

Proposal Name

Create Custom "Beta Tester" Forum Badge

Proposal Category

Process

Abstract

Embracing the values of the DAO, Hangout and Vulkan have taken the initiative to establish a Beta Testing Group, offering invaluable feedback on projects free of charge. Open to all who wish to participate, from users to project contributors, the group has already successfully completed its initial version. Now, it is time to elevate the program by introducing policies, procedures, and structure. To achieve this, this proposal suggests creating a custom "Beta Tester" badge on the Forum, symbolizing legitimacy and fostering a sense of belonging and accomplishment for its members.

Future plans encompass expanding the program's scope, reaching beyond the DAO, and providing user feedback to external projects. Additionally, the group aims to act as a bridge between communities, encouraging interaction and coordination, resulting in enhanced opportunities for collaboration.

Author Description

This proposal is co-authored by Hangout and [@Vulkan](#)

Hangout is a veteran of early-stage enterprise. Founded two international head hunting businesses (2 exits), working currently on a 3rd recruitment venture in the Crypto Space. Member of WG0 and sometime Regular on Discourse.

Vulkan is a Secretary of the DAO (via AIP-239) and the author of a DAO Newsletter called "The Bulletin Bored" (via AIP-66). He also has 10+ years of experience as a software tester.

Motivation

This proposal seeks to embody the community's values by promoting Boldness, encouraging members not to shy away from embracing the weird, the hard, or the new. The core motivation lies in collaboration with the ApeCoin Community.

The proposed badge aims to imbue the Beta Testing Group with credibility and foster a profound sense of achievement and community among its participants. As the program evolves, it will play a pivotal role in enhancing project quality, not only within the DAO but also in external ventures, thanks to the incorporation of valuable user feedback. This group would act as a bridge between communities with interaction and coordination leading to increased opportunities for collaboration.

Equality is at the heart of this initiative, affirming that "One APE equals one APE," valuing each member's contribution equally. Any Ape can effortlessly contribute by joining the Beta Testing community.

Rationale

The Beta Testing Group's primary goal is to offer feedback that enhances project quality and ensures the community's voice is heard, aligning perfectly with the principle of Collective Responsibility, leaving everything better than we found it.

Transparent processes and decisions are foundational to this proposal, harmonizing with the community's value of Transparency. Badges serve as a transparent representation of the value provided.

Benefit to ApeCoin Ecosystem

The custom "Beta Tester" badge will kindle a profound sense of camaraderie and pride among the participants, fostering greater engagement within the group. Additionally, this initiative marks the beginning of outreach efforts to external communities, facilitating collaboration and cooperation with the DAO community, in harmony with the Persistence value, understanding that success is an ouroboros, not a straight line.

Specifications

A custom Forum badge will be developed, showcasing the title "Beta Tester" and the description "Participant of the Beta Testing Program." The badge image will be thoughtfully designed and selected by the Community to accurately represent the Testing Group's purpose.

Steps to Implement

1. The Community Discourse Facilitator Team (with the assistance of the DAO Administrator team) will create a custom Forum Badge.
2. Badge Name = "Beta Tester"
3. Badge Description = "Participant of the Beta Testing Program"

4. Badge Image = Selected by Facilitators to accurately reflect a Testing Group
5. Badge Group = "Community"
6. Hangout will coordinate with the Community Discourse Facilitator Team to manually add the badge to the correct users.

Timeline

The implementation will begin immediately upon approval.

Overall Cost

\$0 (It will be realized through existing resources and the collective efforts of the community).