

NANOG Board of Directors
May 21, 2021/Board Conference Call
1:00 p.m. EST

Tina Morris, Chair	Edward McNair, Executive Director
David Siegel, Vice Chair	Darrieux Harvey, NANOG Staff
Susan Forney, Treasurer	Claudia Bristol, NANOG Staff
Benson Schliesser, Secretary	
Patrick Gilmore, Member	
Vincent Celindro, PC Liaison	
Catherine Gurkinsky, PC Chair	

Start time: 1:03 p.m. EDT

Roll Call / Call to order:

All members were present and the meeting was called to order.

Agenda Review

The agenda was reviewed with no requested changes.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes had been posted shortly prior to the meeting, including:

- January Board Meeting Public Minutes
- February Committee Selection Public Minutes
- February Board Meeting Public Minutes
- March Board Meeting Public Minutes
- April Board Meeting Public Minutes

No vote was taken as the Board members had not had sufficient time for review and comments. Board members were requested to review these and vote electronically.

Executive Director Report:

Outreach - The Executive Director, Edward McNair, reviewed recent Outreach activities, including attendance statistics.

NANOG 82 (Virtual) - The Executive Director reviewed the program status, milestone timeline, and number of registrations for the upcoming meeting, as well as plans for additional communications to encourage more registrations. Calendar invites are being sent to the Board for the Members' Meeting and various networking events during the N82 program.

NANOG 83 (Minneapolis, MN) - The Executive Director and staff reviewed the results of a site visit and discussions with the venue regarding pandemic safety protocols. Depending on the course of events related to the pandemic, potential issues were identified with venue capacity

limitations, reduced hotel staffing, and NANOG procedures for an in-person event during this timeframe. NANOG and ARIN are collaborating on safety protocols.

Sponsorship - The Executive Director gave an update on sponsorship sales. Kentik will be the NANOG 82 meeting host and has signed on to host NANOG 83 in Minneapolis. Last minute sponsorship is anticipated for NANOG 82, with an expectation of achieving sponsorship revenue similar to previous virtual meetings.

Marketing - The Executive Director and staff reviewed the availability of NANOG branded items for upcoming events, as well as social media and marketing efforts. New video layouts, brand guidelines, and logo revisions for color and trademark were described. The 2020 Annual Report was being prepared.

IT Development - The NANOG registration system has been launched. The Executive Director described the current features of the tool, including integration with other NANOG member services, payment and sponsorship tools, and customization features. Upcoming features were described, including enhanced reporting, badge printing, and inclusion of information about third party industry events.

Financials - The Executive Director and staff reviewed the organization's financial status. Cash and investment positions remain strong, and cash flow is anticipated to be positive due to PPP loans. Staff provided an explanation of how certain income has been accounted.

Program Committee Update:

The Program Committee Chair, Cat Gurinsky, provided an update on the status of the program for N82, as well as progress with scheduling and recording material. The keynote speaker recording has been made available to the board. Thirteen talks have been accepted; four talks have been recorded, six scheduled, and three in process of being scheduled. The committee has discussed having separate topics which would appeal and be of interest to WIT. The PC tool has been enhanced to include a field for prepared questions the moderator may use in the Q&A portion.

Mentorship Committee Update:

Susan Forney gave an update on the Mentorship Committee. The vision of the committee was not to have a beta program by the June meeting, but a roll out for the November meeting and implementation beginning in 2022. They are planning a survey for mentors or mentees. There will be a live poll if someone is interested in participating. The committee has roughed out survey questions and provided them to Elizabeth Drolet for her marketing and editing expertise.

Education Committee Update:

David Siegel gave an update on the Education Committee. The Board discussed participation by the committee members and whether changes would improve the committee effectiveness. No changes were deemed necessary, but the topic would be revisited in the future. The committee was not yet at the point to determine a budget; courses to be offered and the cost of instructors must be established first. Two classes were already developed but need updating. The goal is to have outlines for 6 courses. The courses to be determined by a survey of the community for what they would like to see. The committee is considering both technical and non-technical courses like perhaps a course on finance for engineers. The plan is to share information with the community in June, announce programs in the fall, and begin implementation in 2022.

Election Committee:

The Committee had completed the changes in the election process and a committee charter, but these had not been shared with the Board for approval. Tina requests these be reviewed at the June meeting to be prepared for the fall meeting.

Other Business:

Meeting Preparation - In preparation for the June meeting, Tina requests that each Committee should:

- Have slides completed at least a week in advance for review
- Identify and thank the members
- Display progress this year
- Describe expectations for the fall meeting and long term

Community - The Executive Director and Vincent Celindro made a proposal for NANOG to enhance the meeting registration tool to support community efforts to organize regional NOG meetings. The Board approved this proposal.

- Plan
 - Make our Virtual and Event tools available to local NOGs.
 - The NOGs would be siloed from NANOG systems.
 - Create separate categories on the Community Forum for local NOGs.
 - Cross-promote NOG events via our newsletter.
 - Encourage college NOGs in conjunction with the College Immersion Program.
- Benefits
 - Aligns with the Strategic Plan to support local NOGs.
 - It can be done with minimal cost to the organization, and minimal effort from staff.
 - Supports the goal of building smaller communities based on affinities and specialties.
 - Could potentially expand and support our Outreach.

- Potential of increasing participation and a greater audience in NANOG's virtual events
- Increased diversity and content
- Safeguards
 - Content will be moderated to assure it adheres to NANOG's Code of Conduct before publishing.
 - Disclaimer on Community Forum that they do not represent views of NANOG Board, Staff or Program Committee.

Board members expressed support of the proposal but discussed potential concerns:

- Requested more details and clarification on implementation
- Clarified how content would be branded
- Expressed concern that NANOG's time and effort is underestimated

After discussion, the Board approved this proposal along with a NTE budget for incremental development.

Audit - The committee's delay in approving the independent auditor's report raised a question of whether it would automatically be considered approved if a response deadline was not met. After some discussion, it was decided that a defined timeline would be useful but not automatic approval. It was agreed that the Audit Committee charter would be updated to include such a timeline and would be reviewed by the board.

Meeting Appointment Tool – The Executive Director informed the Board that this is the next item for the developers after the reports are completed. Beta testing will begin after creation with a roll-out planned for the fall meeting.

Watch Parties – The Board discussed the possibility of local watch parties for the upcoming meeting(s), with questions on how to publicize and expected participation. Also discussed were whether NANOG held any liability for such “unofficial” meetups. The Executive Director agreed to consult with counsel on this question.

Adjourned: 2:04 p.m. EDT