

NANOG Board of Directors
May 3, 2019 / Board Conference Call
2:00 p.m. EDT

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Start time: 2:04 p.m. EDT

Premium sponsorship status and website updates

The premium sponsorships are one Diamond, four Platinum, and three Gold. Currently we are waiting for two of the Platinums sponsors to sign contracts. Historically, logos are not on the website until the agreements are signed. One Diamond sponsorship is available.

The staff met with the Premium Sponsors at NANOG75.

Austin (NANOG77) is a big draw, and sponsors are signing contracts for that conference already.

NANOG staff will define sponsorship tiers on the website more clearly and be sure links are working properly.

Minutes

The board discussed ensuring confidential information is not inadvertently published in public board minutes. The board secretary will edit the minutes and archive the details for future boards.

Education:

NANOG historically has focused on its education mission through program content, and to some extent, tutorials. For a brief period of time, it experimented with classroom-style education, which saw some early success, but was discontinued due to cost.

The board considered six different avenues for the education mission:

1. Program material

2. Classroom
3. Tutorials
4. Hackathon
5. Mentoring
6. University engagement

Online classrooms could also be added. This is a starting point for discussion. Resources and timelines could follow as programs are developed.

The board and staff addressed some of the issues encountered in the past:

- Difficulty in delivering good solutions due to time and resources.
- The challenge to find instructors, tools, and content.
- NOTR was started as an outreach program to make NANOG more accessible across the country and to help companies with limited budgets benefit from NANOG program content.

Some additional concerns expressed were:

- Space constraints at the hotels.
- Timing of educational programs so they do not conflict with other programs.
- Adding additional time or days to the conference.

The board noted that some programs have been added, such as the Hackathon, the Newcomer Lunch, and the Women in Technology Lunch.

Scheduling competing program sessions would not be a deterrent because attendees always have to make choices. Tutorials could be in short blocks of time held throughout the conference.

The board discussed who would be responsible for the educational programs. The Program Committee is responsible for running the meeting. It would be up to the Board to determine educational programs and assign responsibility.

The board discussed developing content that would be owned by NANOG. Staff is going to the RIPE meeting May 20 through 24 and will discuss RIPE's new educational certification program.

Three points were considered for educational programs at NANOG:

- Develop curriculums and tutorials first, and then survey participants.
- Keep them short, concise, and to the point.
- Engage with universities, who have indicated an interest in presentations being given by working professionals.

The board discussed not wanting to replace college curriculums, but perhaps provide review and suggestions. The board definitely wanted to see education progress and discussed looking at programs that would be easiest to implement as a start.

Operational transition, meeting support, sponsorship discussion:

Discussion postponed due to time constraints of several members.

End time: 3:02 p.m. EDT