Category:

Informational

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ABSTRACT

This AIP draft outlines a change in structure for the ApeCoin Forum to better suit the needs of the proposal process, governance, education, and community in general.

MOTIVATION

Currently this forum is structured in a way that is entirely centric to the AIP process and isn't conducive to other discussions. This keeps the forum itself from becoming a vibrant place for discussion about AIP-related topics, workstreams that might be inspired by the work of the DAO, as well as for general community growth and camaraderie.

RATIONALE

This is a relatively simple change, which would require no additional cost, but would add a lot of value. The ApeCoin forum serves as the main hub for the ApeCoin DAO, and improving its structure would likely be a big benefit to the community.

KEY TERMS

- Discourse

: The forum software that's currently in use by ApeCoin

- subcategory

: This refers to a Discourse feature, which allows for nesting categories within parent categories

SPECIFICATIONS

The forum structure would be as follows:

Start Here └── Announcements Live AIPs General └── Events AIP Ideas AIP Drafts └── Core: Ecosystem Fund Allocation └── Core: Brand Decision └── Process └── Informational Final AIPs └── Implemented AIPs └── Accepted AIPs └── Rejected AIPs Help & Resources └── FAQs └── Get Help └── Stay Safe

RESTRUCTURING WHAT'S ALREADY HERE

First, I'm proposing that we rearrange from an entirely flat category layout to something that better utilizes the features of Discourse, and moves things into logical subcategories.

- AIP Ideas becomes its own category, which would have the 7 day topic auto-close timer built in

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ADDING AN AREA FOR FINAL AIPS

Currently the forum structure only accounts for AIPs that are underway with a vote. Once a vote is over, they are considered Final, and would fall into one of two categories:

1. Implemented AIPs

These AIPs are considered final, and complete in their execution. Examples of this include AIP-1 and AIP-2.

1. Accepted AIPs

These are AIPs that have been passed by the DAO by way of Snapshot vote.

1. Rejected AIPs

These are AIPs that have not been passed by the DAO. Rejected AIPs can be resubmitted based on the workflow outlined in AIP-1.

CHANGING THE DEFAULT LANDING PAGE

By default Discourse is set to view the "Topics" view. Unfortunately this makes discovery of the various categories difficult. It also tends to focus the discussion only around the most recent posts at any given time, which is not conducive for a forum with a wide range of topics.

Therefore I propose that we switch to the "Categories and Latest Topics" setting by default. It would look like this:

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And it's set in the Discourse settings like this:

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ADDING HELPFUL CATEGORIES

The ApeCoin forum can become a living, de facto home for all things ApeCoin, that doesn't require the apecoin.com website to change.

But getting there would require adding a couple new categories

1. Start Here

This would set up a handful of important topics that would help initiate a new forum participant into the DAO. This could be locked for replies to keep the content tight.

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1. General

2. Events

This would be a spot to stay informed on all the different events (like live events, meetups, Twitter spaces) related to ApeCoin.

1. Help & Resources

This would be a broad category, mostly relying on its subcategories. Posting would be locked entirely at the top-level category and only allowed in subcategories. * FAQs

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STEPS TO IMPLEMENT

1. The ApeCoin forum moderators would need to set up the category/subcategory structure, which would include renaming some categories, as well as adding new ones

2. The [Voting plugin](#) would need to be installed and configured for the Ideas

category

1. The default landing page would need to be changed as per the specification

2. Add new topics within categories such as Start Here

and the Help & Resources

category and subcategories that would help guide people

TIMELINE

This would be determined by the ApeCoin Forum Moderators, but all of the above could be completed in under a day.

OVERALL COST

There is no cost to this change.