

NEAR: All things NDC

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A/ Decentralization:

- Decentralization is shifting the locus of power away from one central node to several smaller nodes. A decentralized ecosystem will make NEAR anti-fragile, resilient, censorship-resistant, adaptable, and inclusive. Community ownership also matters because NEAR was always designed to be run and owned by its community.
- Pillars of decentralization: Funding, Protocol operations, Core development, Ecosystem services.
- Near foundation exists to help bootstrap and support the creation of an autonomous and decentralized near ecosystem. This autonomous and decentralized ecosystem progresses, then the role of the foundation shrinks and changes over time. That's why initiatives such as the community-led formation of the GWG are very exciting and crucial.
- The NEAR Foundation has 3 mandates: raising awareness of near supporting the growth of the new ecosystem and championing decentralization

B/ NDC:

- NDC's core goal is to create a governance framework for community self-serve governance, including community operations. The NDC governs the Community Treasury and distributes those funds to the community in a transparent way.
- Intro: Ozymandius - Constitution and Governance Working Group; William - Lead of the legal working group; Sarah - Communications lead; Max - growing our developer community; AVB - marketing dental council members; Chris - General Counsel at the Near Foundation and helping NDC & GWG with the legal working group.
- February 2023: the 5.7 million in Near will be transferred to the Community Treasury which will have trustees and then be allocated from the NDC to these grassroots DAOs. You can check the amount that the ecosystem community owns in the NEAR Q3 transparency report and over time, it will be transferred over.
- To get funding: We're gonna have this community treasury in February and we'll be funding the grassroots DAOs at first. So people can go to the grassroots DAOs and request funding there. About the future, we are actively proposing governance models. You can read our progress and follow our Twitter accounts to get involved.
- Timeline for the requirements for the governing councils: There are a lot of dependencies on certain voting mechanisms that need to be in place and things of that nature. Once we've solidified that timeline, we'll communicate that to the broader community.

C/ GWG:

- The governance working group is a working group that's assembled from the community and committed to delivering governance for the ecosystem. GWG is specifically working on creating robust governance platforms that reflect Web3 space and allow anyone anywhere to access them.
- V0 - the first milestone, bringing that Community Treasury online and appointing trustees from the community to manage that treasury in February 2023. In V0, the

grassroots DAOs will receive funding of 5.7 million NEAR from the treasury. The DAOs will set up some relevant KPIs and issue funding requests to the trustees for review and approval. So we have the trustees help manage the trust at this stage of V0 governance to ensure that it's managed well and that the grassroots DAOs' needs are met.

- V1 governance will be proposed to the community and voted for adoption. adding the benefit of our first governance system for the ecosystem via elected councils of governing bodies and additional on-chain processes to manage the treasury instead of just the trustees. Please be on the lookout for the announcement to run for office for these governing bodies. It's not the fully decentralized vision of the ecosystem and needs to take place over time in a pragmatic fashion.
- V2 and beyond: eliminating further centralization of decision-making.
- We have an opening for a project manager now and there'll be some other openings over time. It's also really based on a volunteer basis. We're looking for good community feedback and would appreciate your help.

D/ MKT DAO:

- Community funding: the review process is about having a strong alignment with the NEAR Foundation. The guidelines posted on the governance forum have all the details and that money in any category can be spent in ways that can beyond any reasonable doubt. We try to prioritize the highest impact activities or efforts that always strive to increase quality over time, etc.
- Contribute your feedback: go to the Marketing DAO on the governance forum, and you can start contributing. It's the best way to be noticed and probably elevated to a decision-making role. Internally, we're also trying to define the timeline to bring in the role of advisors. The two most recent council members joined in January 2022. We will keep everyone posted on the advisor program.
- Contribute your proposal: We always had a concept around passion projects. We're introducing the notion of bounties so that we request specific work in specific areas. The best way to engage would be to identify which areas you think you can create the most value in and then reach out to us. We started last year with our Twitter account (<https://twitter.com/MarketingDAOers>), had our first AMA, partnership with NEARWEEK and we're also looking for more ways to have engagement. There is also content creators working group - and the aim is to create higher-quality content for the new ecosystem and more of it.

E/ Creatives DAO:

NEAR Foundation we're currently working with concerned parties on their proposal to get Creatives DAO up and running. The timeline to resume Creatives Dao and other related details will be announced soon.

F/ Developer DAO:

- We welcome any kind of ideas that you as developers might have and we want to be extremely permissionless. So whether you have some problems to share, ideas, proposals, maybe funding requests, or you're just simply looking for some people to bounce their ideas, just drop them into our gigs board.
(<https://near.social/#/mob.near/widget/MyPage?accountId=devgovgigs.near>)