

The DAO

ApeCoin DAO exists because decentralized governance is critical to building and managing a globally dispersed community—and therefore critical to the success of the APE ecosystem. ApeCoin is governed by and for the community. If you hold ApeCoin, you're automatically a part of the DAO and able to participate in governance by putting forward and voting on APE Improvement Proposals (AIPs).

The Foundation

The APE Foundation serves the ApeCoin DAO to steward the growth and development of the APE ecosystem in a fair and inclusive way. It utilizes the Ecosystem Fund, which is controlled by a multisig wallet, to pay its expenses as directed by the ApeCoin DAO and provides an infrastructure for ApeCoin holders to collaborate through [open and permissionless processes](#).

Discourse

Discourse is an open source discussion platform and the first stop for all AIPs. Here, members of the community can discuss matters of relevance to the ecosystem and provide feedback on AIPs. This informal dialectic helps AIP authors to strengthen their proposals and promotes AIPs that are informed by values and goals of the community.

Proposal Process

Discourse is used for idea generation, community discussion, and the preparation of the AIP Draft. A brief description of the process is below. See the [Proposal Process](#) on the ApeCoin website for further details.

- All Topics submitted in Discourse must be approved by a moderator. If it is rejected, you will be contacted by a moderator directly. If approved, it is open for 7 days.
- When the Topic is closed, a moderator will message the author of the Topic directly in Discourse to put together the AIP Draft.
- The AIP Draft will go through the moderation, analysis, and review process.
- Moderators will update the community on the status of the Topics in the comments after the Topic is closed.
- Approved AIPs will be put on Snapshot for vote.

Voting Process

All Live AIPs will be posted for vote at the [ApeCoin DAO Snapshot](#). A brief summary of the process is below. See the [Voting section](#) on the ApeCoin website for further details.

- New AIPs are posted on the first and third Thursday of each month at 9PM ET, and close 13 days later on Wednesday at 9PM ET.
- ApeCoin DAO members may delegate their votes to another ApeCoin DAO member. Delegation must occur prior to the posting of the AIP on Snapshot.

How to Start?

- Read [AIP Drafts](#) or [Ideas](#) from other DAO members and engage by replying with a comment or submit your own
- Review AIPs currently up for a vote at [Live AIPs](#)
- Review previously passed or rejected AIPs at [Final AIPs](#)
- Learn about structuring your AIP by viewing templates available at [Help & Resources](#)
- Stay in touch with the community by learning more about [General](#) topics currently under discussion as well as live [Events](#) related to ApeCoin
- Learn from the community by: reviewing [frequently asked questions](#) in the ApeCoin community, reading through [best practices for staying safe online](#), and [getting help](#) from the community

Guidelines for Engagement on Discourse

- This is a Civilized Place for Public Discussion

- Please treat this discussion forum with the same respect you would a public park. We, too, are a shared community resource — a place to share skills, knowledge and interests through ongoing conversation. These are not hard and fast rules. They are guidelines to aid the human judgment of our community and keep this a kind, friendly place for civilized public discourse.
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- Improve the Discussion
- Help us make this a great place for discussion by always adding something positive to the discussion, however small. If you are not sure your post adds to the conversation, think over what you want to say and try again later.
- One way to improve the discussion is by discovering ones that are already happening. Spend time browsing the topics here before replying or starting your own, and you'll have a better chance of meeting others who share your interests.
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- Be Agreeable, Even When You Disagree
- You may wish to respond by disagreeing. That's fine. But remember to criticize ideas, not people. Please avoid:
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 - Ad hominem attacks
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- Your Participation Counts

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- If You See a Problem, Flag It
- Moderators have special authority; they are responsible for this forum. But so are you. With your help, moderators can be community facilitators, not just janitors or police.
- When you see bad behavior, don't reply. Replying encourages bad behavior by acknowledging it, consumes your energy, and wastes everyone's time. Just flag it. If enough flags accrue, action will be taken, either automatically or by moderator intervention.
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- Always Be Civil
- Nothing sabotages a healthy conversation like rudeness:
- Be civil. Don't post anything that a reasonable person would consider offensive, abusive, or hate speech.
- Keep it clean. Don't post anything obscene or sexually explicit.
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- Keep It Tidy
- Make the effort to put things in the right place, so that we can spend more time discussing and less cleaning up. So:
- Don't start a topic in the wrong category; please read the category definitions.
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