

# SEED Latam | Regarding the selection of the new badgeholders for our members.

This week is an important one for the Optimism Collective, as Friday (tomorrow) is the last day for badge holders to turn in their voting badges to new members to expand the Citizen House and launch retroPGF3.

Although it was not a [requirement](#), as a community that honors the values of decentralization and transparency, we asked our members [@Joxes](#) and [@CryptoChica](#), holders of the current badges, to post who they decided to give their new voting badge to, and they readily agreed:

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Joxes nomination for retroPGF3 Hello all! Joxes here, this time reaching out to share an important update as a badgeholder. I'm thrilled to announce that I have distributed my additional voting badge to a very deserving individual - Lucy Aguilar. Choosing a new badgeholder Since the announcement of the retroPGF3 and continuation of the badgeholders from the previous round, I have been thinking about how to distribute my voting badge in such a way that my decision impacts as positively as possi...

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I have nominated [@JoaoKury](#) as a #badgeholder for #RPGF3 I believe it is crucial to have a badgeholder from Brazil

I hope this helps generate greater awareness in the region about the optimistic vision and adds to the diversity of perspectives. I met João at [ETH Samba](#) in March this year, and we had a brief conversation and have stayed in touch with the promise of doing something together in governance. Months passed, and we met again at the side event of [@SEEDLatam](#) in [ETH Argentina](#) la...

However, we believe that we have failed in our communication, since some people made [public](#) their disagreement about the election of our members. We believe it is important to demand this type of communication and transparency (we have demanded it) as long as it is a framework of respect and well-intentioned, informed questions. For this reason, in this post, our members will expand on their communication about their selection.

We would also like to clarify some points that have been mentioned:

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It wouldn't surprise me if these votes are kept private because the majority are already committed to projects in the EthKipu and SeedLatAm ecosystems. It looks like the LatAm Optimism ecosystem is redefining impact = profit with cronyism = profit.

As is our spirit we make everything public and in community. The Joxes delegation, besides voting in community makes all its decisions public, this can be found in the [Delegates Communication Thread](#). Even the retroPGF2 voting was also public and [@Carlosjmelgar](#) also attended and presented his web3beach project to the community.

We leave the links of the votes, justifications of the votes and how was our voting process:

- [10th Governance Call SEED Latam](#)
- [RetroPGF2 Joxes Voting Rationale](#)
- [Snapshot SEED Latam Community Vote](#)

This will continue, I encourage you to follow our posts in this forum or you can attend our governance calls.

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Are we seeing seed latam attempt an early sybil attack on rpgf round 3 ?

This is a malicious and baseless message. We suggest the reading of the logic behind a [sybil attack](#) and also read the [retroFPG](#) rules.

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I've been trying to raise awareness around this concern for months. It seems that SEED Latam and/or ETH Kipu (same founders and social circle) have also been associating themselves with [forkdao](#), an infamous coup group that has been gaming grants across the ecosystem, specializing in [staging their presence](#) and [appropriating from the impact of other projects](#). Forkdao has even got away with submitting two different [#1](#), [#2](#)) Bitcoin Grants in R18 for exactly the same

project.

SEED Latam is a big ecosystem, we have been working since April 2020. We interact with a large number of communities and builders in Latam and other regions, our members also participate in other initiatives. We make this clear from day 0, in [SEED Latam - General Communication Thread](#). This is common in crypto we are few people doing many things.

[ETHKipu](#) is a much bigger ecosystem than ours, surely many of its contributors are part of other initiatives.

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Team Core:

- [@candufaz](#): Team leader at SEED Latam | Building [Nata Social](#)
- [@CryptoChica](#): Governance Coordinator at SEED Latam | Co Founder ETHKipu
- [@0xLocoPacha](#): Product Desing SEED Latam | Designer ETHKipu
- [@Joxes](#) Research at Wonderland | Leading L2 Español | SEED Latam delegate for Optimism
- Manu: comms at Defiant App | Ethereum Argentina | CM at SEED Latam

Our contributors:

- [@AxIVaz](#): Contributor at SEED Latam | External contributor at Layer 2 and Optimism Español
- [@NicoProducto](#) leading Optimism Español | SEED Latam contributor
- Noa: Core member L2 Español | Founder DeFi Argentina | SEED Latam contributor.
- [@imlola](#): ETHKipu | Ethereum Argentina | Sovereign Finance AVC member SEED Latam [@tomate](#) founder
- [@Netrim](#): Collaborator for Optimism's delegate platform at SEED Latam
- [@Pumbi](#): contributor at Optimism Español, Solow core member | ETH Paraguay
- Crisincrypto: Criptocuriosas core member | Moderator Sovereign Finance AVC SEED Latam

[ForkDAO](#) is one of the many communities that relate to SEED Latam, as well as others such as [Solow](#), [Mujeres en Crypto](#), [Kairos research](#), [EthLima](#), [Desci Latam](#) and dozens of other communities. How we relate to other communities is described in Section 7 of our bylaws, you can read it [here](#).

If you have proof of such strong accusations as the ones you mention we recommend you to post them in the discord channel destined to this kind of accusations you make, here is the link: [Optimism](#) and you can also ask for help to [@lavande](#).

## Final Words and Reflection

We acknowledge the dissatisfaction voiced by some regarding the selection of badgeholders. This sentiment underscores that there's still considerable room for refining the process. Additionally, we believe it's crucial to review and enhance the badgeholders' selection system, introducing modifications that allow nominators to provide a rationale and make their choices transparent to the community.

Our communication channels remain open for discussing these matters. Together, we can build a more robust and effective governance for Optimism.

Stay Optimistic!