

Appendix E – A Compendium of LambdaMOO Ballots

This appendix provides a synopsis of (closed) LambdaMOO ballots, both passed and failed. Ballots require a 2/3 majority to pass, with the exception of *B:Shutdown (#100000), a special petition/ballot which requires only a simple majority to pass. A summary such as this one is naturally a moving target; it is current as of May 10, 2003.

For more information about any ballot, you can log onto LambdaMOO and type read <ballot>. Each ballot is also a mailing list, containing discussion from the petition stage through ballot closing.

#50392

Aliases: Arbitration

Title: Arbitration

Author: Grump (#122)

Closed: July 2, 1993

Votes: 270 in favor, 87 opposed, and 115 abstaining.

Status: Implemented

This ballot created the original LambdaMOO Arbitration system. It required the establishment of a registry of volunteer arbitrators, rules for calling a dispute, provision for people to join disputes as “interested parties”, a provision for overturning an arbitrator’s decision, and a mechanism for making “minor changes” to the dispute system. It also set some time limits for various phases of a dispute.

Much later, the wizards agreed that the legislation-as-written was insufficiently precise, and it probably would not have been vetted later in the life of the petition/ballot system. But it was the first piece of legislation written, and it was impossible to forecast the difficulties that lay ahead, including arguments about what did and did not constitute a “minor change” and abuse of loopholes in the system for sport.

(This ballot was repealed in February, 1999.)

#54055

Aliases: New-Arb, 5

Title: A New Structure For The ARB

Author: Xiombarg (#37636)

Closed: July 11, 1993

Votes: 188 in favor, 71 opposed, and 176 abstaining.

Status: Implemented

This ballot fixed the size of the Architectural Review Board (ARB) at 15 members, and provided for the election of new ARB members. (Previously ARB members had been appointed by the wizards.)

#50098

Aliases: Guest-Mail
Title: A Modification of Guest Mail Access
Author: Hagbard (#36271)
Closed: July 19, 1993
Votes: 219 in favor, 49 opposed, and 127 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot called for the provision of a mechanism whereby mailing list owners could disallow posts from guests.

#51664

Aliases: public-commentary, amendments
Title: Public Commentary and Amendments
Author: Mickey (#52413)
Closed: October 16, 1993
Votes: 182 in favor, 97 opposed, and 271 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot called for a mandatory period of public commentary on a petition, during which the petition could not accrue additional signatures. It furthermore stipulated that after vetting, public commentary and a second, affirming signature from the author, a petition would be removed from the author's control (i.e. the author would no longer be able to edit the petition text, and the petition would become "community property". The ballot also specified a formal amendment process.

#34167

Aliases: Time, Time_limitation_for_petitions
Title: Time Limitations for the Petitions Process
Author: Moriah (#50459)
Closed: November 13, 1993
Votes: 415 in favor, 97 opposed, and 183 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot established expiration periods of 14 days for unvetted petitions, and 90 days for vetted petitions.

#24179

Aliases: 5-percent, 5%
Title: Reduce the Amount of Sigs Required for Ballot to %5
Author: Quinn (#19845)
Closed: December 24, 1993
Votes: 362 in favor, 167 opposed, and 219 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot changed the number of signatures required to promote a petition to ballot status from 10% of the number of eligible voting populace logging in within the past 30 days to 5% of that number.

#40768

Aliases: guest-booting, gb, boot
Title: @booting of guests
Author: edd (#54917)
Closed: December 30, 1993
Votes: 470 in favor, 136 opposed, and 136 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot mandated the creation of the @boot command, whereby players older than four months could boot bothersome guests off the system. The boot command requires a reason for the booting, and its use is logged. Guests so booted have their site blocked for one hour.

#49201

Aliases: newhelpmanners
Title: New Help Manners
Author: PatGently (#37637)
Closed: January 7, 1994
Votes: 337 in favor, 75 opposed, and 181 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot instituted help manners text as voted-on-by-the-people, and required that the following be displayed to every character logging on for the first time: "If you have not already done so, please type 'help manners' and read the text carefully. It outlines the community standards of conduct, which each player is expected to follow while in LambdaMOO."

#55917

Aliases: @ban, @witness
Title: @ban and @witness
Author: Puff (#1449)
Closed: January 7, 1994
Votes: 295 in favor, 128 opposed, and 157 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot created two new commands. The @ban command provides an easy way for a player to ban another player (or any object) from all of the @banning player's rooms by typing in a single command. The @witness command provides a mechanism for logging conversations or transactions in a way that can't be faked. This is a credible way to prove that something actually happened, recognizing that logs can easily be counterfeited.

#37175

Aliases: Moderation, moderator, duty
Title: Moderation: Immediate action against harrassers [sic]
Author: Quantum-Vacuum (#53118)
Closed: January 7, 1994
Votes: 217 in favor, 160 opposed, and 182 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed that players be able to issue a “mayday” signal and receive immediate assistance from a mediator. It proposed that there be a vote every 3 months to rank volunteer mediators for the degree to which they were trusted, and stipulated that this would be the order in which the system would attempt to assign a mediator to a particular “mayday” call.

#25812

Aliases: quota-restructuring, q-r, q-i
Title: A Rational Building Quota System
Author: yduJ (#68)
Closed: January 7, 1994
Votes: 271 in favor, 122 opposed, and 169 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot instituted byte-based quota in lieu of object-based quota.

#42212

Aliases: fix-ARB-elect, fix-arb, arb-elect
Title: Fixes to the ARB Election Process
Author: Dred (#49925)
Closed: January 30, 1994
Votes: 279 in favor, 36 opposed, and 200 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot instituted some changes to the ARB election process:

- Candidates must now accept nomination in order for their ARB petitions to be promoted to ballots.
- Candidates may withdraw at any time, including during the elections.
- The nomination period for ARB candidates is shortened to one week.
- Number of votes and abstentions will no longer be displayed until after voting closes.
- Allowable votes on ARB ballots become yes, no, or abstain.
- Calculation of who wins was modified.
- Number of available ARB seats determines number of candidates selected.

#47986

Aliases: ARB-Rules

Title: ARB Voting Rule Restructuring

Author: Xythian (#24436)

Closed: March 3, 1994

Votes: 207 in favor, 90 opposed, and 311 abstaining.

Status: Implemented

This ballot instituted some specific rules for how the ARB would consider quota requests:

- A waiting period before a quota request may be acted upon (i.e. approved or denied).
- A request must be sponsored by an ARB member to be considered.
- Votes will be one of: yes, no, abstain, or delay.
- Limits on the amount of quota an ARB member may vote to grant, if yes: Not more than the request is for, not less than half the amount the request is for.
- Requests may close either by exceeding a specified time limit, or by accruing enough votes to pass or fail. To pass, a request must get three more yes votes than no votes. If the request is for more than 100K, then it must get four more yes votes than no votes to pass.
- After closure of a request, a voting summary will be sent to the requester and to *Public-ARB.
- A mechanism was created to automatically grant the quota, so that the ARB actually grants the quota, rather than serving in an advisory capacity to the wizards.
- A mechanism was created by which the ARB may change its own rules.
- The ballot specifies that the rules and any subsequent changes to the rules shall be available to the public at all times.

#57380

Aliases: 57380

Title: Removal of @addfeatures on Guests

Author: Dodger (#59267)

Closed: March 5, 1994

Votes: 432 in favor, 162 opposed, and 130 abstaining.

Status: Implemented

This ballot removed guests' ability to add and use feature objects (FOs). It also permanently added the stage talk feature and the social verb core feature to the generic guest so that guests would have the use of these.

#54631

Aliases: @boot2, Add-On-@boot
Title: Adding a second @boot
Author: Ox (#54875)
Closed: March 6, 1994
Votes: 372 in favor, 134 opposed, and 192 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot created the requirement that a second player must ratify a first player's request to @boot a guest.

#63052

Aliases: qt, tq, transferrable_quota, quota_transfers
Title: Quota Transfers
Author: dr (#7003)
Closed: April 11, 1994
Votes: 264 in favor, 122 opposed, and 137 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot enabled players to transfer unused quota among themselves. Quota transfers are public, posted to the mailing list, *Quota-Transfer-Log.

#75104

Aliases: mpg, minimal_population_growth
Title: Minimal Population Growth
Author: legba (#26603)
Closed: May 4, 1994
Votes: 719 in favor, 191 opposed, and 181 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot established a waiting list for new-player requests, and limited the number of new players created to 5 per day. Additional players may be created on a par with number of players reaped.

New players are assigned numbers rather than names, so that they won't tie up aliases while awaiting their character assignments. They may @rename themselves when they first connect.

Players who request characters but never log on are reaped after 30 days.

The creation-limit of 5 per day, the wait list size limit of 500 requests, and the time periods of expiration may be changed at the wizards' discretion, though the wizards are requested to notify the public if they do, in fact, make such changes.

#60535

Aliases: AntiRape, Anti-Rape, StopRape, Stop-Rape, Virtual_Rape_Consequences, p:a,
a
Title: Virtual Rape Consequences
Author: Nancy (#57980)
Closed: July 12, 1994
Votes: 541 in favor, 379 opposed, and 167 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed a definition of “rape” within the context of MOO, and also definitions for “acts” and “speech”, and furthermore stipulated that the act of rape be punishable by @toading (permanent expulsion from the community).

#22581

Aliases: Loopholes
Title: Closing Loopholes in Petition Timeouts
Author: Lambda (#50)
Closed: July 14, 1994
Votes: 462 in favor, 78 opposed, and 335 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot revised the time limits for petitions and ballots to fix the fact that under the previous limits, there were some loopholes such that some petitions would never expire. The new limits are as follows:

- If a petition has no signatures, then it also has no expiration date.
- If a petition has signatures and vetting has not been requested, then it expires 14 days after the last moment when there were no signatures.
- If vetting has been requested and neither granted nor denied, then no new signatures may be gathered on the petition.
- If a petition has been vetted and has not become a ballot, then it expires 90 days after vetting was granted.
- If a petition has been denied vetting, then its signatures are removed.

The ballot included language to set limits for petitions that currently existed at the time.

#68149

Aliases: Abuse, NoRape, Ab, NR
Title: Abuse by Any Other Name...
Author: Linnea (#58017)
Closed: July 28, 1994
Votes: 522 in favor, 211 opposed, and 232 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot called for the following text to be added to help manners under the section called “Don’t Abuse Other Players”:

* Sexual harassment (particularly involving unsolicited acts which simulate rape against unwilling participants). Such behavior is not tolerated by the LambdaMOO community. A single incidence of such an act may, as a consequence of due process, result in permanent expulsion from LambdaMOO. The ballot furthermore confirmed (through passage) that the community thinks that expulsion is within the scope of reasonable penalties for an act of this kind.

#55789

Aliases: 1-Month-Booting, 1mb, 1, 3, pt, 3mb, Sign_Me!!!

Title: Reduce The @Booting Age To 1 Month

Author: Stetson (#65101)

Closed: July 31, 1994

Votes: 315 in favor, 367 opposed, and 228 abstaining.

Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed the following:

- Extend @booting privileges to all players eligible to vote (on LambdaMOO). In the event the voting age changed, the @booting age would have changed alongside it.
- Increase the time limit for @booting from 2 minutes to 5 minutes.
- Require that a @witness log be taken prior to a @booting.
- Players involved in @booting a guest should be prepared to defend their action in mediation.
- The guidelines for whether a @boot was an acceptable action shall be simple, relying upon the common sense of all parties involved. These guidelines shall be decided upon by mediation precedents.

#37152

Aliases: IRN

Title: Information, not Restricting Newbies (IRN)

Author: Individual (#63209)

Closed: July 31, 1994

Votes: 487 in favor, 160 opposed, and 222 abstaining.

Status: Implemented

This ballot stipulated that at times when the number of people connected was so high that the system was inhibiting additional connection, information would be added to the login screen, identifying other MOOs that people might visit, instead.

It also called for a message to be added to the registration text giving suggestions of other MUDs that might be as enjoyable, and less crowded.

#68461

Aliases: DisbandMediation
Title: We Just Aren't Ready
Author: Sunny (#58292)
Closed: August 17, 1994
Votes: 230 in favor, 433 opposed, and 335 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed that Mediation/Arbitration as passed by LambdaMOOers (Petition ARB, #50392, that went on to become a ballot, was passed and is now readable in #9221) be rescinded, and that the petitions process be the only legally-recognized way to effect changes to LambdaMOO society.

It also proposed that petitions concerning themselves with "behavioral or mannerly conduct" only be considered "valid" if they could be implemented programmatically.

It also proposed an elected board of 15 players (all at least three months of MOO age) and two wizards, serving in an advisory capacity. The board's charter would be to discuss and then write up a petition listing behaviors that would automatically no longer be an option for players. Special protocols were specified for this petition-by-committee.

It furthermore required that this board of 15 players and 2 wizards collaboratively craft a document that would explain manners, tools (commands) available to the players of LambdaMOO, e.g., @gag, @refuse, @refuse move, @refuse spam, etc., in addition to a general policy statement about promoting peace, goodwill, and neighborliness towards others that one meets on LambdaMOO. All players, new and old, would be required to read and sign this document within 24 hours of receiving it in order to continue connecting to LambdaMOO.

