PROPOSAL NAME

Special Council To Propose Voting System Reform

TEAM DESCRIPTION

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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 best software developers and publishers around the world, and my works have been featured in various online and print magazines around the world.

You can learn more about me on my professionalLinkedIn page.

PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION

1. The Special Council, as an "advisory board" acting at the behest of the DAO, is directed to submit a comprehensive plan targeted at DAO voting reform.

2. The plan would be posted in a Discourse thread and should include Quadratic Voting and shield voting.

3. Unless the Special Council can show cause for why it believes that it does not

have the authority to revise the voting system without a DAO vote, it is required implement a voting reform plan as directed by this proposal.

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It has long been held that the DAO voting system is woefully ineffective; and to the extent that it has:

- Stifled the growth of the DAO

- Prevented impactful and consequential AIPs from being passed

- Caused significant amounts of the treasury to be disbursed without merit

- Caused individuals to be voted into positions even though they lack not only the experience and skills required for said positions

- Has led to the lack of confidence in our DAO where the moral is very low wrt this issue

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Given the value of pre-existing whale wallets, coupled with [credible] reports of BendDAO increasing to +9M $APE wallet delegation (which has thus far seated and will seat more people* in the DAO), we MUST

fix our voting system instead of just talking and complaining

about it.

In my opinion, and based on the DAO formation precedent, the Special Council has the authority to address our voting deficiencies because the original voting system was not created via a DAO vote. And so, there is seemingly no requirement

for there to be a DAO vote to revise it, especially since whale wallets will undoubtedly kill it anyway. This is no different from

the Special Council deciding to change the Discourse forum to use another software. Similarly, we use Snapshot, we can switch to Tally. No AIP or voting needed because they are administration functions of the DAO and which fall under the purview of the Special Council.

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Though it is a first step, quadratic voting is also inadequate in some regard, and cannot be relied upon solely to fix this incident problem.

*Hazel, DavidCrypto, Johnny Lee, Yumi et al

[ApeCoin DAO Governance](#)

[ApeCoin DAO Voting Mechanism](#)

[AIP-1](#): Proposing The DAO Process

[AIP-2](#): Voting Process

[AIP-318](#): ApeCoin DAO Voting Reforms (extensive, but later withdrawn

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[Change the Voting Type to Improve Decentralization and Fairness in Governance](#)

[Quadratic Voting Threat Assessment](#) // excellent posts by [@CEOofWeb3.0](#)

[Towards an Ideal governance System : Beyond 1 $APE = 1 Vote](#)

[Snapshot Voting Strategies](#)

- [anti-Whale](#)

- [erc20-balance-of-quadratic-delegation](#)

- [tech-quadratic-ranked-choice](#)

- [ticket based](#)

Research Paper - [DAO voting mechanism resistant to whale and collusion problems](#)

Wikipedia - [Quadratic Voting](#)

BENEFIT TO APECOIN ECOSYSTEM

Fixing the pre-existing linear voting system and changing to, at a bare minimum, quadratic voting augmented with other safeguards, removes the influence of whale wallets in our voting system and ensures a free and fair AIP voting system.

STEPS TO IMPLEMENT

1. Within 7 working days of this AIP passing, the Special Council working together with the GwG, are directed to create a Discourse thread outlining their plans to improve and revise the pre-existing voting system.

2. The aforementioned plan would include the processes, the methods, and the software required for this revision. For clarity, any such voting reform plan would include mandatory implementation of the following:

3. Quadratic voting

4. Sybil-resistance procedures for the above

5. Shielded voting during the voting period such that user vote choices and results are kept private until the end of the voting period

6. Such a revision to the voting system must be tested, implemented and deployed within 30 working days of the AIP passing.

7. Unless the Ape Foundation, via the Special Council acting at the behest of the DAO, can show (via item #1

above) cause for why it believes that it does not

have the authority to revise the voting system without a DAO vote, it is hereby directed to revise the pre-existing voting system within the specified time frame above.

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