Dear CoW DAO Community,

We're pleased to provide an update on the nomination process for what we previously called the CoW DAO Delegate Council. Based on our review process and community feedback, we've made some important changes and decisions.

Program Name Change

The grants committee has reviewed all applications. We're pleased to announce that all applicants have met our criteria and will be welcomed as Recognized Delegates. This inclusive approach aligns with our goal of fostering diverse representation within our governance structure.

Application Update

We received 11 applications for the delegate program, demonstrating strong interest from our community in shaping the future of CoW DAO.

Grants Committee Insights

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List of Recognized Delegates

We are excited to introduce our initial cohort of Recognized Delegates:

1. Bigpapa

2. Dean Eigenmann

3. Eylon

4. Joel

5. Curia Lab

6. kubesqrt

7. Chim9

8. Karpatkey

9. MasterMojo

10. Blockworks Research

11. middleway.eth

12. yvesfracari

Please note that submissions for Recognized Delegates will remain open after the launch, allowing for continued community participation and representation.

Governance Working Group

In addition to their delegate responsibilities, the initial cohort of Recognized Delegates will be invited to participate in a governance working group. The goal of this group is to continuously iterate and improve CoW DAO governance, ensuring our processes remain effective and aligned with community needs.

Next Steps

1. We invite each delegate to introduce themselves in the comments below, sharing their vision and approach to representation.

2. Each delegate will create their delegate profile on the Snapshot delegate dashboard, (Detailed instructions will be provided soon), and receive a dedicate "Recognized Delegate" badge.

3. Update to CoW DAO's snapshot settings is being worked on in this repository, intended to introduce split delegation strategy, update CoW DAO's snapshot space with the new branded icon, and update the oSnap plugin to the newest version adding tenderly simulations.

4. Once the update is ready, a proposal will be posted to implement the new changed to CoW DAO's Snapshot settings.

5. In parallel, a delegation campaign is being worked on to launch after the new registry is implemented and Recognized Delegates have introduced themselves.

Community Engagement

We encourage all community members to engage with our Recognized Delegates. Read their introductions in the comments, ask questions, and consider their perspectives as you make delegation decisions.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in shaping the future of our community.