#46185

Aliases: guest-registration, g-registration, g-r, gr
Title: Guest Registration
Author: Mickey (#52413)
Closed: August 31, 1994
Votes: 289 in favor, 272 opposed, and 155 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

The stated purpose of this petition was "to reliably associate guests with RL identities." Therefore:

- The ability to do connect guest would be removed.
- Secondary player creation would be streamlined, no longer requiring the intervention of a human typist.
- A command that could be typed at the login screen would be created which would enable people to request a guest for a specified email address. A "Validated Guest Access" (VGA) password would be sent to the email address for later use.

- Guest e-mail address information would be accessible by the wizards and could legally be turned over to a mediator in the event that the guest is disputed. Mediators' powers would extend not only to that person in their guest identity but also to any primary or secondary characters held by the person at that e-mail address.
- @booting of guests would be modified only to affect connections from a particular email address and not an entire site.

#59983

Aliases: mooerofthemoth, motm
 Title: MOOer of the Month Proposal
 Author: Foobies (#23371)
 Closed: October 4, 1994
 Votes: 540 in favor, 313 opposed, and 287 abstaining.
 Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed the establishment of the award, MOOer of the Month, the criteria for eligibility to receive the award, and a process for determining the winner. (Author's note: This ballot is particularly delightful to read.)

#7887

Aliases: Terms
 Title: Term Durations for ARB Members
 Author: Quinn (#19845)
 Closed: October 20, 1994
 Votes: 488 in favor, 95 opposed, and 450 abstaining.
 Status: Implemented

This ballot set the term limit for ARB members to one year, placing no limits on serving consecutive terms. There are provisions to hold elections twice a year, and for what to do if a member resigns or is otherwise removed from office in the middle of eir term.

#11351

Aliases: Speed
 Title: Speed Up the Petitions Process
 Author: Quinn (#19845)
 Closed: October 27, 1994
 Votes: 449 in favor, 172 opposed, and 407 abstaining.
 Status: Implemented

This ballot changed the number of signatures required to bring a petition to ballot to 10% of the average of all votes for and against all previous closed ballots, not to be less than 50.

#4430

Aliases: GuestFO
Title: FO Owner may OK Guest use
Author: cARRoT (#47498)
Closed: November 11, 1994
Votes: 517 in favor, 229 opposed, and 226 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

The ballot empowered Feature Object owners to make feature objects okay for guest use. It contains a provision to prevent certain features from being marked as okay, and for preventing specified players from marking their FOs as okay.

#54635

Aliases: NoNewt
Title: NoNewt
Author: Kilik (#2819)
Closed: November 11, 1994
Votes: 272 in favor, 140 opposed, and 451 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot attempted to remove a particular mediator's verb which enabled that mediator to newt two specified players for up to one year (as a result of a dispute). The measure was crafted as a ballot because of jurisdictional limitations within the arbitration system.

#6887

Aliases: Banish_Sunny_from_our_MOO, toadsunny
Title: @toad Sunny
Author: Euphistopheles (#50222)
Closed: November 11, 1994
Votes: 252 in favor, 519 opposed, and 315 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot called for the player then known as Sunny (#58292), along with all known secondary characters, to be @toaded and the typist prohibited from having a character on LambdaMOO.

#80344

Aliases: namechange, nc
Title: The Dawning of A New Era
Author: Foobies (#23371)
Closed: November 12, 1994
Votes: 168 in favor, 586 opposed, and 194 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed that the welcome screen be changed to read, “* Welcome to FoobiesMOO *”. It furthermore suggested that the MOO incorporate sound so we at least hear Muzak during the periods of lag.

#44060

Aliases: P-R, Petition-Restrictions, PR
Title: Petition Restrictions
Author: Mickey (#52413)
Closed: November 15, 1994
Votes: 259 in favor, 231 opposed, and 345 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed to prohibit future petitions that would target individual players.

#78600

Aliases: No-singling-out-individuals, n
Title: No-individuals
Author: X'iina (#58335)
Closed: November 16, 1994
Votes: 322 in favor, 255 opposed, and 290 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot stipulated, "No petition which designates an individual player by name or by object number may be vetted."

#9895

Aliases: slow
Title: Slow Down the Petitions Process!
Author: jaime (#35330)
Closed: November 21, 1994
Votes: 293 in favor, 254 opposed, and 328 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed that the number of signatures required to bring a petition to ballot be 25% of the average of all votes for and against all previous closed ballots, not to be less than 100.

#37489

Aliases: Guts
Title: I Wouldn't Vote Yes on This if I Were You
Author: Foobies (#23371)
Closed: November 27, 1994
Votes: 182 in favor, 403 opposed, and 362 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

The stated purpose of this ballot was to achieve the lowest Yes/No ratio in ballot history.

#81387

Aliases: unique, nomonames, Use-Imagination
Title: Disallow New Char Names as Extension of Existing Chars
Author: Abraxas (#42395)
Closed: November 30, 1994
Votes: 480 in favor, 256 opposed, and 213 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed disallowing character names with the form of an existing character name with the suffix “-2”, “-3”, and so forth.

#67528

Aliases: ARBage
Title: Change ARB age to Four months
Author: Gryndel (#85344)
Closed: December 2, 1994
Votes: 217 in favor, 355 opposed, and 278 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed making the minimum MOO age to run for the ARB four months instead of one year.

#71774

Aliases: RegisterGuests, RG, Register, Reg, R
Title: Registration for Guests
Author: Stetson (#65101)
Closed: December 10, 1994
Votes: 434 in favor, 306 opposed, and 192 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed a password/code plan by which guests would register to an email address and have a code displayed in their descriptions. In the event of a dispute, a guest’s email might be accessed by a wizard and potentially matched with that of an established player. Disputes and @boot actions against guests would also be narrowed to the particular associated email address rather than a guest’s entire site.

#13428

Aliases: 100-Sigs, 100-Signatures, 100
Title: 100 Signatures
Author: Mickey (#52413)
Closed: December 18, 1994
Votes: 391 in favor, 267 opposed, and 374 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This measure proposed changing the signature threshold for promoting a petition to a ballot to a flat 100 signatures.

#56935

Aliases: RA
Title: RescindArbitration-ThrowOutTheBums
Author: Sunny (#58292)
Closed: January 16, 1995
Votes: 296 in favor, 374 opposed, and 342 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot called for the repeal of *B:Arbitration (#50392) and would furthermore render all @newtings and @toadings as a result of arbitration null and void.

#4930

Aliases: Options
Title: Signature Options
Author: Miles (#50636)
Closed: January 20, 1995
Votes: 252 in favor, 278 opposed, and 333 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed permitting petition signatories to designate either 'yes' or 'no' as part of the act of signing. It proposed to eliminate time limits on petitions, and substituted three necessary criteria for a petition to become a ballot, instead:

- The signature threshold is reached.
- The petition has been vetted.
- The number of "yes" signatures is greater than the number of "no" signatures.

Petitions would be able to gather signatures during the vetting process.

#84988

Aliases: 84988
Title: Beware of Foobies!
Author: Trees_Beatnik (#64541)
Closed: January 22, 1995
Votes: 227 in favor, 430 opposed, and 233 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed appending the line, "Beware of Foobies...he's very silly." to the welcome screen.

#86488

Aliases: Guest_Description, GD
Title: Guest Description
Author: Gary (#56296)
Closed: January 24, 1995
Votes: 378 in favor, 295 opposed, and 196 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed a method by which guests could optionally be associated with an existing player. Guest descriptions would either identify the player with which the guest was linked or display the site from which the (unlinked) guest was connecting.

#41859

Aliases: FixBoot
Title: Fix the @boot command, (FixBoot)
Author: Dave (#77480)
Closed: February 8, 1995
Votes: 634 in favor, 50 opposed, and 205 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot changed the @boot command so that the message notifying the room that a player had initiated the @boot sequence and wanted a second would only be displayed to other players eligible to use the @boot command, and specifically would not be displayed to guests.

#79422

Aliases: Restrain
Title: Restrain Mail Abusers
Author: Quinn (#19845)
Closed: February 15, 1995
Votes: 316 in favor, 231 opposed, and 332 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed that a new @restrain command be created (similar to the @refuse command, with a refusee and a duration argument) having the following effects for the given duration upon the person on which it is used:

E cannot post to any list except those e owns, or the lists of disputes in which e is a disputant.

- E may not send MOOmail to any player.
- E may not call or arbitrate disputes.
- E may not make petitions.
- E may not be nominated for the ARB, or any other publicly elected office.
- Guests from all sites from which e has connected are forbidden from directly using the mail system for purposes other than mailing *Wiz or *Reg. (They may still @request characters.)

The command could be issued by wizards only, and only as a result of due process. "Due process" was defined as the Arbitration and Ballot systems.

#88119

Aliases: 99-Sigs, 99, Signatures, Sigs
Title: 99 Signatures
Author: jaime (#35330)
Closed: February 15, 1995
Votes: 372 in favor, 192 opposed, and 293 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This measure proposed setting to 99 the number of signatures required to promote a petition to a ballot.

#62953

Aliases: NoNewt2, NN2
Title: NoNewt II
Author: Kilik (#2819)
Closed: February 19, 1995
Votes: 300 in favor, 139 opposed, and 456 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot removed a particular mediator's verb which enabled that mediator to newt two specified players for up to one year (as a result of a dispute). The measure was crafted as a ballot because of jurisdictional limitations within the arbitration system.

#76165

Aliases: ballot-restrictions
Title: No @toading by ballot
Author: HumbertHumbert (#64152)
Closed: February 24, 1995
Votes: 271 in favor, 261 opposed, and 367 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed to prohibit the @toading of an individual by ballot, retroactively.

#54019

Aliases: Registration, GlobalRegistration
Title: Global Registration
Author: PatGently (#37637)
Closed: March 1, 1995
Votes: 499 in favor, 251 opposed, and 265 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot called for existing characters without registered email addresses to be brought into compliance with the then-current registration requirements for new players, by requiring those players to register and have validated an identified email account.

#85122

Aliases: Extend, xt
Title: Extended Time Limits
Author: Rat (#50816)
Closed: March 24, 1995
Votes: 537 in favor, 145 opposed, and 327 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot requires that time lost due to system down time be “reimbursed” to ‘timed issues’ such as ballots, petitions, disputes, ARB-ballots, ARB-petitions, ARB-issues, quota requests, newtings, toadings, and site locks.

#71687

Aliases: SpeedUpFOs&ReduceLag!
Title: Speed Up FOs and Reduce Lag
Author: Kilik (#2819)
Closed: March 25, 1995
Votes: 886 in favor, 31 opposed, and 150 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot called for feature objects to be cached, thus reducing the ticks required to look them up.

#16109

Aliases: BootFixII
Title: Don’t Reassign Booted Guest Names for Five Minutes
Author: Topher (#55250)
Closed: March 27, 1995
Votes: 762 in favor, 70 opposed, and 193 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot called for @booted guests’ names not to be reassigned for five minutes after the @booting, to reduce harassment of new guests who happened to draw the same name as a just-booted guest.

#72846

Aliases: reg2, registration2
Title: Registration 2
Author: PatGently (#37637)
Closed: April 5, 1995
Votes: 483 in favor, 235 opposed, and 265 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot sought to alleviate inequities between new characters, required to register to get their character, and older players who had been grandfathered out of that requirement. It required that unregistered characters become ineligible to do any of the following:

- sign petitions and vote on ballots
- volunteer as arbitrators
- propose or vote on arbitration changes
- act as peer review for arbitration through the use of overturn, bar, and any similar verbs that may be created
- serve on the ARB
- request quota from the ARB
- transfer quota to others

After 30 days, unregistered characters would have their quota set to 0. They could still register after that point, but the quota would not be restored.

Registration, which could be done at any time, restores voting rights and the other above-listed eligibilities to characters otherwise eligible.

Registration information shall be available only to wizards, who may not release it even at arbitrator request. (There had previously been some lay registrars, appointed by the wizards.)

#13218

Aliases: Progbit-regulation, prog-r

Title: Progbit-regulation

Author: Cable (#50066)

Closed: April 7, 1995

Votes: 373 in favor, 302 opposed, and 284 abstaining.

Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed that in order to receive a programmer bit, one would have to be one month old and have read help manners.

#50190

Aliases: TTONTT

Title: ToToadOrNotToToad

Author: Sunny (#58292)

Closed: April 14, 1995

Votes: 241 in favor, 466 opposed, and 282 abstaining.

Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed that anyone who authored a ballot to @toad someone would be @toaded emself if that ballot failed.

#87664

Aliases: NotifyVotersOfArbProposals

Title: *P:NotifyVotersOfArbiProposals

Author: JohnBoy (#85460)

Closed: April 15, 1995

Votes: 459 in favor, 125 opposed, and 316 abstaining.

Status: Implemented

The implementation of the arbitration system included a mechanism for making “minor changes” to the arbitration system. This ballot called for all eligible voters to be notified of new arbitration proposals that were up for consideration.

#17532

Aliases: Raise_Quota, Quota
Title: Raise Quota to 75K each
Author: Bats! (#91438)
Closed: April 17, 1995
Votes: 625 in favor, 320 opposed, and 169 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed granting an additional 25K of quota to all current non-secondary characters, and increasing the initial amount of quota given to new characters from 50K to 75K.

