

Abstract

This AIP is to add an initial community support level into the AIP governance process so the AIP Idea must reach a certain number of votes prior to being able to continue in the AIP governance process. The purpose is to ensure that there exists community members that support the idea so that it is prudent and reasonable for the community to spend its resources to proceed with the idea.

Motivation

The motivation of this AIP is to concentrate community resources - both members and the Foundation's - to ideas and proposals that are meaningful to the community. The intent would be to only exclude the AIPs that have no community support to using these resources.

The concept of adding intermediate thresholds in addition to the final voting is not uncommon in DAO governance. Some DAOs call this an initial temperature check; other DAOs require a certain level of engagement from an author prior to being able to submit a proposal.

The purpose of this AIP is to add that concept to the AIP governance process and in the form of an initial community support.

Rationale

The rationale for adding an initial community support is so that the community can focus all their energy, attention, and scrutiny to AIPs that have at least some initial community support.

This initial community support is 1 user = 1 vote, regardless of the number of ApeCoin held. It is not intended to have larger ApeCoin holders push through their proposals, but rather intended to not proceed with proposals that have limited or zero community support.

There may be concerns that an author can create more Discourse users and vote their proposal to meet the initial community support level. However, that would be no different compared to the current AIP governance process where an author continues through the governance process nonetheless. This proposed idea either (i) makes it a bit harder to do so or (ii) does some filtering for more engaged proposals to proceed forward.

Specifications

This AIP proposes to implement this concept on Discourse.

In a previously community accepted AIP, [AIP-7](#) has already added the [Discourse topic voting plugin](#) to [forum.apecoin.com](#). This plugin has already been enabled and users can vote on Discourse topics right now.

However, the AIP governance process does not use or take into account this number. This AIP proposes to include in the AIP governance process that an AIP Idea needs a minimum number of votes before it can proceed to an AIP Draft. The proposed threshold is 5 votes.

If the 5 votes are received on the topic, then it proceeds to the AIP Draft phase.

Steps to Implement

In the current AIP governance process, the steps to AIP Draft are as follows:

- an author submits an AIP Idea, which is approved by the moderators
- a discussion ensues for 7 days (or more if extended) before it is closed
- after it is closed, the author ensures or submits the AIP in the [AIP Draft Template](#)
- once received, the moderator moves the topic to AIP Drafts and the moderator review process begins

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- once received, the moderator checks that the topic has received the minimum threshold of votes (currently proposed to be 5)
- if 5 or more votes have been received, the moderator moves the topic to AIP Drafts and the moderator review process begins
- if 5 or more votes have not been received, the moderator responds to the author that the topic must meet the threshold prior to moving forward

Furthermore, in the current AIP governance process, an AIP is withdrawn if there has not been a response in 30 days from the author.

In the proposed AIP governance process, it would add that if the AIP Idea has not received 5 or more votes in 30 days from when the AIP Idea closed, then the AIP Idea is withdrawn due to low initial community support.

In an effort to practice what is being proposed, this AIP Idea will not move forward to AIP Drafts unless it receives 5 or more votes on this topic. If it does not receive 5 or more votes within 30 days after this topic is closed, it will be withdrawn by request. I will not vote on the topic.

Timeline

The proposed timeline is to put this into practice immediately after it is accepted.

Cost

There are no direct costs to this AIP.