

Discussion Guide for Newcomer Networking

NANOG Conferences have many parts to them, this document reviews the different parts

- **General Session**
 - Typically a presenter before the attendees together in plenary
 - Sometimes panels or other types of formats
 - 30 minute slots are most typical for individual presenters and 45-60 minutes or more for panels
- **Tutorials**
 - Longer, more in-depth presentations intended to teach or convey more information than in a 30-60 minute slot
 - Sometimes involve hands-on components of participation using software or virtualization for lab or exercise material
- **Tracks**
 - Typically run in parallel with each other with a focus on a particular topic area of interest
 - Typical examples (though not at every meeting) are Internet and Infrastructure Security, Research, Network Automation and Tools, DNS, Data Center, Peering
- **Networking Sessions**
 - **Newcomers Networking**
 - **Peering Coordination Forum**
 - 90-minute session - provides time for attendees to meet and network with others in the peering community present at NANOG.
 - **Women In Technology**
 - Discussion focused on industry issues and challenges
 - **Beer n Gear**
 - Mini “Trade Show” format, currently known as Virtual Expo
 - **Birds of a Feather**
 - session providing time for attendees to gather with peers and discuss a central topic
- **Membership**
 - Meeting Registration Discount, Ability to participate in Organizational Leadership
- **Commitment to Education**
 - Scholarship Program
 - College Immersion Program