

## NANOG Board of Directors

September 25, 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
David Siegel, Treasurer	Claudia Bristol, NANOG Staff
Patrick Gilmore, Board Member	Valerie Wittkop, NANOG Staff
Vincent Celindro, PC Chair	
Benson Schliesser, PC Liaison	
Susan Forney, Secretary	

**Start time:** 2:05 p.m. EDT

### **Agenda Review:**

The agenda was reviewed and a high-level status update on strategic plans was added. Discussion of the financial policies was postponed until the next meeting.

### **NANOG 81 Atlanta Hotel status and reschedule proposal:** (Edward & De')

Staff and the Hamilton Group worked with the Atlanta hotel for NANOG 81 on arrangements for NANOG 81.

Georgia is not requiring the COVID-19 guidelines of face masks and social distancing and is not obligated to honor NANOG's request for these measures.

The Board viewed its main objectives as protecting the safety of the community and limiting the financial ramifications. The Board decided that conducting an in-person meeting for NANOG 81 was not practical and will rebook NANOG in Atlanta for 2023 and 2025. **MOTION:** The Board moved to cancel NANOG 81 for the safety of attendees, instead conducting it as a virtual meeting, and to enable the staff to renegotiate the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

### **NANOG 80 Status:**

- Online platform demonstration and status (Edward) - Edward shared his screen to demonstrate the online platform that Clarity and the developers have embedded into the website. The registration system also will be part of the website, which will prevent loss of data from Cvent as was experienced with NANOG 79. The registrants can move seamlessly through the platform's features. The Hamilton Group Meeting Planners will moderate the chat rooms, and the PC will moderate the Q&A. The sponsors will have their own chat system. NANOG owns the platform and can use it to provide streaming for future NANOG events, including outreach and education.
- Meeting planning update (De') - The Hamilton Group is processing registration codes, working on fellowships, and organizing the scavenger hunt.

- Program Committee update (Vincent) - The committee has a full schedule with 9 talks accepted and enough submitted to look at secondary tracks. Vincent hopes to publish the agenda a little earlier than previously planned.

### **Minutes Review:**

The minutes of the August 14, August 21, and September 11 three board meetings were reviewed, and all comments were cleared. The Board approved the minutes unanimously.

### **ARIN/NANOG Cooperative Agreement review**

The Cooperative Agreement had been discussed at a previous meeting, and the Board was provided the opportunity to make any additional comments. The Board approved the agreement unanimously.

### **Strategic Plan Update:**

- Develop mentorship and education committees. The charters need to be approved to be able to move forward with seeking volunteers. Edward will resend the charters to the Board for comments by October 2.
- The online communication platform is Discourse. The developers are testing a SSO. A beta test will begin after the NANOG 80 event and will be offered to the Board, geeks, and other members of the community interested in providing constructive criticism and input.

### **Financial Policy Documents:**

Discussion of this agenda item was postponed for a future meeting.

### **Other Business:**

The Board discussed a proposed change to the charter for the Election Committee. The change would prohibit a member of the election committee from self-nominating as a Board candidate or accepting a nomination for the Board, which happened this year. The charter needs to be updated to prevent this from occurring in the future.

Meeting adjourned.

**End time:** 3:04 p.m. EDT.