#82103

Aliases: ChangeArbitration
Title: Changing Arbitration
Author: QUARTlow (#87310)
Closed: April 22, 1995
Votes: 218 in favor, 207 opposed, and 434 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed dismantling the arbitration change system and requiring that all further changes to the arbitration system be accomplished using the petition/ballot system, instead.

#91099

Aliases: Hate-Crime, hate
Title: Hate-Crime
Author: Tapu (#90997)
Closed: April 25, 1995
Votes: 523 in favor, 271 opposed, and 207 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed adding the following text to help manners:

Race Hate in the public areas is not tolerated by the LambdaMOO community, and may be grounds for @toading, as a consequence of due process.

#4223

Aliases: Patch-Arbitration-Loopholes, Patch_Arbitration_Loopholes, P-A-L, P_A_L, PAL, TT

Title: Patch Arbitration Loopholes

Author: Mickey (#52413)

Closed: April 26, 1995

Votes: 339 in favor, 166 opposed, and 354 abstaining.

Status: Implemented

This ballot sought to patch various loopholes in the arbitration system which some people had taken advantage of, and to establish that taking advantage of any loophole was unacceptable behavior and itself subject to the arbitration process.

It established the following general principles:

- All characters are subject to the arbitration system, even if they claim not to be.
- Disputes are between typists, not characters. Arbitrators may call for punitive action to be taken against all of someone's characters, not just the one formally involved in a particular dispute.
- No one may exploit multiple characters to beat the system.
- Events that occur off-MOO, or accounts thereof, shall not be considered relevant to any dispute.
- Disputes that have never been formally started shall not count for the purpose of determining conflict of interest status.
- Taking personal advantage of loopholes instead of reporting them is officially an antisocial act.

#13093

Aliases: p-c

Title: Pest Control:@blacklisting frequently-@booted Guests

Author: Naked_Guest (#50453)

Closed: April 30, 1995

Votes: 493 in favor, 263 opposed, and 203 abstaining.

Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed to track @boot requests against guest sites, @blacklisting sites (i.e. prohibiting guest login from them) if there were 10 or more @boot requests against guests from that site within 30 days.

It proposed that a mechanism be provided by which people could request characters without logging in as guests.

People requesting characters from sites @blacklisted through this mechanism would not be added to the waitlist until 14 days after making their initial request.

#82852

Aliases: Beware!
Title: Beware of Moo politics.
Author: Chris-22(politician-beware!) (#86562)
Closed: May 6, 1995
Votes: 304 in favor, 403 opposed, and 253 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot called for a 3-week modification to a player's description if e wrote a petition pertaining to MOO politics and that petition was vetted. Gilmore (#34435) was designated as arbiter in the event of question as to whether a petition pertained to MOO politics for purposes of this measure.

A petition would be considered to have MOO Politics as its subject if its primary purpose was to enact changes in the rules governing one of the following: petitions, ballots, arbitration, Architecture Review Board, @toading, @newting.

#76501

Aliases: Quiet-in-the-Coat-Closet, QCC
Title: Quiet in the Coat Closet
Author: Yib (#58337)
Closed: May 8, 1995
Votes: 384 in favor, 381 opposed, and 224 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed disabling certain verbs in the LambdaMOO coat closet, which would have the effect of simulating each player being the only one present.

#72623

Aliases: QCC2
Title: Quiet-in-#100000!
Author: abstract (#94368)
Closed: May 8, 1995
Votes: 384 in favor, 319 opposed, and 218 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed creating (or taking by eminent domain) object number #100000, changing players' first connect point to that location, and making that location quiet, to allow guests and new players to read help texts, etc. without noisy interference from others.

#10216

Aliases: Voter-Registration, vr
Title: Register Characters who Intend to Vote
Author: Stetson (#65101)
Closed: May 16, 1995
Votes: 317 in favor, 302 opposed, and 251 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed requiring players to register in order to be able to vote on ballots or otherwise participate in the LambdaMOO political and arbitration systems (other than as a disputant). The measure directed that records of who voted on which measures would be kept, and specified penalties for voters who were found to have used multiple characters to bypass the one-vote-per-typist principle.

#90968

Aliases: Personal-Mail-Quota, Personal_Mail_Quota, P-M-Q, P_M_Q, PMQ
Title: Personal Mail Quota
Author: Mickey (#52413)
Closed: May 21, 1995
Votes: 467 in favor, 162 opposed, and 259 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot calls for the mandatory netforwarding and subsequent deletion of MOOmail messages marked as "kept" if the owner of those messages is over quota by more than 5K.

#12309

Aliases: wiffle, bat, melee
Title: Choosing Justice
Author: darkrider (#7003)
Closed: May 31, 1995
Votes: 345 in favor, 376 opposed, and 268 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed that an alternative to the Arbitration system be added, in which players would be issued plastic wiffle bats with which to whap each other in lieu of filing disputes. It specified a system of points, damage, and healing; the penalty for accumulating more than a certain number of points would be a 24-hour newting. The ballot also specified procedures for the cases where a person registered under the arbitration system and a wiffler came into conflict, and vice versa, and for switching the system under which one was registered.

#72724

Aliases: The-Linen-Closet, TLC, LC, The_Linen_Closet
Title: A Quiet Starting Place for Guests and New Players
Author: Yib (#58337)
Closed: June 2, 1995
Votes: 614 in favor, 153 opposed, and 178 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot established The Linen Closet (#47726) as the guest connection point and default home for new players. The Linen Closet differs from The Coat Closet (#11) in that it simulates a player being alone, thus providing a quiet place in which to read help text, news, etc. before joining a noisy environment.

#1319

Aliases: Login-Choice, lc-q
Title: ToBeOrNotToBe-Quiet
Author: active (#91798)
Closed: June 6, 1995
Votes: 481 in favor, 209 opposed, and 230 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot called for guests and new players to be offered a choice between a noisy or a quiet starting point as part of the connection process.

#54577

Aliases: Court, JRB, JuRB, Judiciary, Supreme-Court
Title: Judicial Review Board, a.k.a. The LambdaMOO Supreme Court
Author: Rog (#4292)
Closed: June 15, 1995
Votes: 321 in favor, 226 opposed, and 371 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to establish an elected Judicial Review Board whose charter would be “to supply the final word on the interpretation of any given law/petition. They [would] also serve as an appeals court to hear various kinds of challenges concerning actions taken by the wizards or various organizations (i.e., executive bodies) like the ARB.”

#88677

Aliases: Cool!
Title: I’m OK. You’re OK. They’re not OK.
Author: crayon (#39390)
Closed: June 17, 1995
Votes: 287 in favor, 578 opposed, and 187 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot called for an 8-month moratorium on the creation of new players.

#81878

Aliases: lower, lag
Title: Time to lower lag
Author: Avenger (#50204)
Closed: June 18, 1995
Votes: 568 in favor, 266 opposed, and 171 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot instituted a rule whereby only 2 newbies could be created for every 3 players reaped until the LambdaMOO population decreased to 5000, at which point 1 newbie could be created for every 1 player reaped.

#62341

Aliases: crime_and_manners, c_and_m, cm
Title: Crime and Manners
Author: HumbertHumbert (#64152)
Closed: June 21, 1995
Votes: 457 in favor, 175 opposed, and 258 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot created a change in the text of help manners. New/changed paragraphs were added to the section titled "Don't Abuse Other Players". Those paragraphs were, "Hate speech in public areas", and "General". Two intervening paragraphs were changed in format but not content.

#91235

Aliases: Nothing
Title: DoNothing
Author: Brack (#90845)
Closed: June 25, 1995
Votes: 251 in favor, 256 opposed, and 319 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot stipulated that upon passage, nothing would happen, and "Life on LambdaMOO will continue as normal. At least, normal for this MOO."

#88952

Aliases: ChangeProposals
Title: Voting & validation on simple changes
Author: gru (#122)
Closed: June 25, 1995
Votes: 189 in favor, 144 opposed, and 372 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed eliminating the then-current Arbitration Change Proposal system in favor of a more generalized change proposal system that had its limits specified (by the ballot) in greater detail.

#28677

Aliases: Social-Ballots, SB
Title: Social Ballot System
Author: GrendelFish (#88093)
Closed: June 26, 1995
Votes: 241 in favor, 177 opposed, and 297 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed giving petitions/ballots with strictly social content (i.e. not requiring technical action on the part of the wizards) valid legal standing.

#78996

Aliases: no-arbitration, Arbitration-Schmarbitration, SchmArbitration
Title: Repeal Arbitration.
Author: Tchinek (#54886)
Closed: June 30, 1995
Votes: 207 in favor, 310 opposed, and 265 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

The petition called for the repeal of *B:Arbitration and the abolishment of all artifacts generated because of it.

#95947

Aliases: Adjustment, adj
Title: *P:Adjustment
Author: Angharad (#79047)
Closed: July 3, 1995
Votes: 330 in favor, 120 opposed, and 291 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot restored voting rights (and other rights) to previously-unregistered players who later registered.

#95983

Aliases: Lower_The_Lag, LTL
Title: Lower The Lag Even More
Author: Chris-22 (#86562)
Closed: July 10, 1995
Votes: 172 in favor, 248 opposed, and 443 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot ostensibly called for the repeal of #81878 (Time to lower lag), whose title touted lowering lag but whose content addressed lowering population.
*B:Lower_The_Lag was fielded as an experiment, to try to see how many people voted for petitions based on title alone rather than the content of the ballot's text.
"Educated voters" were encouraged to abstain.

#82944

Aliases: 51%, 51, SilentMajority, SM
 Title: 51% OrItDoesn'tCount, 51%, 51, 51% Must Vote, SilentMajority, SM
 Author: Sunny (#58292)
 Closed: July 20, 1995
 Votes: 192 in favor, 419 opposed, and 191 abstaining.
 Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed to nullify all (future) ballots if at least 51% of all eligible voters did not vote either "yes" or "no".

#68925

Aliases: Ch-Mail, ChMail, Change-Mail, C-M
 Title: Change Mail - Trim DB
 Author: Bats! (#91438)
 Closed: July 20, 1995
 Votes: 367 in favor, 155 opposed, and 207 abstaining.
 Status: Implemented

This ballot changed the default mail option to forward MOOmail to a player's registration email address instead of keeping it on the MOO (one could change this back, manually, at any time). It also created the option of having MOOmail automatically netforwarded before being deleted by the expiration task.

#55541

Aliases: BurnBanHomo, BBH
 Title: BurnBanHomo
 Author: CaRrOT (#47498)
 Closed: August 21, 1995
 Votes: 576 in favor, 226 opposed, and 295 abstaining.
 Status: Implemented

This ballot called for *Petition:Ban.Homo.Trash (#57440) to be burned. If #57440 had become a ballot, it was to be burned. If #57440 had passed, it was to be rescinded. If #57440 was no longer a petition or a ballot, a new petition of the same name was to be created and burned in effigy.

#11847

Aliases: Quota-Cap, Cap-Quota, qc
 Title: Quota-Cap
 Author: Profane (#30788)
 Closed: September 5, 1995
 Votes: 310 in favor, 186 opposed, and 382 abstaining.
 Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to identify a maximum db size (that at which the MOO could safely checkpoint), and place a variety of restrictions on new player creation and quota allocation based on the difference between the established maximum size and the actual size of the LambdaMOO database.

#74657

Aliases: MoreAliasesDammit
Title: More Aliases. Dammit.
Author: Quinn (#19845)
Closed: September 10, 1995
Votes: 240 in favor, 397 opposed, and 214 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to raise the allowed number of player aliases to 50.

#9015

Aliases: Fix-QT, FixQT, Fix-Quota-Transferral
Title: Fix the Quota Transferral Feature
Author: Brack (#90845)
Closed: September 14, 1995
Votes: 361 in favor, 103 opposed, and 301 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot established a minimum quota transfer amount of 100 bytes, specified that transfers smaller than 10K would be saved up and published collectively in a single MOOmail post (to the public quota transfer log) rather than one post per transfer, and limited to five the number of permitted consecutive transfers from a single player.

#83438

Aliases: email
Title: Email From LambdaMOO
Author: Indite (#93055)
Closed: September 19, 1995
Votes: 338 in favor, 268 opposed, and 243 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot stipulated that no email would be sent to a player's off-MOO email address without that player's express consent. This would set the default of the netforward mail option back to no. Players would also be prompted as part of the process associated with @registerme and @request.

#2927

Aliases: RR, Russian, RussianRoulette
Title: Russian Roulette
Author: Artbag (#91408)
Closed: November 10, 1995
Votes: 289 in favor, 788 opposed, and 202 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot specified that each day at approximately noon, a player would be selected at random and newted for 24 hours, with an accompanying public spectacle. System characters, players ineligible to vote, and players who signed the petition would be exempt.

#95555

Aliases: LambdaMOO-Bill-of-Rights, LBoR, LBR, L-B-o-R, L_B_o_R
Title: LambdaMOO Bill of Rights
Author: Mickey (#52413)
Closed: November 15, 1995
Votes: 379 in favor, 269 opposed, and 311 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to define and establish a set of rights, “so fundamental to the basis of our community as to supersede the effect of simple legislation.” The ballot had five sections: “Rights of Citizens”, “Rights of Wizards”, “Rights of the ArchWizard”, “Definitions of Terms” and “Extra”.

