. There will be no change until the Special Council candidate round of the election (in Q4 2024) as added to the apecoin.eth snapshot.

#### OVERALL COST:

"Total amount requested from the ApeCoin Ecosystem Fund = \$APE 0."

- This would require the APE Foundation to replicate the voting method in the nomination round into the candidate round of the Special Council election on Snapshot.
- It would require GWG to explain this adjust to the community for the next election of the Special Council in Q4 2024

#### Disclaimers

\*Changes from the concept in AIP-412 - I renamed first round as Nominee round, and second round as Candidate round. Why? Because if under 5 nominees it will go straight to the Candidate voting.