

Hello fellow Apes, I've started this topic with advice from [@Marklar](#) to help get the conversation going around what people would like to see in the upcoming Board Nominations and Elections process.

I've included a very

basic AIP Draft with some generic outlines and instructions for the ApeCoin Foundation Administrators to create a governance.apecoin.com dashboard for users to nominate themselves and leave a campaign pitch for themselves.

Proposal Name

: Ratify ApeCoin Board Members Nomination and Election Process

Proposal Category

: Process

Abstract

This AIP Idea attempts to establish a formal yearly Nomination and Election process for members of the APE Foundation Board in accordance with guideline #1

approved in AIP-1.

Motivation

Guideline #1

approved in "AIP-1: Proposing the DAO - Process"(LINK) states: "Every year, there is a DAO-wide vote to determine which DAO members will serve on a special council on the APE Foundation (the DAO's "Board"). The purpose of the Board is to administer DAO proposals and serve the vision of the community."

This AIP Idea attempts to ratify the Nomination and Elections process for the ApeCoin Foundation Board. It includes process and action items for the ApeCoin Foundation Administrators to design and construct a dashboard for candidates to self-nominate for positions on the Board that will be hosted at "governance.apecoin.com"

If this AIP passes there will be a subsequent AIP which defines the roles and responsibilities of individual members of the Board, as well as specifying the number of seats that will be open for elections during this first election cycle.

Rationale

As per "AIP-113: Extending AIP-1 - the DAO Process" "An extension will provide continuity and stability: the Foundation doesn't just execute what the community wants - it enables us to ensure we are compliant with the necessary legal, regulatory, and compliance laws and guidance so we can operate effectively."

In order for the DAO to function and remain stable according to our Guiding Principles there must be a system in place for continuous governance.

Key Terms

<https://boardroom.io/> - A governance aggregator which allows users to better visualize improvement proposals across DAOs. Boardroom allows candidates to connect their wallet, fill out their profile and include a campaign pitch for elections.

Specifications

This proposal establishes an election cycle which occurs every year starting October 1st until the end of January.

From October 1st until January 1st, anyone can self nominate themselves for a position on the Board through the official "governance.apecoin.com" dashboard.

The dashboard will be integrated with [Boardroom.io](https://boardroom.io) to allow candidates to fill out their profile, include a pitch for their campaign, and nominate themselves for the Board.

Within a voting epoch, votes are liquid, so voters can remove or change their votes at any time.

All currently serving APE Foundation Board members will automatically be up for reelection and will be included in the snapshot vote during the Election process.

Voting for the Board will be quadratic according to the snapshot specifications here:[Voting systems - snapshot](#)

The Election process will begin with an AIP published by Cartan within the first week of January listing all of the nominees, following the regular cadence of published AIP's, every Thursday, and will last for a period of 2 weeks.

After the Election cycle is over, the top 5 nominees selected based on the results of the election will become the new

members of the Board until the next election cycle.

Platforms to be used

[Snapshot.org](https://snapshot.org): Each voter may spread voting power across any number of choices. The results are calculated quadratically, so the number of individual voters matters more than the voting power contributed: [Voting systems - snapshot](#)

[Boardroom.io](https://boardroom.io): The Cartan Group will need to create a project space for ApeCoin on Boardroom where users can fill out their profile and join the nomination process.

Steps to Implement

The ApeCoin Foundation Administrators are equipped to implement all necessary actions in this AIP.

Yearly Tasks to be performed by the APE Foundation Administrators:

Every year in the first week of October, the APE Foundation Admins must announce the upcoming APE Foundation Board Nomination Process starting in October, as well as the subsequent Election process beginning in January on Discourse, Medium/ApeCoin blog and the ApeCoin Twitter account.

Send the AIP list of APE Foundation Board Nominees to Snapshot for a vote using the Quadratic voting mechanism within the first week of January, following regular AIP publishing cadence. (First Thursday in January)

Timeline

Project start date: TBD

Governance Dashboard completed by: TBD

First voting epoch starts: TBD

Project completed by: January 1st 2023.

Overall Cost

This AIP only establishes the process and Dashboard for Nominations and Elections for the APE Foundation Board. Cartan Group LLC will need to provide an estimate for the costs to create this dashboard.

The AIP implementation is administered by the Ape Foundation. Implementation may be immaterially or materially altered to optimize for security, usability, to protect APE holders, and otherwise to affect the intent of the AIP. Any material deviations from an AIP, as initially approved, will be disclosed to the APE holder community.

Please continue conversations here around what you like or don't like about the proposal, as well as any changes or steps you would like to see added.

Thank you everyone!

The ApeCoin Foundation Administrators should have a working document soon detailing their outline for Nominations and Elections to the Board, and hopefully this thread can serve as a sentiment gauge from the community to help them determine what we would like to see from their proposal.

Thank you everyone!