#96171

Aliases: Quorum, Q
Title: Quorum
Author: Sunny (#58292)
Closed: November 21, 1995
Votes: 245 in favor, 327 opposed, and 320 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to identify and establish a quorum for passage of a ballot. It also specified procedures for notifying players reaching voting age of the existence of the political system, specified the addition of certain help texts, a way to designate oneself as a non-participant in the political system, and called for scheduled election periods for petitions that had accrued enough signatures to become ballots.

#55018

Aliases: No-bribery
Title: No bribing of signatories
Author: Hookleg (#78127)
Closed: November 25, 1995
Votes: 508 in favor, 140 opposed, and 260 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot prohibits any petition from calling for any change that results in differential treatment between those who sign it and those who do not.

#12797

Aliases: MooRights
Title: MooRights, MR
Author: Boonton (#76209)
Closed: December 6, 1995
Votes: 269 in favor, 337 opposed, and 336 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to establish three basic rights:

- The Right not to be @tloaded or @newted against one's will.
- The right to free speech.
- The right to @gag or ignore people.

The ballot stipulated that in order to have a petition vetted which would violate any of these rights, one would first have to pass a meta-petition obtaining permission to author a petition which would violate these rights.

#33189

Aliases: ffqt, Fix-Fix-QT
Title: Fix Fix-QT
Author: darkrider (#7003)
Closed: December 21, 1995
Votes: 243 in favor, 194 opposed, and 450 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to set the minimum quota transfer amount at 1 byte, and to abolish in-MOO logging of quota transfers.

#74167

Aliases: A-->J, Arbitration-->Judgement, A->J, A>J, AJ
Title: Change Arbitration to Judgement
Author: Uther_Locksley (#93141)
Closed: December 28, 1995
Votes: 181 in favor, 275 opposed, and 403 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to rename Arbitration to "Judgement", rename arbitrators to judges, and rename peer reviewers to jurors.

#82371

Aliases: Remarklines.for.Petitions, RFP
Title: A Petition to Add Comment Lines to Petitions
Author: anj (#59447)
Closed: January 16, 1996
Votes: 282 in favor, 150 opposed, and 315 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to add an option for one-per-player comments to petitions, in addition to the regular posts to the petition mailing list.

#1036

Aliases: Read_it_before_you_sign_it, read
Title: Read
Author: Avenger (#50204)
Closed: January 18, 1996
Votes: 448 in favor, 139 opposed, and 210 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot created the requirement (implemented as a technical change) that a player read a petition or ballot before signing or voting on it. Exceptions were specified for abstaining on a ballot and for ARB ballots and petitions.

#65449

Aliases: Elected-Judges, Elected_Judges, EJ, E-J, E_J
Title: Elected Judges
Author: Mickey (#52413)
Closed: January 24, 1996
Votes: 185 in favor, 221 opposed, and 264 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed replacing the Arbitration system with a court system involving nine elected judges. The text of the ballot includes provision for a mailing list, defines the judges' charter, addresses process, voting, and judges' powers, discusses judges' going on vacation, and has sections about appeals, parties to a case, privacy, elections, re-election, impeachment, and the transition from Arbitration to the proposed new system.

#4579

Aliases: @snuff
Title: Allowing for Player to Player Booting
Author: Mack-the-Knife (#47551)
Closed: January 26, 1996
Votes: 261 in favor, 316 opposed, and 167 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot described and proposed a voluntary and participatory system by which players who opted in would be able to boot one another for a period of three hours.

#4715

Aliases: validity
Title: Petition System Referendum
Author: HumbertHumbert (#64152)
Closed: January 28, 1996
Votes: 280 in favor, 106 opposed, and 229 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot was a referendum on whether or not the citizens of LambdaMOO accepted the validity of the petition system (which was imposed by Haakon after L'TAND).

#103918

Aliases: SOS
Title: SaveOurSunny
Author: WriTinG (#73920)
Closed: January 29, 1996
Votes: 160 in favor, 323 opposed, and 224 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed granting reaper protection to the LambdaMOO character known as Sunny (#58292).

#58647

Aliases: AOL, AmericaOnLudes
Title: America On Ludes
Author: Gilmore (#34435)
Closed: January 30, 1996
Votes: 222 in favor, 350 opposed, and 177 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed denying future character requests to persons with an email address ending in "aol.com" and denying access to characters and guests from the "aol.com" domain.

#5360

Aliases: Readable
Title: Create Objects with +r (Readable) Flag
Author: Griffen (#93228)
Closed: February 1, 1996
Votes: 305 in favor, 144 opposed, and 213 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot caused all newly-created objects to be readable (+r) by default.

#63854

Aliases: 7A77
Title: The 7's have it!
Author: P7A77 (#53430)
Closed: February 5, 1996
Votes: 107 in favor, 492 opposed, and 209 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed that all objects that are not primary characters and whose object number is of the form '#x7y77', where x is a digit between 1-9 and y is a digit between 0-9, would have their ownership transferred, without regard to quota limits, to the ballot's author.

#80591

Aliases: Proxies, Proxy
Title: Voting Proxies
Author: jaime (#35330)
Closed: February 17, 1996
Votes: 272 in favor, 334 opposed, and 293 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed a system by which an eligible voter would be able to authorize another eligible voter to vote on their behalf by proxy.

#57800

Aliases: BirthControl, Eugenics, PopulationCap, Cap, qc2, CondomsForYouAndYours
Title: BirthControl
Author: Profane (#30788)
Closed: February 23, 1996
Votes: 475 in favor, 229 opposed, and 241 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot created a maximum database size limit of 200,000,000 bytes, and stipulates that no new characters may be created when the database is larger than that size.

#14923

Aliases: Junkmail, JM
Title: Expiring useless messages, which waste space.
Author: abstract (#94368)
Closed: February 28, 1996
Votes: 671 in favor, 32 opposed, and 186 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot called for the MOOmail lists *Boot-log and *Witness-published-logs to have their expire times set to six months. Messages older than that are to be deleted.

#63062

Aliases: Comments, DisputeComments, DC
Title: A Change to the Method of Commenting on Disputes
Author: QUARTlow (#87310)
Closed: March 10, 1996
Votes: 237 in favor, 125 opposed, and 400 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to limit who could post to dispute mailings lists, when they could do so, and the size of the posts that would be permitted.

#15592

Aliases: AddNotice, ANFR
Title: Add a Notice for Researchers to the Welcome Screen
Author: Peri (#86631)
Closed: March 25, 1996
Votes: 573 in favor, 93 opposed, and 215 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot called for the following text to be added to the LambdaMOO welcome screen:

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NOTICE FOR JOURNALISTS AND RESEARCHERS:  
The citizens of LambdaMOO request that you ask for permission from  
all direct participants before quoting any material  
collected here.
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#3568

Aliases: InheritFastFO, iffo, inherit
Title: New Players Inherit Fast Lag Reduction FO
Author: Kilik (#2819)
Closed: April 5, 1996
Votes: 568 in favor, 77 opposed, and 197 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot stipulates that new players shall be born with the lag reduction feature object #26787 (Lag Reduction FO of Godlike Powers) as a feature, and it shall be active.

#64597

Aliases: AprilFools!, AF, Fools
Title: April Fools!
Author: jaimie (#35330)
Closed: April 9, 1996
Votes: 575 in favor, 123 opposed, and 176 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot authorizes the wizards to do just about anything (some restrictions apply) whenever the date is April 1 anywhere in the world, and that they may not be disputed for doing so.

#99623

Aliases: Guest-accountability, GA
Title: Eliminating Anonymous Hate Mail
Author: Hibernian (#63402)
Closed: April 15, 1996
Votes: 405 in favor, 207 opposed, and 155 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to authorize the release of guest site info to arbitrators in cases where guests were disputed.

#88247

Aliases: 51%_Majority, 51%M
Title: Ballots Need 51% To Pass
Author: GothGrrl (#96823)
Closed: April 15, 1996
Votes: 247 in favor, 332 opposed, and 165 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed that future ballots require 51% or more of the total Yes + No votes cast in order to pass, instead of the then-current threshold, which required at least twice as many Yes votes as No votes.

#70377

Aliases: FBC, FixBirthControl
Title: Fix *B:BirthControl
Author: Sleeper (#98232)
Closed: April 15, 1996
Votes: 411 in favor, 102 opposed, and 207 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot mandated that on days when the database size is above the established maximum size limit, slots created by reaped players would be discarded, not saved up for the next time the database fell below the maximum established size limit.

#54235

Aliases: New_Reaping, New-Reaping, N-R, N_R
Title: A New Reaping System
Author: Uther_Locksley (#93141)
Closed: April 15, 1996
Votes: 265 in favor, 237 opposed, and 216 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed some changes to the reaping process: Players would be able to make wills, indicating how they would like their objects distributed or disposed of. A pool of volunteer reapers would be created. These reapers would be elected. The ballot also stipulated that minor changes could be made to the reaping system via a mechanism similar to the arbitration change system.

#7690

Aliases: MoreJunkmail, MJM
Title: More Junkmail
Author: abstract (#94368)
Closed: May 5, 1996
Votes: 557 in favor, 32 opposed, and 207 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot specified time limits after which unpublished witness logs shall be deleted, and that unpublished guest logs shall be deleted when the guest logs off.

#97004

Aliases: Court2, JRB2, JuRB2
Title: Judicial Review Board, Revisited
Author: Rat (#50816)
Closed: May 14, 1996
Votes: 311 in favor, 170 opposed, and 316 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot called for the proposal specified in *B:Court (see above, #54577) to be implemented.

#63904

Aliases: Guest_Accountability-2
Title: Eliminating Anonymous Hate Mail
Author: Hibernian (#63402)
Closed: June 12, 1996
Votes: 452 in favor, 177 opposed, and 210 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot added a second login screen that guests see when logging in, informing them that their site information may be used in the event of a dispute and that continuing the login process implied consent to its use in this manner. Guests would then be presented with a yes/no prompt asking whether they accepted these terms. The connection would be severed at that point if the guest answered 'no'. The ballot also called for various help texts to be modified to reflect these changes.

#105876

Aliases: NoGeeks
Title: NoGeeks
Author: Vida_Blue (#84906)
Closed: June 23, 1996
Votes: 192 in favor, 676 opposed, and 147 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to have added to the text of help manners an additional paragraph detailing specific topics of conversation that were to be designated as unmannerly and offensive to players' sensibilities.

#104668

Aliases: Lay_Registrar, LR
Title: Lay Registrars to take some pressure away from the LambdaMOO Wizards.
Author: Darkson (#100806)
Closed: Thursday, June 27, 1996
Votes: 415 in favor, 193 opposed, and 194 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot created the elected position of lay registrar. These non-wizard registrars would have access to players' email addresses and to certain commands that used wizard powers. They would assist the wizards with the task of creating new players.

#98598

Aliases: Adult_Swim, AdltSwm, AdultSwim, Adult-Swim
Title: Wednesday is for oldbies
Author: carrOt (#47498)
Closed: July 2, 1996
Votes: 491 in favor, 302 opposed, and 134 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed that each Wednesday between 00:00:00 LST and 23:59:59 LST, only non-guest players who were either older than 90-days or older than this ballot would be allowed to connect.

#82382

Aliases: Repeal-Arbitration, Rep, RARB
Title: Repeal Arbitration
Author: notabird (#105807)
Closed: July 5, 1996
Votes: 212 in favor, 244 opposed, and 232 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot called for the repeal of *B:Arbitration, including the recycling of all dispute objects and the disabling of arbitration-related verbs.

#98087

Aliases: MailingListReform, Mailing_List_Reform, mlr
Title: Mailing List Reform
Author: Profane (#30788)
Closed: July 10, 1996
Votes: 385 in favor, 66 opposed, and 172 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot established 30 days as the default expire time on all mailing lists, established a maximum expire time of 180 days for non-wizard-owned lists, and made provision for mailing lists to be registered to an email address -- expired messages are sent to that email address (if present) before being deleted from the system.

#62048

Aliases: No_Programmatic_Conflicts, NPC, No-Programmatic-Conflicts, NoProgrammaticConflicts, N_P_C, N-P-C
Title: No Programmatic Conflicts of Interest
Author: Edweirdo (#58468)
Closed: July 17, 1996
Votes: 239 in favor, 72 opposed, and 251 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot eliminated any programmatic determination of a conflict of interest between various parties to a dispute.

#94350

Aliases: Random-Fixes, rf

Title: Mostly Harmless

Author: Stetson (#65101)

Closed: July 22, 1996

Votes: 388 in favor, 45 opposed, and 182 abstaining.

Status: Implementation begun

This ballot called for a set of minor changes.

- Secondary characters' reading a petition would 'count' for purposes of *B:Read. If a secondary character signs the petition, it is the primary's character whose name will actually appear.
- Arbitration change proposals have to be read before signing, as for petitions.
- The ballot modifies the implementation of *B:Read so that other ways of reading besides typing the actual 'read' command are accepted as substitutes.
- This list of those who have read a petition will no longer be public.
- Players will be provided with the option of typing a one-line command to connect either in the linen closet or the coat closet, rather than having to answer 'noisy' or 'quiet'.
- Unpublished guest witness logs will be saved for 24 hours before being deleted.
- A list would be created for information about arbitration proposals newly up for voting, and about arbitration change proposals which have passed or failed.

