

Proposal Name

Information Request - Role of Special Council

Proposal Category

Informational

Abstract

The goal of this AIP idea is to establish a clear understanding of the current responsibilities of the Special Council. The Ape Foundation and the current SC are asked to provide this information to the community within 15 days of this AIP passing in the form of a written document that clearly outlines the day-to-day responsibilities, requirements, and expectations of the SC members.

Motivation

Election season has amplified the focus on the Special Council role and compensation. The community and current SC have evolved the perceived responsibilities of the role to a point where they are no longer in line with how they're outlined in AIP-137. This disconnect is causing a significant amount of confusion both within and outside the DAO.

The written description of the role in AIP-137 includes these expectations:

- attend weekly, or on an as-needed basis, council meetings
- review AIPs at meetings or by email
- commit 3 or more hours per week or as sufficient time as needed to the role
- a key function of Special Council members is to work with and assess AIPs and their authors

What was originally a board of directors type role with a minimal time commitment has evolved into what the current SC members describe as a full-time plus job. Given the significant responsibility and compensation for the role, mixed with the lack of transparency on what exactly this role entails, let's harness this renewed focus on the SC as a chance to clearly define the role and its place in DAO governance.

Special Council details from AIP-137

[AIP-137: The Special Council Nomination Process](#)

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Experience & Expectations of Applicants

Elected Special Council members are expected to attend weekly, or on an as-needed basis, council meetings, review AIPs at meetings or by email, and commit 3 or more hours per week or as sufficient time as needed to the role. A standard non-disclosure agreement shall be entered into with the Ape Foundation and KYC documents shall be collected as well.

Given that a key function of Special Council members is to work with and assess AIPs and their authors, it would be beneficial if then Applicant's skills, knowledge and abilities are collectively suited to the AIP categories. Below are listed the AIP categories, along with the types of competencies and experiences that would suggest a candidate has expertise relevant to that particular category.

- Ecosystem Fund Allocation: Since Ecosystem Fund AIPs deal with how to use the DAO's treasury funds, it would be ideal for a Special Council member to have:
 - Educational and/or professional credentials in accounting, finance, business, economics or a related discipline;
 - Proven experience working in/managing/directing large corporations; and
 - Exposure to virtual assets and cryptocurrencies.
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- Brand Decision & Informational: Given that Brand Decision and Informational AIPs deal with all matters related to what the DAO attaches its name, including projects, strategies, and identity, it would be ideal for a Special Council member to have:

- Educational and/or professional credentials in marketing, public relations, and/or a related discipline;
- Proven experience working in/managing/directing large corporations;
- An entrepreneurial mindset;
- Excellent communication and writing skills; and
- Exposure to virtual assets and cryptocurrencies.
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- Process: Given that Process AIPs deal with DAO governance, it would be ideal for a Special Council member to have:
- Educational and/or professional credentials in law, politics, policy and/or corporate governance;
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Rationale

One of the DAO's Guiding Values is Transparency. The DAO will have the opportunity to improve its governance process with transparent communication around the role of the Special Council.

Specifications

ApeCoin Discourse Forum

Steps to Implement

The Ape Foundation and the current SC are asked to provide this information to the community within 15 days of this AIP passing in the form of a Forum post in the Special Council section that clearly outlines the day-to-day responsibilities, requirements, and expectations of the SC members.

Timeline

The Ape Foundation and / or current SC will create a forum post detailing the role of the SC within 15 days of this proposal passing.

Overall Cost

\$0