

NANOG Board of Directors
July 15, 2022/Board Conference Call
1:00 p.m. EDT

Tina Morris, Chair	Edward McNair, Executive Director
David Siegel, Vice Chair	Claudia Bristol, NANOG Staff
Steven Feldman, Secretary	Darrieux Harvey, NANOG Staff
Vincent Celindro, Treasurer	Valerie Wittkop, NANOG Staff
Catherine Gurinsky, PC Chair	
Leslie Daigle, Member	
Benson Schliesser, PC Liaison	

Start time: 1:07 p.m. EDT

Roll Call / Call to order:

Tina noted that all Board members were in attendance.

Agenda Review & Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

Tina reviewed the agenda and added the topic of Technical Needs for NANOG 86. No conflicts were disclosed.

Review and Approve Board Minutes

The April 15, 2022 Board meeting and N84 Member meeting minutes were voted on and passed electronically.

The May 20, 2022, June 5, 2022, and June 24, 2022 minutes were made available for review prior to this meeting.

- **MOTION:** Approve the May 20 and June 5, 2022 minutes for publication. The motion passed with six votes in favor. Leslie Daigle abstained, as she was not a member of the board or present at the time of these meetings.
- **MOTION:** Approve the June 24, 2022 meeting minutes for publication. The motion passed unanimously.

COVID Policy Discussion

A poll was taken asking for opinions on COVID requirements for NANOG 86. The results were inconclusive, with no clear consensus on the use of vaccination or testing requirements.

The conference announcement was accidentally published with a preliminary draft version of COVID requirements indicating that no vaccination or testing would be required.

There was much discussion and input from all the Board members as to whether the safety protocol should be revised and if so, to what. The Board's rough consensus is that:

- To avoid confusion there will be no vaccine or testing requirements, as previously announced.
- Clarification of the protocol with strongly worded recommendations for vaccination and masking.
- Run a poll for each meeting for re-evaluation of the protocol.

Other recommendations:

- Have hand sanitizers everywhere
- Have masks available
- Do anything possible to increase spacing for attendees

Elections Committee Selection

Three members are currently serving on the Elections Committee and planning to stay for one more year: Dan Chioreanu, Mike Starr and Steve Ulrich.

The Board had been provided with names and profiles of 11 volunteers with a request to appoint at least three members for 2 year terms. The Board discussed the candidates and came to agreement on the desired candidates.

- **MOTION:** Appoint Inga Turner, Leo Vegoda, Mauricio Rodriguez and Calin Miculescu to serve on the election committee for 2 year terms. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board selected Tina to be the Board representative on the Elections Committee.

Appointment Tool Update

The public beta was launched with NANOG 86 registration. Additional features are to be completed within the next 4 weeks.

Edward shared his screen and demonstrated the tool and its functionality.

Fundraising/Sales/Cost Saving Efforts

Fundraising:

- Edward is in discussions with several organizations that have expressed interest in supporting NANOG, and is working to locate other potential funding sources.
- Drafts of a Patron program are in the works and will be shared with the Board soon. These could be both individual and corporate, and set up as annual or monthly. It is possible these could begin this year.
- The Board discussed the difference between targeted donations and those which go into the general fund. The latter are preferred, as they provide more flexibility.

Sales:

- Staff predicts that we will meet the budgeted sales target for NANOG 86.

Cost Savings efforts:

- Staff displayed a slide with some possible savings that could occur.

- The Board requested an additional column be added to show the impact of suggested cuts. **ACTION:** Staff will update the spreadsheet.

Withdrawal of funds from Long-term Savings

Upon approval of the Board last meeting, a withdrawal of \$250K from the investment account was initiated.

Our investment advisers recommended withdrawing \$125K each from Public Fixed Income and Public Equities.

The funds were available in the bank the following day.

Thematic Goal (Follow Up)

Item tabled due to time constraints.

Future Meetings

Staff requested permission to proceed with future hotel bookings:

- Normally we are booked for 3 years in advance.
- Currently, we are only booked through 2023 with one each in 2024 and 2025 due to re-bookings of canceled events from the pandemic.
- Hotels are not quick to return RFPs at this time with our space requirements and lower room blocks.
- The Board agreed that it is appropriate to pursue hotel bookings.

Program Committee Update

- Still waiting for more talk submissions.
- Looking for tutorial tracks that fit within the time allotment.

Mentorship Committee Update

No discussion due to time constraints. Slide presented to Board.

- Mentor recruitment will launch in a few weeks.
- Mentee recruitment will follow shortly after.

Education Committee Update

No discussion due to time constraints. Slide presented to Board.

- The committee has selected to use an Intro to Networking class which was developed by ISOC.
- A DNS class will be taught at NANOG 86. The course and its instruction is a donation from ISC.
- Another organization reached out to Edward to confirm they plan to submit a Network Automation Course shortly.

Audit Committee Update

- A zoom meeting has been scheduled for August 1, 2022 with the audit firm presenting the report.
- One of the audit committee members has not responded leaving just 2 of the 3 members available.
- **ACTION:** Edward is going to contact the non responsive member.

Technical Needs for NANOG 86

- The Board encourages staff to expedite the upgraded wifi and other upgrades prior to the meeting.
- Edward will be meeting with a volunteer who is helping to coordinate an equipment donation.

Conclusion

The Chair announced the next scheduled meeting would be Friday, August 19, 2022 at 1 p.m. EDT and adjourned the meeting.

End time: 3:00 EDT