

NANOG Board of Directors
March 17, 2023/Board Conference Call
1:00 p.m. EST

Leslie Daigle, Chair	Edward McNair, Executive Director
Vincent Celindro, Vice Chair	Darrieux Harvey, NANOG Staff
Steven Feldman, Member	Valerie Wittkop, NANOG Staff
Tina Morris, Member	
Michael Costello, Member	

Start time: 1:06 p.m. EST

Roll Call / Call to order:

Regrets from David Siegel, Catherine Gurinsky and Claudia Bristol.

Agenda Review

No changes were made to the agenda.

Review/Approve Minutes

There were no minutes ready for review/approval. Expecting to have them for February and March on the next call.

Staff Report

Financials

- Financials were reviewed.
- Based on the January 2023 financials we are in a good cash position and do not expect to draw on the reserves in the near future.
- February financials are still in progress pending a few hotel invoices
 - Revenues for NANOG 87 fell short of budget.
- Interest is greater in Seattle and San Diego and hope to bridge the budget gap from Atlanta.
- Concerns were discussed regarding the Silicon Valley Bank bankruptcy and NANOG will meet with its financial advisors for more information.

Revenue Report

- Final NANOG 87 sponsorship sales were down from goal.
- NANOG 88 sponsorship sales are currently down from goal, however the conference is still 3 months out.

Alternative Funding

- Edward met with John Hays of Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC) about possible funding for NANOG.

- They might be interested in funding NCI, Scholarships and Curriculum Development.
- Discussion took place relating to their need to have the curriculum development be open source.

Events

- Completed items:
 - NANOG 87 Conference (Atlanta)
 - Hotel agreements have been finalized for NANOG 90 and NANOG 91.
 - March 13 - 17 - Site visits to Seattle and San Diego
- Darrieux provided a chart of meeting locations by year since 2016
- New Tasks + Goals
 - Secure network connectivity provider for Seattle
 - Negotiate new Ombuds Agreement
 - Negotiate with the hotel for additional space: Audio Visual Storage, Network Lounge, Meet Me Room Ombudsman space, + two additional rooms for Premium Sponsors.
 - Prepping RFPs for 2025, 2026 2027
- The board discussed how to improve the meet me room experience and better optimize usage.

Marketing

- Internet Innovators spotlights George Sadowsky.
- NANOG 87 Recap. New short-form video series were designed to create a sense of connection with those who did not attend NANOG in person.
 - These will be released shortly after each event.
 - They will also be used to promote future events.

Social Media Stats

- A link was provided to a Hootsuite networks overview for the month of February.
- Hootsuite for social media posting continues since it provides good reporting with many useful features.

Development

- Rework is being done to the website by Greg:
 - The CSS platform is switching from Bootstrap to Tailwind.
 - General UI clean-up and uniformity.
 - Currently in testing on the development server, will be released before NANOG 88 registration.
 - Goal is a tidy coded website, with solid mobile settings and faster page load speeds.

Community

- In a joint event with CaribNOG, ARIN and ICANN, Aaron Atac went as a representative for NANOG. They had 130 students present. Aaron gave a NANOG update and taught students the fundamentals of BGP.
- ICANN covered CaribNOG costs and also provided Chrome laptops to the 130 students in attendance
- Edward attended ICANN 78 and participated in a panel discussion on Outreach efforts in North America. It was well received, and there was particular interest in our doing an outreach event in Puerto Rico.

Committee Updates:

Education Committee

- The committee meets biweekly.
- Committee member Ron Kovak is a tenured professor from Ball State University and he gave a presentation on how education is thought about today with 3 main pillars of Development, Education, Training.
- Discussion of working with three paths for curriculum development: Network to Code for automation materials, ISOC for Intro to Networking, and Student/Working professional partnership to develop curriculum.

DEI - (Tina)

- Kick-off meeting has occurred, the committee meets bi-weekly.
- Several small goals with a targeted implementation of June NANOG, mostly surrounding a replacement to the WiT Lunch.
- Discussion around creating small meetups and enhancing networking.
- The committee requested \$2,000 for funds to plan/coordinate. Board requested a one-page plan from the committee on how this will work and continue at future events.

Program Committee

- In Cat's absence, Steve reported that the new committee is organizing.
- Elections for leadership are in process.
- They have begun working on some of the talks for the next conference.

Elections

- A call is needed to review proposed changes before a report is due to the full Board.

Mentorship

- The committee is currently in discussions on how best to set-up/match mentors and mentees.

Scholarship

- Waiting for candidate information from Scholarship America.
- Once in hand, a meeting of the committee will be called to start the selection process.

MOTION: Leslie moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Edward.

End time: 2:07 p.m. EST