NANOG Board of Directors
April 28, 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	Claudia Bristol, NANOG Staff
Tina Morris, Member	
Michael Costello, Member	
David Siegel, Treasurer	
Catherine Gurinsky, Secretary, PC Chair	

Start time: 1:04 p.m. EDT

Roll Call / Call to order:
All Board members were present as well as staff members Darrieux and Claudia.

Agenda Review
Leslie reviewed the agenda and no additions were requested.

Review/Approve Minutes
As there were members who had not had a chance to review the February and March minutes, it was decided to vote on them electronically and then record the results at the next meeting. Cat will have April and May meeting minutes ready for review before the June board meeting.

Staff Report
Events
- NANOG 88 total registration numbers were reviewed
- NANOG 88 meeting space - Additional spaces were set aside for:
    - Network Lounge
    - Meet Me Room
    - Ombudsman space
    - Two additional rooms for premium sponsors
- NANOG 87 Survey Results - Survey results were shared with the board.
- Future of SEL
    - New agreement with the Ombuds has been negotiated and signed.
    - No RFPs were sent but agreement is for 3 years so set for a while.

Sponsorship Sales
Reviewed the financials around sponsorship sales with the board.

Financials
- NANOG 87

- ○ Reviewed the budget and final numbers for N87
- First Quarter 2023
  - ○ Reviewed the first quarter financials.
- Audit Status
  - ○ Draft audit report has just been released, the audit committee will meet with the auditors soon.

- Investments
  - ○ Edward, David and Claudia met with IEQ (our investment advisors) for their assessment of NANOG's portfolio.
  - ○ Suggestions from the meeting around optimizing the investments were shared with the board.

Alternative Funding
- Edward is working with potential new sponsors for the education program.
- The board discussed the current scholarship program.
- Additional leads are being researched for funding.

Social Media Stats
- Link was provided to the March HootSuite Report
- YouTube for March 2023
  - ○ Views: 31.2K
  - ○ Hours of watch time: 4.1K
  - ○ New subscribers: 210
  - ○ Top 3 viewed videos
    - Tutorial: Kubernetes 101 for Network Professionals - 1340 views
    - 400ZR: Revolutionizing Networking - 1173 views
    - Keynote: The Future is Now: Delivering the Next Generation Brilliant Network - 683 views
- After our events, talks are posted on YouTube and the content has a strong afterlife.

Development
- There is a pause in development projects to focus on UI cleanup and refinement.
  - ○ Bootstrap to tailwind and a newer version of Python makes the website faster.
- Still plan to deliver v1 of the Appointment Tool for NANOG 88.
  - ○ Beta testing is still ongoing but limited, so seeking further feedback from the community.
- The Sponsorship tool is being delayed until after NANOG 88.

Outreach

- We will support both ABQNOG and CHI-NOG by promoting them on our events page, newsletter, and social media.
- Edward to attend ABQNOG and Vincent to attend CHI-NOG.
- NANOG updates will be presented at both events.
- NANOG will be hosting the virtual portion of ABQNOG's event.

Community
- Newcomers make up about 25-30% of NANOG conference attendees.
- Stats were provided for newcomers from NANOG 82 - NANOG 87.
- Not surprisingly, the highest percentages were male, senior engineers in service providing companies.
- Of those reporting, 13% listed female as their gender.
- The stats are similar to the overall industry.
- Additional reports will be created by Greg to keep track of trends and demographics.

Review and Vote on Election Committee's proposal for ranked choice voting:

The Election Committee has met a couple of times but most of the work was done by last year's committee. The discussion has centered around Ranked Choice Voting.

- NANOG uses the Simply Voting platform which has ranked choice voting options with default settings which seem to work well.
- The committee recommends ranked choice voting with the default settings making it easiest to understand for the voter and staff.
- Their specific choice is what is called the preferential question type with single transferable vote counts.
- The PC has been using a similar option for 2 years now and they support it.
- **MOTION:** The board voted to approve for one year, the Simply Voting Rank Choice Voting methodology as recommended by the Elections Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Updates:

DEI
- Contracted with Spheres for a 100 person event planned for Women in Tech.
- The committee is consulting ombuds to assure they are staying inclusive.
- Budget money was requested for a scavenger hunt and the request will be reviewed before a future vote to see if there are funds available.
- Free alternatives would be table topics at lunch and organizing events for the affinity groups.

Education Committee
- No major changes for N88.
- DNS tutorial will again be done by Eddy Winstead with updated presentation materials
- The committee is looking to add an automation class for a fall NANOG.

- A class on the Fundamentals of Designing and Deploying Computer Networks is being offered and to open sometime in May.

Mentorship
- Most mentees and mentors have now been matched.
- Staff is working on an ambassador draft program to present to the committee.
  - Designation of an ambassador to be printed on the badges.
  - They will be present at the newcomers meeting.

Scholarship
- The committee is going through the candidates recently received from Scholarship America.
- Top choices will be selected by Memorial Day.
- After N88 in June, the committee plans to do some research on ROI of prior recipients.

Program Committee
- The deadline for slides was just the past Monday so there are many talks in the hopper.
- Currently at 70 talks total submitted, 22 pending, 20 being voted on, 18 accepted and 2 deferred.

Elections
- The committee would like some time to explain the new voting system and tutorial at the Membership meeting.

Other Business:
- Confirmed that the Seattle NANOG 88 board meeting would occur on Sunday, June 11th. The formal meeting will run from 1pm to 5pm PST.
- The chair confirmed that the next boarding meeting would take place at 12pm EST on May 19th, 2023.

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

End time: 2:35 p.m. EDT