

**NANOG Board of Directors**  
January 28, 2022/Board Conference Call  
1:00 p.m. EST

Tina Morris, Chair	Edward McNair, Executive Director
David Siegel, Vice Chair	Darrieux Harvey, NANOG Staff
Benson Schliesser, Secretary	Claudia Bristol, NANOG Staff
Vincent Celindro, Treasurer	Valerie Wittkop, NANOG Staff
Catherine Gurinsky, PC Chair	
Patrick Gilmore, Member	
Steven Feldman, Member	

**Start time:** 1:03 p.m. EST

**Roll Call / Call to order:**

Roll call was taken with all present except Catharine who joined at 1:10 p.m. The meeting was called to order.

**Agenda Review & Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest**

No requested additions, or conflicts of interest to report.

**Board Officer Elections**

Elections were held and the following individuals were selected for each position:

- Chair - Tina Morris
- Vice Chair - David Siegel
- Treasurer - Vincent Celindro
- Secretary - Steven Feldman
- PC Liaison - Patrick Gilmore

**Staff Report:** (Edward McNair)

**Meetings**

- NANOG 84 Registrations: are tracking slightly ahead of NANOG 83.
- Hackathon Registrations are open, with roughly half virtual vs. in-person so far.

**Outreach**

- Discussions are underway with the City of Montgomery, Alabama, Howard University, the Internet Society, and ICANN for potential outreach and collaboration opportunities.

**Marketing**

- There is an extensive social media and mailing list campaign currently underway to boost registrations for NANOG 84.

**Sponsorship**

- Sponsorship sales are up from NANOG 83
- Some premium sponsors are waiting for attendance numbers to increase before returning.

### **Charters to be Approved**

- Proposed charters for the Outreach and Scholarship committees are available for board review, with electronic voting to follow.

### **NANOG 84 & 85 Meeting Update (Darrieux Harvey)**

#### NANOG 84 in Austin-

- Based on the current and projected attendance, it is estimated that there will be a shortfall in contracted minimums for hotel guest rooms and food and beverage which will result in damages owed to the hotel.
- The board unanimously approved a motion to allow the meeting planners additional flexibility in negotiating with the hotel.

#### NANOG 85 in Montreal-

- The US government is currently not recommending travel to Canada.
- NANOG may not be able to go to a planned site visit in March.
- Possible considerations:
  - Reschedule to a US city
  - Cancel and do virtual only
- A re-evaluation on moving forward will be in early March.

### **Financial Matters (Edward McNair/Claudia Bristol)**

- Audit Committee
  - The board unanimously approved membership for the Audit Committee:
    - Charles Rumford
    - Martin Pinnes
    - Alan Hannan
    - Benson Schliesser (board representative)
- 2022 Budget Draft
  - Vincent will meet with the staff the week of February 7. The Board will review and vote on the budget at the next meeting.
- Conversion of software developer from contractor to staff
  - Claudia had shared cost/savings analysis showing that NANOG would save a significant amount and have the developer full time if converted to staff.
  - There would be no penalty due to the contractor's agency.
  - David and Steven volunteered to interview the developer.

### **Topics for NANOG 84 Member Meeting**

The Board proposed the following agenda items:

- Financials, including:

- Hiring of developer
- Registration rate increase
- Updated strategic plan and timeline
- Meeting Tool progress & status
- Ombudsperson

### **Topics for NANOG 84 onsite Board Meeting**

The Board proposed the following agenda items:

- Appointing Committee Members
- Selecting a Strategic theme to help define our 2022 focus
- Discussion of Strategic initiatives and how they relate to our strategic theme
- Approval of 2022 Budget

### **Program Committee Update:** (Catherine Gurinsky)

- The committee held a two hour strategic meeting
- Discussion regarding a Master of Ceremony
- Discussed regarding talks outside of the plenary

### **Education Committee Update:** (David Siegel)

- There have been no proposals submitted for course development.
- New strategy under consideration is to accept already developed courses from others, and then find instructors.
- May discuss at Member Meeting.

### **Mentorship Committee Update:** (Edward McNair)

- Committee is in a holding pattern due to low attendance
- Will set up tables at the newcomers orientation breakfast

### **Other Business:**

- Concerns from NANOG 83
  - There were audio issues for the virtual audience has since been resolved
  - Recommendation that each speaker's name be included on the bottom of the screen throughout the talk.
  - The time zone and ICS issues have been resolved.
- A potential speaker has been suggested for WIT.

### **Conclusion:**

The Chair announced the next scheduled meeting would be Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 12 p.m. CST and adjourned the meeting.

**End time:** 2:59 p.m. EST