#77883

Aliases: VOAB, Vote_on_ALL_barring

Title: Vote on ALL barring

Author: New-Player-11164 (#105699)

Closed: August 1, 1996

Votes: 215 in favor, 90 opposed, and 282 abstaining.

Status: Implemented

This ballot addressed inequities in the way arbitrators had been barred between an old system and a newer one instituted by arbitration change proposals.

#80483

Aliases: Undertakers_and_Executors_-_Elected, U&EE, UEE, New_Reaping_2, n_r2, n-r2
Title: Elected Undertakers and Executors
Author: Peri (#86631)
Closed: August 5, 1996
Votes: 287 in favor, 105 opposed, and 186 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot created the elected office of reapers. Reapers would be enabled, through a set of special commands, to disburse a soon-to-be-reaped player's objects, and to reap players. All players would be given a command @will with which to designate ways they would like their objects to be disposed of. Minor changes were specified, and the ballot included a provision for making minor changes without the requirement of a petition.

#13125

Aliases: ArbiChange, Arbitration_Change_Proposals, AC, ACP
Title: Update and validate ArbiChange
Author: Uther_Locksley (#93141)
Closed: August 13, 1996
Votes: 139 in favor, 91 opposed, and 319 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed to change some of the procedures for arbitration change proposals, and gave a specific list of those things which might be changed via that mechanism.

#82908

Aliases: NDD
Title: No Disjoint Disputes
Author: Cable (#50066)
Closed: August 21, 1996
Votes: 228 in favor, 74 opposed, and 273 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot provided a way for multiple disputes between the same pair of players to be dismissed, if the disputes were deemed by the selected arbitrator to be "closely related".

#8926

Aliases: Kill_Lag, KL
Title: Kill The Lag
Author: TunaJesus (#86562)
Closed: August 23, 1996
Votes: 405 in favor, 161 opposed, and 140 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot called for the mailing list *social-issues to be ceremoniously recycled.

#3665

Aliases: FreeLove, RepealBirthControl, RBC, !BirthControl
Title: Repeal *B:BirthControl
Author: Profane (#30788)
Closed: August 24, 1996
Votes: 273 in favor, 217 opposed, and 155 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot called for the repeal and reversal of *B:BirthControl (#57800) and *B:FBC (#70377).

#78880

Aliases: ctr, Change_The_Rules, rules
Title: Change the @boot age.
Author: psign_*p:ctr (#96823)
Closed: September 17, 1996
Votes: 400 in favor, 317 opposed, and 141 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed raising to 16 months the age at which one would be eligible to @boot guests.

#90702

Aliases: LTAD, LTAD_Consent, LTAD-Consent, Consent, Confidence_Motion
Title: Consent by the population to message 300 on *News
Author: Li2CO3 (#79261)
Closed: September 29, 1996
Votes: 321 in favor, 111 opposed, and 272 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot called for the text of LTAD (LambdaMOO Takes Another Direction) to be incorporated into help text and the history section of the museum. It furthermore established:

- The LTAD declaration is legal.
- The population has shown its confidence in the Wizards.
- The population has shown its consent to LTAD.

#60159

Aliases: apolitical, ap, apol
Title: A Standard Way to Declare Yourself Apolitical
Author: Brack (#90845)
Closed: September 30, 1996
Votes: 415 in favor, 71 opposed, and 183 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot mandated a standard way to declare oneself to be apolitical. Apolitical players still have the right to author and sign petitions and vote on ballots. Declaring oneself to be apolitical is an indication that one does not wish to be *lobbied* about any pending petitions or ballots.

This ballot was implemented to utilize the syntax of the @refuse command. Further information is available in help apolitical.

#15184

Aliases: RLR
Title: Repeal the Lay Registrars Ballot
Author: QUARTlow (#87310)
Closed: October 18, 1996
Votes: 245 in favor, 193 opposed, and 260 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to repeal the ballot which created lay registrars (#104668), and guarantee that no site information would be available to any non-wizard character.

#80213

Aliases: ARBstandards, AS, ARBs
Title: Provide minimum standards for ARB members
Author: Mooshie (#106469)
Closed: November 1, 1996
Votes: 294 in favor, 145 opposed, and 262 abstaining.
Status: Implementation begun

This ballot provides a minimum standard of time/effort expected from members of the Architecture Review Board. That standard is to cast a vote (yes/no/abstain) on at least 40% of the applications that come before the board during a member's term, and to cast an influencing vote (yes or no) on at least 20% of the applications that come before the board during a member's term, with a check half-way through a member's term (six months after being elected). A member who does not meet these standards may not run for re-election the following term.

#27007

Aliases: ResponsibleARB, GoodARB, GARB
Title: Standards of Behavior for Architecture Review Board Members
Author: Profane (#30788)
Closed: December 5, 1996
Votes: 319 in favor, 123 opposed, and 287 abstaining.
Status: Implementation begun

This ballot established that a person must be a programmer to serve on the Architecture Review Board (ARB), and will be removed from the ARB if eir programmer bit is removed either by fiat or arbitration, or if e is @newted either by fiat or by arbitration.

#91597

Aliases: TLD, Time_Limit_for_Disputes
Title: Time Limit for Disputes
Author: Shalmaneser (#105194)
Closed: December 13, 1996
Votes: 324 in favor, 71 opposed, and 263 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

The ballot set a general time limit for disputes at 90 days. Disputes older than that would be closed automatically, with a result of "No Action".

#2866

Aliases: VotingOptions
Title: VotingOption
Author: Farcan (#108472)
Closed: December 21, 1996
Votes: 205 in favor, 287 opposed, and 194 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to create a voter registration system. Voters would be able to register and unregister at will. Unregistered voters would not be able to author or sign petitions or vote on ballots. It also stipulated that *Ballot:Apolitical would be repealed.

#55186

Aliases: NLR, NoLayRegistrars, PORA
Title: Protect Our Registered Addresses, No Lay Registrars
Author: Sunny (#58292)
Closed: January 10, 1997
Votes: 311 in favor, 227 opposed, and 153 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to rescind *B:LayRegistrars.

#92378

Aliases: Kill_More_Lag, KML
Title: Kill More Lag
Author: RedFeather (#91419)
Closed: January 16, 1997
Votes: 339 in favor, 141 opposed, and 130 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot stipulates that when the owner of a mail recipient (e.g. a *list) is more than 50K over quota, new mail may not be sent to that mail recipient. (The text of this ballot is arranged in a particularly humorous format.)

#60398

Aliases: RNCQ
Title: Reduce New Character Quota
Author: Pictwe (#70967)
Closed: January 16, 1997
Votes: 226 in favor, 256 opposed, and 114 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed reducing the default quota given to new characters to 30,000 bytes (from 50,000).

#50993

Aliases: Fix-Boot-3.14, FixBoot3.14, FixBootIII, Fix-Boot-3.14159265358979323846264
Title: Fix @boot Yet Again
Author: Quiet (#90845)
Closed: January 29, 1997
Votes: 329 in favor, 129 opposed, and 199 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot provides for a graduated way to block access from an entire domain (rather than just a single site) if a recently-booted guest returns from a similar-but-slightly-different site (e.g. a different terminal in a school's computer lab).

#90908

Aliases: AmendShutdown
Title: Amendments to Shutdown
Author: Hookleg (#78127)
Closed: March 9, 1997
Votes: 335 in favor, 153 opposed, and 209 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot calls for email to be sent to each player's registration email address in the event that the shutdown ballot passes, informing players of the date of the shutdown and allowing them to retrieve any information they wish.

It furthermore stipulates that should the shutdown ballot ever pass, the first signatory of that ballot shall have his home set to a set of stocks in the living room (#17) and that “facilities shall be made available to allow the public to express their displeasure in the customary fashion, i.e., throwing rotten fruit/eggs at the subject, drawing silly moustaches on his/her face etc.”

#99036

Aliases: Reduce_the_Database, rdb
Title: Deleting Old Disputes
Author: loree (#59292)
Closed: March 10, 1997
Votes: 453 in favor, 68 opposed, and 156 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot calls for the deletion of all disputes that closed more than 120 days prior to passage of this measure. (Old disputes are archived at [ftp://ftp.lambda.moo.mud.org/pub/MOO/lambda/disputes/.](ftp://ftp.lambda.moo.mud.org/pub/MOO/lambda/disputes/))

#100000

Aliases: Shutdown
Title: Shutdown
Author: #4 (Petitioner)
Closed: March 24, 1997
Votes: 95 in favor, 1406 opposed, and 68 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot specifies that LambdaMOO will be permanently shut down 8 weeks after passage. (This is a special ballot created as part of the policy statement known as “LambdaMOO Takes Another Direction” (LTAD) and requires only a simple majority to pass. See also `help LTAD.`)

#7606

Aliases: Vacations, V
Title: Vacations and Reaping
Author: Uther_O'Locksley (#93141)
Closed: March 30, 1997
Votes: 381 in favor, 300 opposed, and 167 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed reaping players after two months (61 days) of inactivity, but providing players with a mechanism to declare themselves to be “on vacation”, which, if set, would extend the reaping period to six months.

#36324

Aliases: define-minor-2
Title: define-minor-2
Author: Cable (#50066)
Closed: April 14, 1997
Votes: 249 in favor, 85 opposed, and 391 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot provided a formal definition of “minor change” for purposes of determining which things could be changed via the Arbitration Change mechanism. Other, “non-minor” changes could only be made through the petition/ballot process.

#73786

Aliases: ReapWarning
Title: Send message to registered email addresses of inactive players to inform them of their possible reaping.
Author: Darkson (#100806)
Closed: May 16, 1997
Votes: 638 in favor, 148 opposed, and 122 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot provides for email to be sent to inactive players more than one year old, warning them of their potential reaping if they remain inactive.

#8109

Aliases: Recourse
Title: Lay Registrars are Accountable
Author: JohnBoy (#85460)
Closed: June 3, 1997
Votes: 427 in favor, 103 opposed, and 198 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot stipulates that a log will be kept of lay registrars’ access to players’ email addresses, that lay registrars will be prompted to provide a reason for such access, and that a copy of the access record will be mailed to the player whose information is accessed.

#7865

Aliases: Amend-Petition-Process, Amend_Petition_Process, APP, A-P-P, A_P_P, A-PP
Title: Amend the Petition Process
Author: Mooshie (#106469)
Closed: June 14, 1997
Votes: 172 in favor, 126 opposed, and 285 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed the following changes to the petition process:

- Petition authors would have more flexibility in when to submit a petition for vetting, rather than only when ten signatures have been acquired.
- Petitions may acquire signatures while awaiting vetting.
- Petitions have a 90-day expiration period after the most recent edit; petitions do not age while awaiting vetting.
- Petition authors would be provided with a way to disapprove/protest a petition's implementation notes, and to resubmit the petition for vetting and revision of the implementation notes. The author must approve the implementation notes before a petition can be promoted to a ballot.
- Resubmitting a petition for vetting would not erase signatures on the petition. A maximum of two resubmissions would be allowed.

#77822

Aliases: WholeGag, wg
Title: Gag The Whole Site
Author: MugWump (#89069)
Closed: June 24, 1997
Votes: 437 in favor, 220 opposed, and 135 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot called for a way to @gag a player and any guests connecting from that player's site.

#92524

Aliases: nowhere-cleanup
Title: Clean up nowhere
Author: Xia (#95203)
Closed: June 27, 1997
Votes: 493 in favor, 88 opposed, and 136 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot called for the recycling of old ARB and reaper election petitions and ballots.

#82107

Aliases: MP, Mediation_Period
Title: A Mediation Period for Disputes
Author: Shalmaneser (#105194)
Closed: June 29, 1997
Votes: 228 in favor, 123 opposed, and 306 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed extending the default duration of a dispute from two weeks to three weeks, and declaring the first week as a “mediation period” during which only the mediator, parties to the dispute, and formally interested parties would be permitted to post to the dispute mailing list.

#9954

Aliases: Social_Security, Soc, Sec, SS
Title: Social Security
Author: Scarab (#33633)
Closed: July 2, 1997
Votes: 589 in favor, 94 opposed, and 107 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot increased the reaping period from four months to four months plus one month per year of MOO age up to a maximum of one year.

#88116

Aliases: Toad-007
Title: @Toad Bond-007
Author: ZenWombat (#90331)
Closed: July 27, 1997
Votes: 325 in favor, 241 opposed, and 357 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed that the character then known as Bond-007 (#103634) and all registered secondary characters be @toaded, and that no new characters be created or registered to that player’s current email address(es).

#11775

Aliases: FinishFinishedDisputes, FFD
Title: Close Mailing Lists of Finished Disputes
Author: Nuveena (#86941)
Closed: August 25, 1997
Votes: 469 in favor, 44 opposed, and 166 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot stipulates that non-wizard players may no longer send messages to a dispute mailing list once a dispute has been either closed or withdrawn.

#86750

Aliases: MOOicide_Reform, mr, tnataard
Title: MOOicide Reform, or There's Nothing as Tedious as a Reformed Drunk
Author: TMFKAN64 (#110825)
Closed: August 26, 1997
Votes: 344 in favor, 143 opposed, and 210 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot changed the behavior of the LambdaMOO location known as "The Edge of the World" so that instead of @recycling a character, it would @newt em for one month less than the current reap period. Jumping off the edge would no longer require recycling all one's possessions or renaming oneself to "Toad<n>". Players who are eventually reaped after having jumped off the edge of the world and who subsequently wish to return may do so without special registrar intervention, just as if they had been reaped due to inactivity.

