

NANOG Board of Directors
March 19, 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	Valerie Wittkop, NANOG Staff
Vincent Celindro, PC Liaison	
Patrick Gilmore, Board Member	
Catherine Gurkinsky, Interim PC Chair	

Start time: 1:04 p.m. EDT

Roll Call / Call to order/ Agenda Review:

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

Electronic Vote Taken:

Prior to the meeting, NANOG staff had determined that a meeting in Toronto in October would not be possible. Due to the timing demand for a decision, in order to secure favorable dates, the Chair called for an electronic vote to be taken with a March 1 deadline on the two following motions:

- To change the date of the Toronto, Ontario meeting from October 2021 to October 2024.
This motion passed unanimously.
- To begin the search of a new meeting location for NANOG 83 within the United States.
This motion passed unanimously.

All Board members gave consent to this action via electronic mail.

Meeting Planning:

NANOG 82 (June, Minneapolis) - The Board reviewed options for the upcoming NANOG 82 in-person meeting in Minneapolis. The venue would be significantly restricted due to the pandemic. The Board unanimously agreed to designate NANOG 82 as a virtual-only meeting.

NANOG 83 (October) - Due to the decision to cancel the Toronto venue for NANOG 83, the Board discussed multiple alternative venue options for an in-person meeting. All options were decidedly suboptimal. However, after weighing the financial, schedule, and safety implications of each option, the Board determined that the best choice would be to use the venue in Minneapolis, previously planned for NANOG 82, for an in-person meeting component of NANOG 83. The Board voted unanimously to approve this change.

Executive Director Report:

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

Sponsorship - The Executive Director reviewed the status of NANOG 82 sponsorship sales, pending the Board's decision regarding whether to have a hybrid or virtual only meeting.

Scholarships - The staff reviewed the timeline for 2021 NANOG Scholarship applications, review process, and decisions.

Marketing - The Executive Director provided an update on marketing activities, including an article on a recent NANOG presenter that will be promoted by NANOG social media.

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

Program Committee Update:

The Program Committee (PC) Chair gave an overview of the new PC status, and noted meaningful engagement and contributions from new members. Talk solicitation and program content was described, along with specific details about notable upcoming keynote speakers.

Mentorship Committee Update:

Susan gave an update on the Mentorship Committee activities, and noted enthusiasm by the current committee members.

Education Committee Update:

David gave an update on the Education Committee activities, and outlined the contributions and ideas being discussed by the committee members.

The meeting was adjourned.

End time: 2:05 p.m. EDT