

NANOG Board of Directors

July 16, 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: 1:02 p.m. EDT

Executive Director Report:

The Executive Director, Edward McNair, provided an update on NANOG activities.

NANOG 83 – The upcoming NANOG 83 will be a “hybrid” meeting with both in-person and virtual attendees. Early meeting registration and hotel guest block access for members to begin July 17. This was delayed a week to program a few additional features for a hybrid meeting. Registration to the full community will open August 2. The Hyatt Safety and Travel information has been added to the website.

Future Meeting Planning – The Executive Director gave an update on contract negotiations for NANOG 89 (Fall 2023). The Board discussed the dates for this meeting and gave feedback on how to schedule in relation to other industry events planned for that timeframe.

Program – The NANOG 82 Survey Results are available. Upon a suggestion from Tina, an overview of the results with any action items listed will be done for future events.

Marketing - NANOG Exclusive video and written interview with Vint Cerf will be released Wednesday of next week. It is part of our Internet Founders series. NANOG Exclusive video and written interview with Geoff Huston will be released one month later. The staff is planning a series of founders and would welcome any suggestions. The Annual Report will be released in two weeks.

Sponsorship - Kentik will be the meeting host for NANOG 83. The momentum is up for NANOG 83 sponsorships. Meeting host sponsorships are sold out through June 2023 for Minneapolis, Austin, Montreal, Hollywood, Atlanta, and Seattle.

Elections Committee - The Board had reviewed the election committee manual and made recommended changes. There was general agreement that the Election Committee Charter is more of a procedural document and needs to be updated.

Ombudsperson - Information is being gathered on the ombudsperson for future NANOG meetings. An update is expected in a few weeks.

Financials – The Board reviewed the organization’s cash balances and anticipated net income. Due to uncertainty around the COVID-19 pandemic, the budget was adjusted to estimate an additional \$250k loss due to lower revenues for virtual meetings.

Development - The badge printing feature is now in development, to be followed by work on the event appointment tool. Prior to this election cycle, updates will be done to our voting service, Simply Voting, to use the NANOG OAuth 2 server.

Staffing – The Executive Director discussed an opportunity to optimize contractor costs and productivity. Edward agreed to provide additional details at an upcoming Board meeting.

Program Committee Update:

The Program Committee Chair, Cat Gurinsky, gave an update on committee activities. Cat feels that overall, things are looking positive for the upcoming meeting. There are currently 7 talks in the tool. The committee will be meeting to discuss methods for recruiting more talks, how to balance virtual versus in-person talks, and how to handle Q&As in a hybrid setting.

Audit Committee:

Patrick Gilmore gave an update on the Audit Committee activities. The committee met and suggested changes to the 2020 audit report. With those changes made, the committee recommended that the Board approve the audit. The Audit was unanimously approved by the Board.

The committee requested, and the Board unanimously agreed, to recognize Will Charnock for his efforts as a member of the committee. His past experience as a Board Member, Treasurer, and his industry expertise were vital to ensuring the accuracy of the audit.

Scholarship Committee:

Vincent Celindro gave an update on the Scholarship Committee activities. The committee met to review the 12 candidates submitted by Scholarship America. Each member personally ranked the candidates 1 through 12 and then highlighted and discussed the differences. Following discussion, the committee unanimously agreed on the top 4. The committee did notice that none

of the candidates mentioned networking as a career. The Board discussed possible improvements to the scholarship program and committee process.

NANOG 83 Member Meeting:

In order to avoid conflicting with other events, it was decided to hold the members' meeting on Tuesday morning as usual. The Board members could sit at tables in the front and be available to answer questions both from members there in person and virtually.

It was also decided that the Board meeting would be held on Wednesday after the closing.

2021 Board Retreat:

The consensus of the Board was that they preferred to have the 2021 Board retreat face to face rather than virtual. Also, to allow any new Board members to meet with outgoing Board members, early December was the preferred time.

Adjournment: 2:03 p.m. EDT