

NANOG Board of Directors
March 20, 2020 /Board Conference Call
2:00 p.m. EDT

L Sean Kennedy, Chair	Edward McNair, Executive Director
Tina Morris, Vice Chair	Darrieux Harvey, NANOG Staff
Susan Forney, Secretary	Valerie Wittkop, NANOG Staff
Patrick Gilmore, Board Member	Claudia Bristol, NANOG Staff
Vincent Celindro, PC Chair	
David Siegel, Treasurer	
Benson Schliesser, Board Member, PC Liaison	

Start time: 2:04 p.m. EDT

Agenda Review:

The 10-item agenda was reviewed, but due to time constraints, only the first 5 items will be discussed. The remainder of the agenda will be postponed until the March 27 Board call.

Staff Update on Boston:

The Board evaluated the option of a face-to-face NANOG 79 meeting, considering the COVID-19 virus outbreak. Staff updated the board regarding the Boston Marriott Copley Place contract pertaining to health concerns related to the COVID-19 outbreak. The hotel offered the possibility of postponing NANOG 79 until July or early October, The board felt July was too soon, and October was not possible as that is when NANOG 80 is scheduled. The board decided against postponing NANOG 79 to a date in July but was open to hosting NANOG 87 in Boston.

Regarding NANOG 80 in Seattle, staff will research event insurance and its cost.

The Board reviewed NANOG's financial exposure if NANOG 79 were canceled.

Status of Outbreak:

Massachusetts currently has a ban on any groups over 25 through April 5. It is expected the ban will be extended.

NANOG Approach to Coronavirus:

Effectively, it seems we cannot conduct a face-to-face meeting in Boston in June safely. Since the Board decided against rescheduling, two options for NANOG 79 remain:

- Virtual meeting
- Cancel meeting completely

The virtual meeting option was discussed, particularly regarding the pricing. The PC chair and PC liaison requested a quick vote on a virtual meeting to allow the PC to proceed with their work.

Staff recommended leveraging our relationship with Digitell and adopting their platform for virtual meetings.

Boston Decision Timeline

If Massachusetts extends the ban on meetings after April 5, the board will have to re-evaluate before its next update on April 15.

Discussion continued on the virtual meeting option. The next PC meeting will take place next week following the Board conference call on March 27. The PC leadership will meet on March 23rd. Over the weekend and following the leadership meeting, the Board requested:

- The direction and format to pursue a virtual meeting.
- That staff to determine the cost for a virtual meeting.

ACTION: The Board will conduct an electronic vote to authorize the PC and staff to pursue a virtual meeting option. The vote is to be completed by the close of business on March 24.

Meeting adjourned.

End time: 3:28 p.m. EDT