

NANOG Board of Directors
June 18, 2021/Board Conference Call
1:00 p.m. EDT

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 Gurinsky, PC Chair	

Start time: 1:05 p.m. EDT

Roll Call / Call to order:

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

Executive Director Report:

The Executive Director, Edward McNair, gave an update to the Board on NANOG activities.

Meetings – There were 760 registrants for the NANOG 82 virtual meeting, and 97 attendees attending the Members' Meeting. Meeting revenue was as follows:

- Registration: \$8,500
- Membership: \$3,100 (both new and renewals, coincident with registration)
- Donations: \$925
- Sponsorship: \$179,500

Program – The Executive Director provided statistics on the number of attendees during the virtual meeting. Surveys remain open through Friday.

Marketing – There will be a follow-up interview with Vint Cerf, published in both video and written versions. Staff was able to secure a grant for advertising credits with Google Ads. The Board and Staff discussed how to optimize the use of these credits. Event videos will be released before the end of next week.

Partnerships – The Executive Director has reached out to ICANN and ISOC, who have expressed interest in a possible alliance with NANOG. The discussions are in the very early stages, but Edward will keep the Board abreast of further developments.

Sponsorship - NANOG 82 Virtual was a success with five new virtual sponsors: Digital Realty, DataBank, Netscout, PacketFabric & Solid Optics. Staff is seeing positive momentum selling

sponsorships for NANOG 83. Meeting host sponsorships are sold out through June 2023 for Minneapolis, Austin, Montreal, Hollywood, Atlanta, and Seattle.

Development – The event reporting tools should be completed within one week. The reports are basically done, but real time graphics are going to be added. By N83 we will have real time attendance stats. The Board discussed attendee requests and feedback regarding the virtual meeting tools.

Community - The Community Forum, built on Discourse, is now in open public beta.

Program Committee Update:

The Program Committee Chair, Cat Gurinsky, gave an update on committee activities. The committee will wait to review the surveys, but based on the low number of negative comments, Cat felt N82 went well. The moderators did an excellent job. A decision was made to improve the Program Tool to include a field for correct pronunciation of the presenter's name.

Comments for the upcoming hybrid meeting:

- Cat hopes there will be more talk submissions with having live presentations.
- The core time zones must be considered when establishing timing of programs.
- It is important to provide focus on the virtual attendees to prevent them from feeling alienated from in-person activities. Upon discussion, a popular idea was to invite them into multiple rooms for virtual socials and Q&A's with some of the more well-known names in the industry. These could be determined and promoted ahead of time.

Mentorship Committee Update:

Susan Forney gave an update on the Mentorship Committee. The committee is waiting to gather feedback from the ongoing survey to determine how they are going to proceed.

Education Committee Update:

David Siegel reported that the Education Committee is also waiting for survey results. He hopes to have the classes locked down for announcing at the fall meeting and the classes beginning in 2022.

Election Committee:

The Election Committee Manual had been distributed, but the Board members had not had the time to review it. Tina would like to have this out to provide a baseline procedure for the upcoming election this fall, and requested that the Board members review it this week.

Other Business:

Vincent Celindro mentioned that 4 different people approached him in Birds of a Feather that they would be interested in NANOG's assistance in starting a NOG.

Tina stated her meet-up went well and everyone was excited to get back together again. This seems to bode well for the hybrid meeting in Minneapolis.

Executive Session:

Staff was dismissed at 1:33 EDT to allow the Board to move into an Executive Session.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at the conclusion of the Executive Session.