#52691

Aliases: UnlimitAliases, infinalias
Title: Revise Limits on Number of Player Aliases
Author: Quinn (#19845)
Closed: August 31, 1997
Votes: 219 in favor, 351 opposed, and 160 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed that players be permitted to have as many aliases as their quota allows.

#60137

Aliases: ReaperPolicy, ReapPolicy, RPol, RP
Title: Establish a Policy for Reapers
Author: Peri (#86631)
Closed: September 4, 1997
Votes: 293 in favor, 80 opposed, and 257 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot established a set of guidelines that Reapers are expected to follow, including:

- a set of ethical guidelines for Reapers
- rules and guidelines for Reaper duties
- requiring active Reapers to read and consent to it
- defining some common terms, to pave the way for better and more thorough help files about Reapers
- allowing changes to the above by Reaper change proposals.

#66322

Aliases: Disallow_@toading_Petitions, dtp
Title: Disallow @toading Petitions
Author: Ox (#54875)
Closed: September 15, 1997
Votes: 259 in favor, 231 opposed, and 229 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to disallow petitions which called for the @toading of an individual player.

#14802

Aliases: Fewer_Reapers_by_Attrition, Fewer_Reapers, Attrit_Reapers, fr
Title: Reduce Reapers by Attrition
Author: Peri (#86631)
Closed: November 1, 1997
Votes: 365 in favor, 86 opposed, and 197 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot reduced the number of elected reapers by reducing from six to three the number of reaper positions available in each of the two reaper elections that followed, and stipulating that only three reapers would be elected in all subsequent elections.

#5810

Aliases: COI
Title: Conflict of Interest
Author: Johns (#110288)
Closed: November 4, 1997
Votes: 433 in favor, 94 opposed, and 167 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot prevents any person holding an elected or appointed office and involved in a dispute with someone from acting in eir official capacity with respect to the person with whom e is involved in a dispute. Official actions of a neutral nature (such as abstentions) are not affected. Examples of elected or appointed offices would be ARB Member, Lay-Registrar, or Reaper.

#84994

Aliases: OPC
Title: One_Per_Customer, OPC
Author: pens (#84567)
Closed: November 5, 1997
Votes: 365 in favor, 157 opposed, and 170 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot stipulates that no player may hold more than one elected position at a time.

#87693

Aliases: EvilEdge
Title: GilEvilEdge
Author: Evil (#64052)
Closed: November 6, 1997
Votes: 222 in favor, 265 opposed, and 217 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed to permit the players Evil (#64052) and Gilmore (#34435) to set their homes to West Lambda Street (#40309). (West Lambda Street is also known as the Edge of the World.)

#79608

Aliases: Truckloads_O_Justice, toj, First_Refusal
Title: Give Gilmore First Refusal on Disputes
Author: TMFKAN64 (#110825)
Closed: November 13, 1997
Votes: 148 in favor, 367 opposed, and 167 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed making Gilmore (#34435) the default arbitrator in any new disputes which did not involve him directly. If Gilmore were to choose not to arbitrate any particular dispute, then the regular mechanism for selecting an arbitrator would take effect.

#2107

Aliases: Repeal_Kill_More_Lag, rkml
Title: Repeal *B:Kill_More_Lag
Author: MutantNemesis (#87103)
Closed: November 13, 1997
Votes: 239 in favor, 194 opposed, and 205 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to repeal *B:Kill_More_Lag, and remove the restriction on sending mail to a list when its owner is more than 50K over quota.

#35404

Aliases: New-Wizards, NW, new
Title: A New Wizard Each Year (Whether We Need One Or Not)
Author: Yib (#58337)
Closed: November 14, 1997
Votes: 243 in favor, 278 opposed, and 153 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to inject new blood into the wizardry by formally requesting that Haakon add one new wizard per year whether or not more manpower was actually needed to reduce the wizards' work load.

#77751

Aliases: ropc, Repeal-OPC
Title: Re-allow players to hold more than one elected office at a time
Author: Darkson (#100806)
Closed: November 29, 1997
Votes: 196 in favor, 322 opposed, and 200 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to re-allow players to hold more than one elected position at a time.

#102897

Aliases: toad-nonsense, toad_nonsense
Title: Toad nonsense!
Author: Fuel (#59658)
Closed: December 4, 1997
Votes: 244 in favor, 214 opposed, and 301 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to toad the player nonsense (#112743) and any of his known secondary characters. It also called for the blacklisting of his site.

#3856

Aliases: Hush
Title: Hush
Author: Gary (#110811)
Closed: December 8, 1997
Votes: 352 in favor, 246 opposed, and 188 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to restrict players to sending only one post per midnight-to-midnight day to petition and ballot mailing lists and limit the length of said posts to 2000 characters or fewer.

#58025

Aliases: BringBackGilmore, BBG
Title: UnNewt Gilmore
Author: Peri (#86631)
Closed: December 9, 1997
Votes: 285 in favor, 329 opposed, and 222 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to denewt the player Gilmore (#34435). (He was a newt at the time by virtue of having walked off the Edge of the World. His request to be denewted had been declined by the wizards in accordance with *B:MOOicide_Reform.)

#22540

Aliases: Append_Site_Information_To_Guest_Descriptions, info
Title: Append Site Information to Guest Descriptions
Author: Jayturkey (#105276)
Closed: December 21, 1997
Votes: 341 in favor, 351 opposed, and 111 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed to append guests' connection site information to their descriptions.

#81155

Aliases: Reconcile_MR_and_SS, reconcile, Down_with_Ambiguity!, dwa
Title: Reconcile *B:MOOicide_Reform and *B:Social_Security
Author: Drippy (#109564)
Closed: December 23, 1997
Votes: 332 in favor, 82 opposed, and 229 abstaining.
Status: Still to do

*B:Social_Security increased a player's reap time to the base reap time of four months plus one month per year of MOO age. *B:MOOicide_Reform mandated that jumping off the Edge of the World would newt a person for "one month less than the reap time". This ballot specifies that in the event of MOOicide, the player will be newted for three months and reaped after four months if e does not subsequently log in.

#14067

Aliases: til, marred
Title: Truth in Lending
Author: O.M.I.N. (#97582)
Closed: January 7, 1998
Votes: 342 in favor, 80 opposed, and 203 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot stipulates that if a player is @toaded, the person who did the deed shall be identified on the *obits mailing list, and that if a player MOOicides, that will be noted as such (rather than as "reaped", as per *B:MR) on the *obits mailing list.

#15810

Aliases: NewMOOicideReform, NMR
Title: NewMooicideReform
Author: Fred_astaire (#112705)
Closed: January 10, 1998
Votes: 205 in favor, 210 opposed, and 175 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot called for the abolishment of the MOOicide mechanism all together, and stipulated that a player wishing to leave LambdaMOO shall refrain from connecting until eir character is reaped.

#91413

Aliases: bbc, BringBackChoppie
Title: Bring Back Choppie!
Author: Quadric (#105557)
Closed: January 26, 1998
Votes: 235 in favor, 312 opposed, and 274 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot requested the denewting of the character Choppie! (#110208), who had MOOicided and subsequently had a change of heart.

#71956

Aliases: Rescind_Arbitration, RAR
Title: Rescind Arbitration
Author: Jaybird (#105276)
Closed: February 12, 1998
Votes: 293 in favor, 153 opposed, and 273 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot called for the repeal of *B:Arbitration, and the undoing of any modifications made to the Arbitration system after its passage as a ballot.

#22772

Aliases: Never_Say_Never, never
Title: Never_Say_Never!
Author: Tapu (#98332)
Closed: March 3, 1998
Votes: 210 in favor, 213 opposed, and 287 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot specified a process by which an arbitrator who had been barred from arbitrating could apply for reinstatement.

#103954

Aliases: ISV, InnoucousShutdownVotes
Title: Shutdown votes shouldn't affect petition process
Author: Sleeper (#98232)
Closed: March 10, 1998
Votes: 209 in favor, 86 opposed, and 308 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot stipulates that votes cast on past and future Shutdown ballots (those involving object #100000) shall not affect the number of signatures required to convert petitions into ballots.

#65664

Aliases: CCS
Title: Change Checkpoint Schedule
Author: Selma (#109388)
Closed: March 16, 1998
Votes: 295 in favor, 227 opposed, and 145 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to change the time interval between automated checkpoints from 24 hours to 23 hours so that it would occur at a different time each day. (System lag increases dramatically during the checkpoint process.)

#95714

Aliases: More_Free_Mailing, MFM
Title: FreeMailing, MassMailing
Author: QUARTlow (#87310)
Closed: March 19, 1998
Votes: 216 in favor, 165 opposed, and 220 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed that the owners of “public use” mailing lists be permitted to set a list’s expire period to 72 hours or less, and that those so doing be exempted from the restrictions specified by *B:Kill_More_Lag (i.e. that if the owner is more than 50K over quota, new messages to that list will not be accepted).

#61372

Aliases: Bring_Back_the_Blender, BBB
Title: Bring Back the Blender: MOOicide with a sharper edge
Author: Holgate (#65396)
Closed: March 24, 1998
Votes: 335 in favor, 155 opposed, and 162 abstaining.
Status: Implementation begun

This ballot called for the restoration of the original, permanent method of MOOiciding by climbing into the Cuisinart in the LambdaMOO kitchen and turning it on. It furthermore called for the Edge of the World to be modified so as to provide a newtwing of a random interval between one and six days only.

#97656

Aliases: AKA+
Title: 50 Aliases
Author: QuinnGrrl (#19845)
Closed: April 21, 1998
Votes: 241 in favor, 446 opposed, and 125 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to increase to 50 the maximum number of player aliases allowed.

#51855

Aliases: Fun
Title: Fun
Author: Gary (#110811)
Closed: May 6, 1998
Votes: 232 in favor, 484 opposed, and 132 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to:

- Remove the text of help manners
- Remove Arbitration
- Modify the text of help theme to include a pointer to help fun
- Add the help topic help fun which would state that the purpose of LambdaMOO is to have fun and that anything goes (except expect to be dealt with if your idea of fun is to crack or damage the system).

#67194

Aliases: RAR2, Rescind_Arbitration_Please, RAP, RAP2
Title: Rescind Arbitration Please
Author: Sleeper (#98232)
Closed: June 29, 1998
Votes: 244 in favor, 147 opposed, and 156 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to rescind *B:Arbitration.

#107750

Aliases: Jury, Something-Completely-Different, SCD
Title: An Alternative to the Arbitration System
Author: Yib (#58337)
Closed: August 25, 1998
Votes: 216 in favor, 123 opposed, and 189 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to create an alternative to the Arbitration system, consisting of a panel of jurors who would hear, consider, and decide on cases. The ballot specified:

- A method of jury selection
- Term of office
- Tools and accouterments for the jury to use
- A mechanism for tracking cases
- Jurors' privileges and limitations
- An appeals process
- A mechanism to remove jurors

#77315

Aliases: Make_Boonton_Honest
Title: Make Boonton Honest
Author: Downtime (#108986)
Closed: October 16, 1998
Votes: 224 in favor, 281 opposed, and 174 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to force the player known as Boonton to append the words, “marginally smarter than a monkey” to his signature on all his posts to public lists.

#68943

Aliases: How_Long?
Title: How_Long?
Author: Jaybird (#105276)
Closed: October 28, 1998
Votes: 438 in favor, 52 opposed, and 114 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot called for the wizards to recycle all petitions that had not been modified for more than nine months and had no signatures, and to set up a mechanism so that petitions that have been denied vetting and remain untouched/unsigned for nine months or more will be recycled. Petitions that belong to characters that have a registered second who is a wizard are exempt, and *B:Shutdown (#100000) is exempt as well. A copy of the to-be-deleted petition’s text will be sent to the author of the to-be-deleted petition via MOOmail.

#108101

Aliases: Voting_information_and_Options, VIO
Title: Voting_information_and_Options
Author: Farcen (#108472)
Closed: November 4, 1998
Votes: 250 in favor, 134 opposed, and 113 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed sending MOOmail to each player when e reached voting age, explaining how to use the petitions process. It furthermore requested that the wizards provide a command by which players might remove themselves from the roster of registered voters and another command for rejoining the roster of registered voters. This command would, among other things, set certain of a player’s petition options in specified ways. There would also be a one-line command to see whether a player was a registered voter or not.

#12133

Aliases: repeal, repealing, repeal_petitions, r50
Title: Simple majority to repeal petitions
Author: Sleeper (#98232)
Closed: November 7, 1998
Votes: 179 in favor, 212 opposed, and 123 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot specified that a petition that solely sought to repeal any other single ballot would only require a simple majority to pass.

#77415

Aliases: Simple_Majority, majority, maj
Title: Simple Majority
Author: TMFKAN64 (#110825)
Closed: November 7, 1998
Votes: 119 in favor, 297 opposed, and 96 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot stipulated that henceforth any petition becoming a ballot would require a simple majority to pass, not a 2/3 supermajority.

