

NANOG Board of Directors
April 16, 2021/Board Conference Call
1:00 p.m. EST

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

Start time: 1:06 p.m. EDT

Roll Call / Call to order/ Agenda Review:

The Chair called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda.

Executive Director Report:

Outreach - The Executive Director reviewed the upcoming schedule of Outreach activities, including registration statistics.

NANOG 82 - The Executive Director and staff reviewed the status and schedule for meeting registration. The Executive Director also outlined the status of program content and noted strong engagement by the Program Committee.

NANOG 83 (Minneapolis, MN) - The Executive Director and staff reviewed the status of the venue contract and preparations, including safety precautions.

Sponsorship - Sponsorship activities were discussed, with specific focus on planning for the possibility of a transition out of pandemic to increased in-person activities. The Executive Director provided some information regarding the possible impact of corporate travel constraints during the remainder of 2021.

Marketing - The Executive Director provided information regarding the trademark status of NANOG brand material. Social media and email marketing activities were reviewed.

Development - The Executive Director provided an update on the development activities related to the new NANOG registration system.

Financials - The Executive Director and staff reviewed the status of NANOG's financial audit, PPP loan, income, and expenses.

Demo of New Registration System:

The Executive Director gave a demonstration of the new NANOG meeting registration system.

- There is one universal page for registration.
- When logged in, the system will complete your basic data and member status.
- You may register and pay for others. This will generate an email notifying them they had been registered and by whom, and allowing for completion of their personal data such as tee shirt size and dietary restrictions.
- Payment can be made by credit card or wire transfer.
- Stripe will be the payment system used.
- The registration system is mobile friendly and fully integrated.
- The system allows for easy customization of questions and pricing.

Program Committee Update:

The Program Committee (PC) Chair referred to the information provided in the Executive Director's report, and added that 5 talks arrived on the deadline date of April 12 and one more arrived prior to the Board meeting. The PC was in the process of reviewing and voting on the submissions. The PC Chair noted that the committee and program were in good shape, and mentioned specific contributions by PC members that deserved recognition.

Mentorship Committee Update:

Susan provided an update on the activities of the Mentorship Committee. The committee wants to announce that mentorship meetings will be starting with NANOG's hybrid meetings, and proposed unique lanyards to identify the new members and NANOG ambassadors. The committee proposes to have meetings between mentors and mentees on a rolling schedule between future meetings.

Education Committee Update:

David provided an update on the activities of the Education Committee. He outlined the contributions of specific members and commented on their performance as committee members. The committee continues to work on curriculum, and the mechanical challenges for both the in-person and online classes were discussed.

NANOG Technical Update:

Benson and the Executive Director discussed their findings after meeting with the NANOG developers to discuss the overall technical architecture. Benson felt good about the Profile Tool and overall architecture. He expressed some concerns with the security model for specific components, but noted that it is not a material risk at this time. Further investigation is planned into Discourse and how it relates to the mailing list, constraints on bi-directional discussion, and how NANOG wants to proceed.

Other Business:

Minutes - In response to the Chair, the Secretary acknowledged that the previous Board meeting minutes are not ready for approval but anticipates that they'll be ready for review soon.

Discourse - The Chair outlined how Discourse will be used for the Board agenda, approvals, and other Board items related to upcoming meetings. The Chair and Executive Director also discussed using Discourse for tracking Community Suggestions and feedback.

Unofficial Meetings - The Chair mentioned that she was going to begin traveling and was considering inviting NANOG community members to an informal outside get-together, in a private capacity. She didn't think it would be a liability since it wouldn't be NANOG sanctioned. However, given her role as a member of the Board, the Executive Director will check with counsel for language to be included in the invitation.

The meeting was adjourned.

End time: 1:47 p.m. EDT