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Escher Discord Server Proposal

A proposal to bring the Escher Discord server under the ownership of the Escher House. It will still be an **OPTIONAL** form of communication.

All items below PASSED.

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Background and Motivation: The Escher Discord Server has become increasingly relevant to a greater number of House members to the point that it is for the House as a whole to take on a greater role in its administration. Outlined herein is a proposal to transfer ownership of the Escher Discord server to the people of the Escher House.

1) **Administrator**:

> The House President shall take on the Administrator and Server Owner role on the Discord Server throughout the duration of their term. This role does not require as intense moderation as the Moderator role below.

- In addition, there shall be a neutral "Escher President" Discord account that is the owner of the Discord server. It is passed on to each president as they enter their term. It shall delegate moderator powers to those selected for the role.

1a) Administrator Powers:

- The Administrator's power is solely:
  - The power to overturn disciplinary actions by a moderator should they deem the actions unfair.
    - If the Administrator/President refuses to overturn the decision and the affected person(s) believe this was unjust, they may seek resolution through the Judiciary Committee.
  - To delegate moderator powers to those holding the positions under section 2 at the beginning of each term.
- The President (or delegate) has no obligation to use the President's account except when assigning moderators at the beginning of a contract period or to overturn a disciplinary action.

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- The administrator/president(s) also have all moderator powers.

1b) Delegation of Administrator Powers:

- The House President may delegate this administrative power to one officer if desired.

  - This officer may not be a moderator.

- The <u>only</u> server owner may be the Escher House President Discord account.

2) Moderator:

- Role: This person would be in charge of moderating the server and creating a healthy environment for our house. They will need to be active on discord and not be notified about what is happening on the server. Upon passage of this proposal, the Social Chair and the Tech Team members (including the Tech Advisor) will be given this role. This may be amended at any time via a House proposal.

- If ballot item three passes, then two additional officers shall be chosen by the President each contract period to be a server moderator

- In the event that no positions pass to be given the moderator powers during this proposal or during turnover periods in which there are not enough people filling these positions, the president may delegate people as desired to assume the moderator role for this period.

2a) Moderator Powers:

- Moderator powers and duties include:

  - General server upkeep, including maintaining the list of current residents' Discord accounts to restrict access to certain channels from those no longer living in the House

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- Emergency actions, such as bans, muting actions or deleting indecent or threatening messages
  - There shall be a channel dedicated to the announcement of all such actions taken by moderators
  - Upon appeal, the admin may discuss with the affected member(s) about overturning the action. If the admin denies an appeal, then the affected member(s) may request a Judiciary Committee hearing.
- Opening and/or rearranging channels upon reasonable member request
- Investigating reports from members of indecent, threatening, or inappropriate behavior on the server
- Adding server bots

3) **Server Membership Prerequisites:**

- People who are currently living in Escher or are alumni of Escher that want to use the discord must submit their discord username to the moderator. This way we can keep track of who is a current resident, alumni, or a visitor, to limit what channels people can access and ensure private information isn't leaked.
- Current members must set their server name to their preferred first name and to their last initial and must receive a role for their current suite.

4) **Optional in Perpetuity**

- In line with the principles of a democratic, cooperative environment, it shall always remain optional to partake in the Discord Server.

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Ballot

Official Discord proposals:

1) **The Discord server will come under ownership of the Escher House.** This will be an optional alternative to email communication. All email communications to escher@icc.coop will be forwarded automatically to the Discord server. By default, if this passes this will make the house president email admin, and they will have the administrator powers as listed in the proposal document under 1a. People will not be required to join the server even if this passes and most channels in the server will still allow for jokes/memes of good taste. The rest of the votes will change the rules of the server assuming that this one passes.

   (yes / no / abstain)

2) **Who should be moderators:** Moderators will have the powers listed in the proposal document under 2a. The moderators will consist of the holder of the Social Chair position and of the members of the Tech Team. This can be amended upon a proposal.

   (yes / no / abstain)

3) **Two officer moderators:** The Presidents shall choose two officers who do not already have the moderator role to receive the role each contract period.

   (yes / no / abstain)

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4) **Membership Requirements:** Upon passage of this proposal, it shall be permissible for the moderators to institute, with reasonable warning in advance, a policy whereby:

   a) At the landing page of the Discord server, members are prompted to enter the information described below in this section.

   b) Current members must submit their preferred first name and last initial, their suite and room number, and their contract end date, in order to gain access to the server.

   c) Alumni must submit their preferred first name and last initial, the suite in which they last lived, and the period they lived in Escher in order to gain access to the server.

   d) Anyone who is not a current member or alumnus shall not have access to the channels of the Escher Discord server, except for a channel for guests and questions.

(yes / no / abstain)