#95136

Aliases: Vendettas
Title: Keep personal vendettas out of the petition system
Author: soup (#110586)
Closed: November 8, 1998
Votes: 276 in favor, 169 opposed, and 85 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot stipulated that the wizards would no longer vet petitions aimed at affecting one specific typist.

#79238

Aliases: GagGuest, GagGuestSites, gg, ggs
Title: Gagging and Refusing Guests
Author: Nuveena (#86941)
Closed: January 29, 1999
Votes: 404 in favor, 84 opposed, and 81 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot provides a way by which players can @gag all guests from a particular guest's site.

#99022

Aliases: OMT
Title: One More Time!
Author: Jaybird (#105276)
Closed: February 1, 1999
Votes: 276 in favor, 137 opposed, and 128 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot repealed *B:Arbitration.

#25438

Aliases: Intolerance
Title: Intolerance
Author: Sage (#74894)
Closed: March 11, 1999
Votes: 404 in favor, 110 opposed, and 104 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot expresses LambdaMOO citizens' support for the wizards' "newting or toading players who have used LambdaMOO to enable, encourage or cause actions which maliciously threaten or cause harm to the Real Life well-being of other typists," and adds a similarly-worded paragraph to the text of help manners.

#73986

Aliases: Anonymity
Title: Anonymity
Author: Klaatu (#114081)
Closed: March 13, 1999
Votes: 405 in favor, 94 opposed, and 92 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot added a paragraph to the text of help manners stating that disclosing a player's offline identity without that player's consent "may be considered the worst form of unmannerly behavior and may result in swift, permanent expulsion from LambdaMOO."

#69024

Aliases: UnnecessaryDelay
Title: Unnecessary Delay
Author: JohnBoy (#85460)
Closed: March 28, 1999
Votes: 244 in favor, 136 opposed, and 138 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed allowing players to sign a petition while it was under review for vetting. Signatures would be erased if vetting was denied, but preserved if vetting was granted.

#29452

Aliases: 40
Title: 40 Signatures
Author: Jaybird (#105276)
Closed: May 9, 1999
Votes: 188 in favor, 169 opposed, and 189 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed changing the number of signatures required to promote a petition to ballot status to 40, and changing the number of signatures required to promote an ARB nomination petition to ballot status to 40.

#51783

Aliases: Guest-Idling-Limits, Guest-Idle, gidle
Title: Guest Idling Limits
Author: Roebare (#109000)
Closed: May 14, 1999
Votes: 478 in favor, 88 opposed, and 57 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot instituted the automatic disconnection of guests who have been idle for more than one hour.

#46748

Aliases: ToadWrit
Title: ToadWriting
Author: Bear(tm) (#88110)
Closed: June 3, 1999
Votes: 120 in favor, 143 opposed, and 177 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot called for the @toading of the player WriTinG (#73920) and all known secondaries.

#114559

Aliases: Player-Do_Command, do_command, docmd
Title: Allowing players to hook into \$do_command
Author: xmath (#115429)
Closed: July 4, 1999
Votes: 158 in favor, 106 opposed, and 143 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed allowing players and/or player class owners to process typed commands before the system object processes them.

#61719

Aliases: AD, Arbitration_Day, Lambda's_Bastille_Day

Title: Arbitration Day

Author: Qui-Gon_Jinn (#110777)

Closed: July 7, 1999

Votes: 195 in favor, 126 opposed, and 99 abstaining.

Status: Defeated

This ballot called for an annual MOO holiday to celebrate the repeal of *B:Arbitration, and specified some of the merriment to occur.

#99296

Aliases: NewtBoard

Title: NewtBoard

Author: Legion (#69858)

Closed: July 16, 1999

Votes: 164 in favor, 188 opposed, and 94 abstaining.

Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed establishing an elected board of players who would be empowered to @newt players who had egregiously violated the text set forth in help manners, and a process by which the populace might communicate its desire to have a player @newted.

#72096

Aliases: FQT

Title: *p:Flexible_Quota_Transfer

Author: deLaMer (#111890)

Closed: July 27, 1999

Votes: 170 in favor, 162 opposed, and 108 abstaining.

Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed allowing players to transfer quota on either an absolute or a probationary basis.

#32418

Aliases: NoQT

Title: No Transferring Quota to Players Too Young to Transfer Quota Themselves

Author: Etoile (#113614)

Closed: July 30, 1999

Votes: 290 in favor, 96 opposed, and 73 abstaining.

Status: Implemented

This ballot prohibits the transfer of quota to players who are not old enough to transfer it back, except that a registered secondary character may receive quota from eir primary character regardless of age.

#12460

Aliases: Take_Out_The_Trash, TotT, Trash, \$Garbage, Take
Title: Deleting Extra \$Garbage
Author: Harry_Potter (#110777)
Closed: August 8, 1999
Votes: 280 in favor, 95 opposed, and 95 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot called for a one-time deletion of recycled objects from the database so as to bring the total number of recycled objects down to no more than 20,000.

#96112

Aliases: toadshard, toad-shard, toad_shard, ts, lynchshard, lynch-shard, lynch_shard, ls
Title: Toad shard
Author: fifelfoo (#79261)
Closed: August 13, 1999
Votes: 146 in favor, 205 opposed, and 176 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot called for the @toading of the player shard (#117190) and any known secondaries.

#111951

Aliases: 8MailAlias, EightMailAliases
Title: Limit Mailing lists to 8 Aliases
Author: Krate (#47498)
Closed: August 21, 1999
Votes: 356 in favor, 64 opposed, and 79 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot stipulates that a MOO mailing list may have no more than eight aliases.

#54623

Aliases: Stop_Lady-Dawn's_Scamming, SLDS
Title: Stop Lady-Dawn's Quota Fraud
Author: POSV (#112523)
Closed: August 24, 1999
Votes: 334 in favor, 143 opposed, and 106 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot called for the character Lady-Dawn (#117023) and any known secondaries to be prohibited from receiving quota transfers from other players, and for all quota previously transferred to her via the @qt quota transfer mechanism to be returned to the original donors.

#101306

Aliases: Better_Transfers, FQT2, better, bt
Title: Flexible Quota Transfer v. 2.0
Author: deLaMer (#111890)
Closed: September 3, 1999
Votes: 229 in favor, 107 opposed, and 101 abstaining.
Status: Implementation begun

This ballot calls for the addition of an option for players to transfer quota on a probationary basis.

#107473

Aliases: Wiffle2, w2, wiff2
Title: Wiffling's Second At Bat
Author: lights (#113418)
Closed: September 8, 1999
Votes: 199 in favor, 169 opposed, and 102 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed establishing a slightly modified version of the system specified in *B:Wiffle (#12309)

#26342

Aliases: Bravely_Gag_Jaybird, BGJINFAFS, BGJ
Title: Bravely Gag Jaybird Ignoring Nipped Fingers and Frantic Squawking
Author: Musketeer (#112067)
Closed: September 14, 1999
Votes: 105 in favor, 261 opposed, and 151 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed prohibiting the player Jaybird (#105276) from posting to petition and ballot mailing lists.

#106923

Aliases: speedboot
Title: speedboot
Author: mingaloid (#101361)
Closed: September 24, 1999
Votes: 219 in favor, 133 opposed, and 115 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed a streamlined version of the command used to boot guests from the system.

#37998

Aliases: ToadtheToaders, ttt
Title: Toad the Toaders
Author: Hibernian (#63402)
Closed: September 25, 1999
Votes: 135 in favor, 251 opposed, and 76 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed that should someone author a petition to @toad one or more players, a companion petition to toad the original petition's author would be created at the same time the original @toad petition was vetted.

#86159

Aliases: Informed_Quota_Consumers, IQC
Title: Informed_Quota_Consumers
Author: Hobgoblin (#105941)
Closed: September 25, 1999
Votes: 240 in favor, 101 opposed, and 85 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot specifies that new players who are entitled to receive an initial quota allotment shall receive this quota in two stages. The initial allotment shall be 20,000 bytes, with the remaining 30,000 bytes to be granted after new players have read text that briefly describes quota's significance on LambdaMOO. That text is as follows:

LambdaMOO is limited in size; it must stay below 200 megabytes in order to function smoothly. You are sharing this 200 megabyte environment with over 5000 other players. When each of us starts out here on LambdaMOO, we each begin with a quota allowance which is our share of this world.

Quota is required for all builders and programmers who wish to create objects on LambdaMOO. It is a limited resource. It is important for you to recognize this as you withdraw the remainder of your initial quota allotment. Carefully weigh your needs when deciding where your quota will be used or donated; not everyone has your best interests at heart in this regard. Anything that you wish to build or create in the future will require quota. Spend your quota wisely.

#77081

Aliases: Unsend
Title: Unsend
Author: Gear (#104262)
Closed: September 25, 1999
Votes: 240 in favor, 116 opposed, and 76 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot calls for a mechanism by which players may try to retract MOOmail that has been sent to another player. (There are some circumstances where this is a technical impossibility (e.g. when a player has eir mail options set to netforward MOOmail instead of saving it within the MOO); this ballot of necessity exempts those.)

#102883

Aliases: 16mailaliases, 16
Title: 16 Mail Aliases for Mail Folders
Author: spivak (#105570)
Closed: September 26, 1999
Votes: 194 in favor, 141 opposed, and 88 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed increasing the numbers of aliases a mailing list may have from eight to sixteen.

#100000

Aliases: Shutdown
Title: Shutdown
Author: #4 (Petitioner)
Closed: October 8, 1999
Votes: 112 in favor, 790 opposed, and 39 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot specifies that LambdaMOO will be permanently shut down 8 weeks after passage. (This is a special ballot created as part of the policy statement known as "LambdaMOO Takes Another Direction" (LTAD) and requires only a simple majority to pass. See also `help LTAD`.) This is the second time that *B:Shutdown was brought to ballot (see page 353).

#64539

Aliases: Co-Authorship, ca, coa
Title: Allowing Petitions/Ballots to Have Multiple Authors
Author: Shimizu (#116587)
Closed: October 21, 1999
Votes: 252 in favor, 101 opposed, and 117 abstaining.
Status: Implementation begun

This ballot calls for the creation of a mechanism by which more than one player may co-author a petition.

#56428

Aliases: penguins_ahoy!, pa!, pa
Title: penguins ahoy!
Author: snarl (#106787)
Closed: October 22, 1999
Votes: 319 in favor, 196 opposed, and 80 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot specifies that each year on heyoka's (#109226) official birthday, all guests shall take the form of penguins, e.g., Red_Penguin, Ultraviolet_Penguin, etc. It also requests a few other specific forms of merriment.

#91237

Aliases: Stand_Up_Against_Gilmore_The_Opresor, opresor, op
Title: Stand Up Against Gilmore The Opresor
Author: 'Warhol' (#102178)
Closed: October 25, 1999
Votes: 196 in favor, 209 opposed, and 115 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed giving the player known as Gilmore (#34435) the opportunity to swear that he will for all future times abstain from discriminating against players based upon their object number. It specified that if Gilmore failed to do this, his player object would be converted to and his possessions transferred to a new player object with a six-digit number.

#64102

Aliases: VI, Voting_Information, Voting_Information
Title: Voting_Information
Author: Farcen (#108472)
Closed: November 2, 1999
Votes: 323 in favor, 78 opposed, and 79 abstaining.
Status: Implemented

This ballot calls for MOOmail to be sent to players upon reaching voting age. The MOOmail would include the following information: how to read, sign, and create petitions, how to submit petitions for vetting, and how to vote on open ballots. It shall have a reference to help @petition-commands, have a reference to help petitions and have a reference to help @refuse.

#1807

Aliases: No-Special-Treatment, No_Special_Treatment, NST, INST
 Title: No special treatment for specific characters
 Author: Melki (#116569)
 Closed: November 4, 1999
 Votes: 167 in favor, 207 opposed, and 113 abstaining.
 Status: Defeated

This ballot stipulates that no petition may call for any change which singles out any player for ongoing differential treatment (e.g. granting or denying privileges) based upon eir identity alone, except that petitions may assign players to established categories with different privileges (e.g. removing a builder or wizard bit), or expel them from the MOO (@newting/@toading). (The ballot text gives some examples of acceptable and unacceptable legislation.)

#65388

Aliases: Alt-des, Altd
 Title: Legal Self-destruction of Alts
 Author: Vorial (#113841)
 Closed: November 18, 1999
 Votes: 293 in favor, 71 opposed, and 117 abstaining.
 Status: Still to do

This ballot specifies that players may unilaterally elect to recycle registered secondary characters.

#49066

Aliases: Last, LastPetition, LastBallot, LastPetition/Ballot, LastPetition-Ballot, LPB, LP, LB, FixLoophole, FixLoopholes, TheUltimateLoopholeFix
 Title: The Last Petition/Ballot
 Author: Sunny (#58292)
 Closed: December 21, 1999
 Votes: 109 in favor, 382 opposed, and 65 abstaining.
 Status: Defeated

This ballot specified that, if passed, the wizards would dismantle the petition/ballot process.

#85089

Aliases: nmss, No_More_Secret_Seconds, Public_Seconds, ps
 Title: No More Secret Seconds
 Author: Utterly_Lame (#93141)
 Closed: January 20, 2000
 Votes: 196 in favor, 248 opposed, and 118 abstaining.
 Status: Defeated

This ballot stipulated that illegal secondary characters would be publicly identified if and when caught. It also specified that players would be provided with a way to make the identities of their own registered secondary characters available to the public if desired.

