

PROPOSAL NAME

Proposal To Close Non-Essential Working Groups

TEAM DESCRIPTION

- SmartAPE | DAO member [Trust Level 3] | writer-of-many-words

I am an indie software developer who has been in the games industry as a gamer and game dev for over 40 years. I have designed, developed, and published over a dozen games during my career.

My first game, Battlecruiser 3000AD (aka BC3K), was a ground-breaking game that was ahead of its time. Published by Take Two interactive in 1996, it was one of their portfolio titles when [they went public](#) in 1997. So, you could say that I helped the company succeed to where it is today.

Over the decades, I have worked with some of the best software developers and publishers around the world, and my works have been featured in various online and print magazines around the world.

I am also a lifetime member of the [International Game Developers Association](#), and was Florida chapter board member for several years.

You can learn more about me on my professional [LinkedIn page](#).

- [Captain Trippy](#)

(Former) ApeCoin DAO Special Council

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This proposal suggests the following:

1. Dissolve the Governance Working Group: AIP-239: Working Group Guidelines & The Governance Working Group Charter.
2. Dissolve the Marketing & Communications Working Group: AIP-246: Working Group Charter - Marketing & Communications.
3. Dissolve the Metaverse Working Group: AIP-245: Working Group Charter - Metaverse.
4. Dissolve the Web3 Development Working Group: AIP-376: Working Group Charter - Web3 Development.

The DAO created these working groups. And the DAO is well within its actions, activities, and purview to close them as per [AIP-239: Working Group Guidelines & The Governance Working Group Charter](#)

BENEFIT TO APECOIN ECOSYSTEM

Collectively, all four working groups are costing or will cost the DAO almost \$3M per year

To date, the new Working Groups have been largely ineffective in their mandate.

As per the Q1/24 financial reports which we all knew would be bad (and we have yet to see Q2 & Q3), it is clear that the treasury is fast running out of disposable

funds. [Ape Foundation Transparency Report - 2024 - Q1](#). We the DAO need to stop the financial bleeding and to take necessary steps to preserve the treasury and reposition it for prosperity.

This proposal has the following vital benefits:

1. The DAO immediately saves money.
2. The DAO can re-purpose LESS funds to hire/contract experienced third-parties who have a lot more experience in the specific areas previously outlined in this WG charter.
3. The DAO no longer has to deal with the distractions, funding, and down time associated with elections as well as the budget proposals and voting for these working groups.
4. The Ape Foundation can focus on specific mandates which are beneficial to the smooth operation of the DAO.
5. The Ape Foundation can hire and contract third-party teams/providers on an as-needed basis. This also provides the flexibility of being able to switch teams/providers if they fail to perform as expected or if they don't perform as per their mandated KPIs, OKRs or if they don't adhere to strict transparency and accountability guidelines.

STEPS TO IMPLEMENT

Upon passing of this proposal, the following are to take IMMEDIATE effect, and the Ape Foundation is directed to take the following actions:

1. To DISSOLVE the aforementioned working groups and initiate the orderly wind down and completion of previously approved initiatives.
2. To put into effect an orderly wind-down of the operations of any/all activities and entities (e.g. sub-DAOs) associated with the affected working groups as per AIP-239: Working Group Guidelines & The Governance Working Group Charter
3. Prevent the DAO from creating any new working groups (under the existing charters) which are required to be funded by the DAO.

Going forward, and on an as-needed

basis and at its discretion

, this proposal grants the following to the Ape Foundation:

1. Put up RFPs for activities and work which were previously required to be performed by the aforementioned working group. Such RFPs would be based on RFP revisions approved in [AIP-401](#).
2. As per the RFP, hire third-party teams which would be directed to handle all activities previously performed by this WG, and in much the same manner that it hires and contracts attorneys, accountants and other third-party teams and providers needed for its day to day business activities.
3. As per the RFP, without the need or requirement for any additional stewards, the Ape Foundation manage and co-ordinate the consulting and hiring of any third-parties selected by the RFP to perform the required roles with specific KPIs and OKRs which are to be shared with the DAO community.
4. As per above, a new Discourse category called "Job Description" related to either a work for hire request or an RFP so that the DAO community can have the opportunity to participate in such hiring opportunities.

REPORTING EXPECTATIONS

The expectation is that this proposal would be implemented by the DAO's administrative team. The community should regularly review the impact of this proposal. If accepted, the administration and the community should review the impact of the updates after the 3-month period for conflict ends.

OVERALL COST

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

Requests of the APE Foundation:

- Dissolve the aforementioned working groups.
- Pay in full, to affected stewards, any/all amounts that are in arrears.
- Wind-down of the operations of any/all activities and entities.
- Prevent the DAO from creating any new DAO funded working groups [under the existing charters].
- Additionally, at its discretion, the Ape Foundation would put up RFPs for activities and work which were previously required to be performed by the aforementioned working group. As per the RFP, hire third-party teams which would be directed to handle all activities previously performed by this WG.
- Manage and co-ordinate the consulting and hiring of any third-parties selected by the RFP to perform the required roles with specific KPIs and OKRs which are to be shared with the DAO community.
- As needed, display a new Discourse category called "Job Description" related to either a work for hire request or an RFP so that the DAO community can have the opportunity to participate in such hiring opportunities.