

Proposal Category:

Process

Abstract | Two or three sentences that summarize the proposal.

AIP-66 granted three awards to write ApeCoin Newsletters. It has since been discovered that a grant awardee has written an opinion piece against an AIP, presumably for their own benefit due to their own competing proposal.

Writing opinion pieces should not be permitted. Violations should terminate the awardee's grant.

Motivation | A statement on why the APE Community should implement the proposal.

"Opinion" is not included in the scope of AIP-66. Per the AIP, "The motivation behind this idea is to help the community develop trusted sources of information from decentralized channels and provide benefits beyond a single information source. It should be an aggregation of ApeCoin specific ecosystem news, AIPs, conversations, opportunities and content sourced from Discourse, Discord, Twitter and other internet destinations. The newsletter should promote and educate all things related to the ApeCoin DAO."

The specific situation occurred in an August 18th newsletter. The newsletter author wrote a specific section titled "Discord & The Case Against AIP-77". To my knowledge, they wrote no other opinion pieces on specific AIPs, however have offered their opinion elsewhere from time to time.

In the newsletter they wrote, "My problem with it: Who are the mods? Not me."

The newsletter author is a member of ApeComms. Apecomms was developing a competing proposal which included building an official ApeCoin Discord server.

On August 19th the newsletter author commented on AIP-66 writing, "There is an existing DAO discord community & moderators that would benefit from this funding. I do not support AIP-77 going forward."

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Rationale | An explanation of how the proposal aligns with the APE Community's mission and guiding values.

It is clear that there is a conflict of interest.

Utilizing an ApeCoin grant-funded newsletter to write opinion pieces against other community member AIPs is NOT aligned to ApeCoin's Guiding Values. It is even worse when you presumably do so to thwart support for a proposal that competes with your own.

We should clarify the ability for grant authors to write opinion pieces before it happens again.

Key Terms (optional) | Definitions of any terms within the proposal that are unique to the proposal, new to the APE Community, and/or industry-specific.

n/a

Specifications | A detailed breakdown of the platforms and technologies that will be used.

TBD. I'll collaborate with Cartan Group then update.

Steps to Implement | The steps to implement the proposal, including associated costs, manpower, and other resources for each step where applicable.

Cartan group shall designate a form for receiving complaints. If a complaint is valid, the grant is immediately halted and revoked.

Timeline | Relevant timing details, including but not limited to start date, milestones, and completion dates.

Immediately upon successful vote.

Overall Cost | The total cost to implement the proposal.

TBD. Likely \$0 or negligible.

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be submitted as a formal AIP Draft Template, however, you may still use the [template](#) if you wish.