

Burnination Burnout Proposal Fix Thing

The problem:

Currently, burnination of posts is happening haphazardly, being undertaken by a small pool of users who are burning out under the volume of questions. In an ideal world poorly tagged questions would be retagged or deleted and the tag never used. To prevent valuable site users burning out we are proposing that a new class of moderator be created.

The proposal:

This moderator would not have powers similar to current mods. They would have powers purely related to post content.

Mod Powers:

- Binding close votes on tagged questions
- Higher weighted delete votes
- Powers limited to one tag

These people would be selected from a willing pool of volunteers. Appointments can be by popular vote (less preferred) or chosen by CM's. This would ensure that the user with these powers is a trusted member of the community.

These people would be charged with controlling the quality of that tag/undertaking burnination of a specific tag. They would not be looking at user behaviour, simply making sure that questions meet quality standards.

For a burnination, this would allow a trusted user to rapidly sort through questions, editing and closing as appropriate without having to have Mjölnir powers for that tag. It would also reduce the workload required to fully burninate a bad tag.

How this would work in practice:

1. Tag burnination request posted to Meta.
2. Community votes on burnination request as normal
3. Users interested in assisting with burnination indicate so in answers to the question, giving reasons why they think they would be good choices.
4. CM chooses X users who volunteered where the size of X is decided based on the number of questions with that tag.
5. Those users are granted temporary powers listed above.
6. Users have Y time period to clean up that tag where Y is again a function of the number of questions in the tag, padded so that these people aren't forced to devote every waking hour to the task.

This is in addition to the proposal [here](<http://meta.stackoverflow.com/q/334584/2357233>) about freezing tags that are up for burnination.

We believe that this proposal balances out keeping the site clean, keeping users from burnout and ensuring that these powers can't be abused.