Towards a Fellowship of Ethereum Magicians

Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.
— Arthur C. Clarke

We propose to create a Fellowship within which the Ethereum community can self-organize to maximize technical opportunities, share ideas and work together effectively, online and in person, across national, organizational and other boundaries.

Fellowship Vision

- **The Goal.** To keep Ethereum *The Best It Can Technically Be*.
- **The Mission.** To *Nurture Community Consensus* on the technical direction and specification of Ethereum.
- **The Work.** Primarily, high-quality *Ethereum Improvement Proposals* (EIPs), accepted by a consensus of the Community.

Fellowship Principles

- **Open Process.** Any interested person can participate in the work, know what is being decided, and make his or her voice heard on the issue.
- **Individual Participation.** Membership is not formal. We are a Fellowship of individuals rather than organizations, companies, governments or interest groups.
- **Technical Responsibility.** The Fellowship accepts responsibility for all aspects of the Ethereum protocol specification. The

Fellowship may take responsibility for related specifications proposed to it in the future.

- **Technical Competence.** The Fellowship seeks consensus on proposals where we have the necessary competence. The Fellowship is willing to listen to technically competent input from any source.
- **"Rough Consensus and Running Code."** Consensus is not unanimity or majority vote. Rather, it is based on the combined technical judgement of our participants and our real-world experience in implementing and deploying our specifications.

Fellowship Practices

- **Online Presence**
  - Curated web pages, including information about the Fellowship, a calendar of upcoming events, and links to useful resources.
  - Accessible discussion forums, with at least a threaded web interface and email integration.
- **In-Person Work**
  - Triannual meetings, two coordinated with Devcon and EthCC and one in July.
  - Meetups, discussions, presentations, workshops, hackathons, and other relevant activities. These can organized by participants on an ad-hoc basis or with the sponsorship of the Fellowship.
- **Iterative Workflow**
  - Participants do research, gain experience, present their work, and make proposals.
  - Proposals are discussed and reworked, online and in person, until consensus is reached.