

NANOG Board of Directors
October 27, 2019 / Board Meeting
Austin, TX
1:00 p.m. CDT

L Sean Kennedy Chair	Edward McNair, Executive Director
Tina Morris Vice Chair	Valerie Wittkop, NANOG Staff
Dave Siegel, PC Liaison	Dé Harvey, NANOG Staff
Patrick Gilmore, Member	Claudia Bristol, NANOG Staff
Susan Forney, Secretary	
Benson Schliesser, PC Chair	

Start time: 1:20 p.m. CDT

Agenda Review:

The Board changed the order of the agenda items to move those involving staff members to the top to allow them to return to their meeting responsibilities.

Network Issue:

NANOG 77 network circuit was down as of the beginning of the board meeting. NANOG management had escalated the issue and worked with network contractor and hotel to setup backup connectivity which was in use for NANOG Hackathon.

After discussion, several items were recommended to prevent a similar occurrence happening in the future. Staff to perform post mortem analysis, will put processes in place to have the circuit confirmed further in advance, add more milestones to ensure installation is on track, communicate status to customers, and prepare an alternate plan for each site.

Hotel:

The hotel staff said that it was sold out and could not guarantee that all confirmed reservations would be accommodated. The hotel said they could provide alternate hotel rooms and transportation arrangements if necessary. Staff will continue to follow this issue with the hotel. Staff contacted ARIN and DNS-OARC to inform them that their attendees could be affected by the same capacity limitations.

Elections:

Big Pulse will open at 8 a.m. Monday morning, and there will be a link in the profile server. The site was tested and seemed to be working properly. The Statements of Support will remain open until the close of voting at noon on Wednesday.

The election ballot had been distributed to the Board previously for review. It lists the By-Law change and the candidates alphabetically by last name. There were no recommended changes.

MOTION: The Board moved to approve the ballot. Patrick Gilmore abstained, and all others approved.

The election committee will meet at 4 p.m. today.

Women in Technology Survey:

Staff distributed a draft survey for the WIT attendees to the Board. Recommendations were made to change the questions to obtain further clarification as to the importance of maintaining the current event or if it should be changed for more inclusion and diversity. The survey also asks for suggestions for the direction respondents would like to see in presentations or discussions.

ACTION: Staff will make the suggested changes and distribute it again via email.

Committees:

The Board discussed posting a list of the committees on the website, not only for transparency but to encourage more community participation. The Program Committee is the only standing committee, but there are several ad hoc committees, including several supporting the governance of NANOG (Audit, Elections, Compensation).

The list should include:

- Who is on the committee
- Responsibilities of the committee
- The time frame of the responsibilities

ACTION: Staff will create the framework and send to the Board.

ARIN-NANOG Agreement:

Staff is looking for a new webcast provider, and because this impacts ARIN's October meeting, ARIN was involved throughout the process. The cost for a new provider will be higher, so staff discussed a new agreement with ARIN. The actual agreement will be posted on the website, so confidential financial aspects will be separated from the agreement.

ACTION: Staff will establish a regular sponsorship MOU and separate it from the general agreement.

PC Update:

The number of volunteers on the committee was increased to 25, and subcommittees were created to manage the workload. After doing some tracking, it appears the workload is unevenly distributed across the committee. This is not a crisis as the work is being done, but it could be more efficient. The PC leadership will engage committee members to discuss engagement and understand obstacles they may be facing.

The process for inviting the keynote speaker was clarified to improve it going forward.

Benson will work with Edward if the committee needs additional input from the staff.

Compensation Committee:

The Compensation Committee will establish the goals for the executive director for evaluation purposes.

With the increase in staff, the executive director will establish goals and provide formal reviews for each staff member.

The meeting adjourned.

End time: 3:57 p.m. CDT