

NANOG Board of Directors
August 20, 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: 1:07 p.m. EDT

Roll Call / Call to order:

All members were present with the exception of David Siegel, who joined a few minutes later, and the meeting was called to order.

Agenda Review & Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest:

The agenda was reviewed with no requested changes or notable conflict of interest to report.

Staff Report:

NANOG 83 - The Executive Director, Edward McNair, provided an update on NANOG 83 meeting registrations. [Meeting Safety + Travel Guidelines](#) were updated on the website. It is a combination of local, state, and CDC guidelines. Edward assured the Board that all registered attendees will be notified of these guidelines. Talk solicitation continues for NANOG 83, with one accepted talk, two talks in voting stage, and 14 talks pending.

Webinar Series - Webinar series will run in September with Nick Plunket from CENIC in a fireside chat and October with Michael Costello running an Automation panel.

Outreach - ISOC is interested in funding NANOG's curriculum development with a grant, and providing funding for a few other NANOG Outreach initiatives as well. Especially in the indigenous communities of North America and reaching the underserved areas. ICANN is also interested in providing funding and collaborating with our outreach efforts, particularly those focused on diversity efforts. The Board discussed potential MOUs with ISOC and ICANN.

There was discussion regarding the difficulty students face becoming part of the NCI program if they are not affiliated with a college or university that has a professor willing to support and take part in the program. In a desire to expand beyond the same schools traditionally sending

students, NANOG will need to develop a program which would allow students to apply directly. More thought to be done on this idea.

Marketing - NANOG Exclusive video/written interview with Vint Cerf will be released Wednesday of next week. It's part of our Internet Innovators series. It was originally scheduled to be released 3 weeks ago, but was delayed to improve editing and graphics. Additional interviews have been recorded for future release, with Geoff Huston and Scott Bradner.

Sponsorship – The Executive Director gave an update on the current sales and pipeline for NANOG 83 sponsorships.

Development – The Executive Director presented a Technology Timeline (roadmap) for development activities. The Board agreed to review it and provide additional feedback after the meeting.

Ombudsperson – Staff has identified candidates for an individual that can serve as an ombudsperson for future NANOG meetings. The board discussed costs, processes, and legal considerations.

Scholarships - The 2021 NANOG scholarship recipient interviews have been released via the weekly newsletter and social media.

Elections – The Board discussed the revised Election Committee Charter, and reviewed the willingness of current committee volunteers to continue. Nominations for additional volunteers are slated to open on September 1.

Financials - Cash on hand dropped significantly below the board-mandated minimum, due to losses associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff will develop a model of upcoming expenses and propose a plan for drawing upon reserve funds.

Audit – The Board discussed feedback in response to Audit Committee recommendations. The Auditors have provided the required Board Report.

Program Committee Update:

The Program Committee Chair, Cat Gurinsky, reported that there have been 16 submissions, with 4 approved and 12 currently pending, for the upcoming meeting. Cat feels there is more reluctance for people to submit talks when it is uncertain what is going to happen with the meeting, in the context of the ongoing pandemic. There is no keynote speaker at this point and the committee would welcome any suggestions.

Education Committee Update:

David Siegel reported that the committee is assembling an RFP for quotes on the development of the 1st set of courses, covering five topics of interest based on community feedback.

Mentorship Committee Update:

Susan Forney reported that the committee is in the process of developing a training program. The plan is to solicit mentors at the fall meeting to match up with mentees at the spring meeting.

Elections Discussion:

The Board expressed a desire to have the terms for the Election Committee included in the committee charter, and to consider overlapping terms. The Board voted unanimously to reaffirm the term of the current four members until 2022.

Discussion of NANOG 83 cancellation options:

In consideration of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Staff presented information regarding options for potentially canceling the in-person component of the upcoming NANOG 83 meeting. It was understood that continuing to hold the in-person component of the meeting would, in any case, result in a smaller financial loss to the organization due to financial liabilities in our contracts. There was concern regarding sponsor expectations, in the case that fewer attendees join the in-person meeting.

Meeting safety guidelines were discussed, and the Board considered procedures for dealing with potential infections associated with the meeting.

Executive Session:

The Board moved into an Executive Session and the staff was dismissed at 2:23 p.m. EDT.

Adjournment:

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