

GM ApeCoin Community,

I'm trying out new ways of disseminating information about past voting history that I believe to be pertinent, relevant, and informative. If you have comments or feedback please DM them to me.

Today, I wanted to talk about Abstaining in voting. The option to "Abstain" in voting was implemented courtesy of [AIP-200](#). But have you ever really paid attention to how many voters and/or how much \$APE is spent Abstaining on votes? Ever thought of the possibility that there may have been enough \$APE that had Abstained that could of changed the outcome of an AIP? Or, even crazier to think, that more \$APE voted to Abstain that the combined \$APE voted FOR and AGAINST?

Let me tell you, it has happened before, more than you think and more recently too.

The following is a chart that highlights several AIPs in which the amount of \$APE Abstaining was higher than the voting outcome of said AIP.

AIP

Start of Voting

For

Against

Abstained

Notes:

AIP-409

4/4/2024

563,467.05

1,574,305.91

6,888,028.32

Mocaverse had abstained which accounts for 6.3M \$APE. Additionally, 84 wallets were in Favor, 81 wallets were Against, and 21 abstained.

AIP-292

9/17/2023

3,494,917.90

859,036.91

5,736,532.99

More APE voted to Abstain than the combined APE voting For and Against.

AIP-299

8/31/2023

3,904,468.92

2,420,807.90

3,938,779.11

Only ~34k \$APE more voted to Abstained than FOR.

AIP-256

6/1/2023

2,246,255.61

66,123.61

3,430,472.13

More APE voted to Abstain than the combined APE voting For and Against.

AIP-245

6/1/2023

2,204,893.62

294,593.52

3,458,219.92

More APE voted to Abstain than the combined APE voting For and Against.

AIP-238

6/1/2023

116,308.59

2,190,250.22

3,641,930.46

More APE voted to Abstain than the combined APE voting For and Against.

AIP-233

5/4/2023

200,203.48

730,201.15

2,534,720.92

More APE voted to Abstain than the combined APE voting For and Against.

AIP-215

4/27/2023

1,701,649.93

391,586.14

2,961,039.49

More APE voted to Abstain than the combined APE voting For and Against.

AIP-232

4/20/2023

280,361.30

2,973,571.58

3,851,037.79

More APE voted to Abstain than the combined APE voting For and Against.

AIP-225

4/20/2023

1,079,557.02

2,291,045.09

4,089,175.57

More APE voted to Abstain than the combined APE voting For and Against.

AIP-219

4/20/2023

970,030.42

2,306,090.94

3,706,592.06

More APE voted to Abstain than the combined APE voting For and Against.

AIP-221

3/30/2023

71,221.87

3,260,078.13

3,581,941.79

More APE voted to Abstain than the combined APE voting For and Against.

AIP-118

3/30/2023

422,404.06

1,667,076.04

4,361,082.49

More APE voted to Abstain than the combined APE voting For and Against.

In addition, the following chart highlights which AIPs (exclusive of those above) had enough \$APE abstaining to change the outcome of the AIP.

AIP

Start of Voting

For

Against

Abstained

AIP-222

4/6/2023

3,437,447.78

5,004,499.60

1,702,809.89

AIP-230

4/13/2023

3,865,650.80

2,506,333.03

1,994,244.15

AIP-239

4/20/2023

4,121,824.69

3,268,824.52

2,704,655.41

AIP-209

5/11/2023

5,910,425.63

4,091,995.79

2,558,483.13

AIP-224

5/18/2023

161,246.40

3,693,364.73

3,612,783.40

AIP-179

5/18/2023

794,163.17

3,063,929.04

2,291,311.31

AIP-195

5/25/2023

548,454.37

2,079,155.61

1,867,124.07

AIP-244

5/25/2023

244,855.77

2,091,345.36

2,020,579.25

AIP-242

7/26/2023

1,776,391.60

2,337,356.58

1,569,337.87

AIP-299

8/31/2023

3,904,468.92

2,420,807.90

3,938,779.11

AIP-292

9/07/2023'

3,494,917.90

859,036.91

5,736,532.99

AIP-334

10/19/2023

9,366,556.24

9,440,735.83

1,827,418.65

AIP-349

11/30/2023

10,031,635.98

10,911,051.13

1,925,357.79

AIP-376

1/18/2024

7,506,413.23

6,540,253.02

2,911,464.73

AIP-409

4/4/2024

563,467.05

1,574,305.91

6,888,028.32

AIP-459

8/1/2024

11,333,655.07

11,585,329.21

699,584.42

As we can see from the charts above, voting does matter and I think maybe we should start taking a look into why so much \$APE is spent Abstaining.

For a more comprehensive breakdown of AIP voting history please see my other post: information about voting in AIPs, please see my other post: [ApeCoin AIP Information Dashboard](#)