Time Management in Arbitrum's Governance

Informational Non-Constitutional AIP

Summary

To optimize time and organization, we propose that all Snapshot voting, that is, Phase 1 (as displayed on our diagram on the details of the proposal below), start on Monday of each week.

This will be organized as follows:

- 17 Votes for what remains of this 2023 (starting from September)

- 53 Votes throughout 2024

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Motivation

On April 2nd, the Arbitrum governance presented its first proposal for discussion. Since then, the forum has received about 39 proposals covering a variety of topics and motivations. Although most of these discussions have been managed in an orderly manner, an increase in the volume of daily proposals could lead to the disorganization of the DAO and an overload of work for the voters.

The order and predictability of the dates aim to make the DAO more efficient without losing its dynamism.

Justification

We consider it necessary to establish the basic infrastructure for the DAO. Therefore, we propose an improvement in the scheduling of proposals. As time goes on, we are likely to see more and more proposals being published; this growth in proposals is fundamental for Arbitrum's success, so we must be organized so that the flow of voting and proposal is as clear and simple as possible.

Details of the Proposal

Currently, the procedure to bring an AIP to a vote is as follows:

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A proposal can be sent to Snapshot (by an address with a weighted vote of 0.01%) randomly any day of the week.

We propose that proposals only be sent to Snapshot every Monday so that the votes start at the beginning of the week. The votes for 1 month would look something like this:

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Considerations

- More than one proposal can be sent to Snapshot. This depends on the delegates who pass the proposals to vote.

- This schedule does not interfere with the security council voting process.

- Proposals should be sent to Snapshots every Monday from 00:00 until 23:59.

- If a proposal is not sent to Snapshot the Monday after its publication, it can still be sent in the following weeks.

- There may be some Mondays when there are no proposals to publish.

- In case the Arbitrum Foundation integrates a Governance Facilitator, this should ensure that the schedule is followed.

We also have to emphasize that given the nature of onchain governance, this proposal isn't necessarily binding to delegates - since delegates can still push proposals at any moment, so it simply serves as a recommendation for better organizational practices and forum guidelines, making Arbitrum's governance more predictable for both contributors and voters.

Timeline

This proposal, if accepted, can be implemented immediately since it is not necessary to implement a smart contract or move funds. It can also start 1 or 2 weeks after being voted on.

General Cost

This AIP does not require funds.

Prior to this proposal, we had sent an RFC to the forum, you can read it here

We would like to thank [@menaskop](#) and [@DisruptionJoe](#) for their feedback on this proposal.