#34281

Aliases: QTR2
 Title: Quota Transfers to Registered Seconds.
 Author: deLaMer (#111890)
 Closed: March 15, 2000
 Votes: 201 in favor, 114 opposed, and 127 abstaining.
 Status: Defeated

This ballot specifies that players may transfer quota between their own registered secondary characters regardless of MOO age.

#11644

Aliases: bounce_in_the_LR, bounce
 Title: @bounce in the Living Room
 Author: hhsb (#115393)
 Closed: April 24, 2000
 Votes: 172 in favor, 229 opposed, and 115 abstaining.
 Status: Defeated

This ballot called for a mechanism by which players could “bounce” a targeted player from the LambdaMOO Living Room (#17) for a particular duration of time. Players who had been @bounced would not be permitted to return during the next one hour.

#6821

Aliases: SHIP
 Title: Seniority Has Its Privileges
 Author: Fionaa (#93049)
 Closed: April 30, 2000
 Votes: 406 in favor, 115 opposed, and 56 abstaining.
 Status: Implemented

This ballot specifies that each player will be granted an additional 5000 bytes of quota for every full year of MOO age, up to a specified maximum.

#3076

Aliases: Position-Papers, PP
 Title: Take a Stand, One-To-A-Person, Modify it if You Want
 Author: Yib (#58337)
 Closed: May 3, 2000
 Votes: 243 in favor, 69 opposed, and 138 abstaining.
 Status: Still to do

This ballot calls for a command or mechanism to be added to the generic petition which would enable a player to submit a single position statement. These position statements shall be kept separately from regular posts to the petition mailing lists. A player may only have one such position statement per petition/ballot, but may modify it or remove it at any time. An additional command shall be provided to read the position statements in chronological order of addition and modification.

#10324

Aliases: Handling_Commands_Early, early_commands, commands, cmds
Title: Handling commands before the parser
Author: xmath (#115429)
Closed: May 9, 2000
Votes: 194 in favor, 124 opposed, and 146 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot called for players and or player classes to be able to process a command before the parser does. It is similar to *B:Player-Do_Command (#114559), except that by default the behavior would be turned off.

#104009

Aliases: cock, cockatoo, put_the_cock_back_in_cockatoo
Title: That's an awful lot of gagging for such a wee little cock
Author: soup (#110586)
Closed: May 26, 2000
Votes: 288 in favor, 177 opposed, and 78 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed that the cockatoo (#1479) be modified in such a way that gagging it would only work one out of every three attempts, and that if the attempt to gag it should fail, the player attempting to gag it would have to wait until after someone else's successful gag attempt before being able to try again.

#110694

Aliases: Wiffle3, wiff3, w3
Title: Give Us Wiffing, Dammit
Author: GreyDruid (#110777)
Closed: June 23, 2000
Votes: 90 in favor, 84 opposed, and 28 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot called for the system specified in *B:Wiffle2 to be implemented, except modified so that no wiffler could be hit more than once every thirty seconds.

#45794

Aliases: Allow_Transfers_to_Registered_Seconds, ATRS, Allow, Allow_Transfers, arts
Title: Allow Transfers to Registered Seconds
Author: deLaMer (#111890)
Closed: August 21, 2000
Votes: 102 in favor, 54 opposed, and 30 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed to eliminate the 4-month age restriction for transferring quota between registered secondary characters.

#62990

Aliases: Efficient_Registrar_Selection, Reg_Eff, RegEff, Reg_Ef, RegEf
Title: Reform of Registrar Selection Process
Author: Mediocrity (#106189)
Closed: August 27, 2000
Votes: 58 in favor, 74 opposed, and 35 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot sought to discontinue the periodic election of lay registrars in favor of a system whereby lay registrars would serve for life. It provided for wizardly appointment of new lay registrars in the event an existing one left the MOO or was otherwise found by the wizards not to be performing eir duties to wizardly standards.

#51338

Aliases: drama_queens, dq
Title: No More Melodramatic Mooicides
Author: hhsb (#115393)
Closed: September 11, 2000
Votes: 241 in favor, 111 opposed, and 98 abstaining.
Status: Still to do

*Ballot:Bring_Back_the_Blender stipulates that the cuisinart in the LambdaMOO kitchen shall be modified so as to kill off a character and permanently remove em from the LambdaMOO database. It furthermore stipulates that those jumping off the edge of the world shall endure a newting comparable to that of the Russian Roulette pistol (a period of between two and six days). As a partial implementation of *B:BBB, the wizards began letting people come back early from self-newting off the Edge of the World if they had been gone for at least a week. This ballot calls for that practice to cease until real teeth are actually installed in the Cuisinart (so to speak).

#10326

Aliases: Election
Title: Mock Election on LambdaMOO!
Author: Boonton (#76209)
Closed: September 30, 2000
Votes: 174 in favor, 172 opposed, and 86 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot called for a mechanism with which to hold a mock U.S. Presidential election on the MOO.

#101738

Aliases: Mail, Mail-Name-DB, mndb, mail-name, name-db
Title: Tastes Great, Less Tickage
Author: GhostDruid (#110777)
Closed: October 26, 2000
Votes: 282 in favor, 50 opposed, and 88 abstaining.
Status: Still to do

This ballot provides for a different, more efficient way of storing MOO mailing lists. It furthermore stipulates that mailing lists will be permitted to have up to 20 aliases each, and that destroyed lists will have their names cached for 60 days.

#68457

Aliases: closet
Title: Alternative starting points
Author: pupa (#118222)
Closed: October 27, 2000
Votes: 92 in favor, 153 opposed, and 71 abstaining.
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed making the push-button in the linen closet send players to one of four randomly-selected destinations.

#41579

Aliases: More-Choices
Title: More-Choices
Author: Hannibal (#104762)
Closed: November 9, 2000
Votes: 40 in favor, 144 opposed, and 85 abstaining
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed lowering the number of signatures required for promoting an ARB nomination petition to ballot from 50 to 30.

#86634

Aliases: ATTRS2, Allow_Transfers_To_Registered_Seconds_2
Title: Allow Transfers To Registered Seconds 2
Author: AndroidLust (#109830)
Closed: November 9, 2000
Votes: 144 in favor, 129 opposed, and 78 abstaining
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed eliminating the 4-month age restriction for transferring quota between primary and registered secondary characters.

#76830

Aliases: aliens
Title: @request to be Abducted by Aliens
Author: RinkRabbit (#103685)
Closed: November 13, 2000
Votes: 225 in favor, 119 opposed, and 68 abstaining
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed changing the departure message for the @request command to depict the requestor as being abducted by aliens.

#86867

Aliases: Notify-Seconds, notify2, n2
Title: Notify People when they are registered as seconds
Author: RussianMob (#117379)
Closed: November 21, 2000
Votes: 227 in favor, 62 opposed, and 77 abstaining
Status: Still to do

This ballot requires the wizards to notify all involved parties whenever they make or alter a registered-second relationship between player characters.

#115295

Aliases: impl
Title: Implementation Notes
Author: Elayne (#118426)
Closed: November 28, 2000
Votes: 119 in favor, 142 opposed, and 97 abstaining
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed requiring draft implementation notes as an added condition for a petition's vetting.

#116799

Aliases: TITT, TIT
Title: Throw in the Towel
Author: Yib (#58337)
Closed: Friday, December 1, 2000
Votes: 187 in favor, 165 opposed, and 70 abstaining
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed making the vetting of petitions either automatic or not required, and the implementation of ballots (either passed *or* failed) entirely optional, at the wizards' discretion.

#108571

Aliases: MOOmailreform, mmr, personalmoomail, pmm, kill_even_more_lag, keml
Title: People are Mail Folders Too
Author: spivak (#105570)
Closed: December 23, 2000
Votes: 196 in favor, 112 opposed, and 57 abstaining
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed prohibiting individual players from receiving MOOmail if they were more than 50,000 bytes over quota.

#14009

Aliases: oldcoc
Title: Restoration of the Cockatoo
Author: graeme (#119071)
Closed: February 17, 2001
Votes: 203 in favor, 179 opposed, and 122 abstaining
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed that the cockatoo (#1479) be returned to its state before the player Stetson (#65101) was granted ownership of it. It furthermore proposed that if the cockatoo was to remain a resident of the Living Room (#17), then any further development be done on a child object rather than on the original.

#114042

Aliases: laugh
Title: Let's laugh a little less ludicrously
Author: Kobot (#113671)
Closed: March 2, 2001
Votes: 250 in favor, 213 opposed, and 54 abstaining
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed replacing the "tiresome and unpopular" text of the social verb laugh on #40842 (Social Verb Core and Feature Object). The unnecessarily exuberant text, "Munchkin falls down laughing," would have become, simply, "Munchkin laughs."

#52006

Aliases: impl-choice, Lend-A-Hand, opt-in-impl
Title: Lend a Hand with Implementation Notes (If You Choose)
Author: active (#91798)
Closed: April 4, 2001
Votes: 129 in favor, 60 opposed, and 103 abstaining
Status: Still to do

This ballot calls for a mechanism by which players may attach draft implementation notes to a petition prior to vetting, and also a mechanism by which a petition's author may indicate eir first choice among the draft implementation notes submitted.

#7518

Aliases: toadcobot, tc
Title: Toad #117343
Author: fifel (#79261)
Closed: May 1, 2001
Votes: 112 in favor, 227 opposed, and 123 abstaining
Status: Defeated

This ballot called for the @toading of the player cobot (#117343).

#104646

Aliases: ToadBlissboi, ToadWriT2, ToadDegage, ToadWriTinG2, TW2, tb
Title: ToadWriTinG II
Author: Benny (#114539)
Closed: May 17, 2001
Votes: 213 in favor, 99 opposed, and 116 abstaining
Status: Implemented

This ballot called for the @toading of Blissboi (#117469), all registered seconds, and any identifiable illegal seconds.

#111961

Aliases: rosa
Title: Redistribution of Short Aliases
Author: ObsessionRose (#78546)
Closed: June 14, 2001
Votes: 193 in favor, 254 opposed, and 45 abstaining
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed limiting players to only one alias shorter than three characters long. It furthermore called for players holding more than one short alias to remove those aliases within one month's time, and stipulated that those who failed to do so would have all short aliases removed from them by the wizards.

#34584

Aliases: Resolved
Title: September 11th Resolution
Author: Boonton (#76209)
Closed: January 3, 2002
Votes: 193 in favor, 216 opposed, and 56 abstaining
Status: Defeated

This ballot proposed designating September 11 as a holiday in remembrance of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center towers in New York City. It stipulated that elections and ballot voting would be suspended, that wizards would not vet or implement petitions (except this one) on that day, and that a request would be broadcast to all connected players for a moment of silence at 8:45 am, 9:02 am, 9:38 am and 9:45 am, Eastern U.S. time.

#71120

Aliases: Noisy-Default, noisy, nd
Title: Partially Rescind *B:Login-Choice
Author: GrinchDruid (#110777)
Closed: January 12, 2002
Votes: 218 in favor, 61 opposed, and 60 abstaining
Status: Implemented

This ballot abolished the noisy/quiet prompt that had been set up by *B:Login-Choice, and made it so that the (noisy) Coat Closet (#11) was once again the connection location for guests. New players still see the noisy/quiet prompt; guests and new players will have their home set to the Linen Closet (#47726). A lever was installed in each closet, appropriately labeled, that would transport someone to the other closet.

#22653

Aliases: Toad_this_be-otch
Title: TTb
Author: Jerri_Blank (#117367)
Closed: February 28, 2002
Votes: 159 in favor, 130 opposed, and 143 abstaining
Status: Defeated

This ballot called for the @toading of the following characters: Sabastian (#112623), Aglaia (#112632), Phalin (#112640), hiccup (#115676), PKelly (#119005), Hepper (#118091), on the grounds that they were all illegal seconds of Nancy's.

#70573

Aliases: NoBoot
Title: Players will be able to stop guests being booted.
Author: pupuck (#118222)
Closed: July 15, 2002
Votes: 201 in favor, 122 opposed, and 41 abstaining
Status: Defeated

This ballot called for a mechanism that would enable players to stop a guest from being booted.

#68178

Aliases: MTM
Title: Make @Tutorial a More Visible Option for New Guests
Author: Gabaldon (#117345)
Closed: July 27, 2002
Votes: 219 in favor, 46 opposed, and 35 abstaining
Status: Still to do

This ballot called for adding a yes/no prompt to the guest login script that would ask if the guest is "a first-time or fairly new visitor to LambdaMOO who would like assistance in learning basic MOO commands" and, if so, would transport the guest to the tutorial.

#22447

Aliases: Congrats
Title: Two Reserved Characters (Congrats yduJ!)
Author: jaime (#35330)
Closed: September 26, 2002
Votes: 257 in favor, 86 opposed, and 46 abstaining
Status: Still to do

This ballot called for the creation of two new characters in honor and celebration of the RL birth of twins to the wizard yduJ.

#112667

Aliases: guest_timeout
Title: shorten_guest_idle_timeout
Author: habibi_with_wild_rice (#115177)
Closed: December 3, 2002
Votes: 221 in favor, 90 opposed, and 32 abstaining
Status: Implemented

This ballot shortened the idle timeout limit for guests from one hour to fifteen minutes.