



NANOG Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2012
Face to Face Meeting – Vancouver, BC

The regular meeting of the NANOG Board of Directors was called to order at 1:35pm on the date listed above by Sylvie LaPerriere, Chair.

In Attendance:

Sylvie LaPerriere, Chair
Duane Wessels, Vice Chair
Steve Gibbard, Secretary
Mike Smith, Treasurer
Patrick Gilmore
Betty Burke, Executive Director

Ex-Officio:

Misako Manca, Development Committee Chair

Staff:

Florencia Dazzi, NANOG Secretariat

Guests:

Paul Ebersman, Development Committee
Gina Haspilaire, Development Committee
Fearghas McKay, Development Committee

Not Attending:

Richard Steenbergen (RAS)

1) Administrative Items:

- Minutes of the May 25, 2012 meeting were revised and distributed via email for board approval

2) Meeting Recap:

- Overall meeting went well; good feedback from attendees
- Logistics went very smoothly
- Feedback from Sponsors:
 - Good feedback
 - Suggestions for next time:
 - Arrange with hotel before-hand to have boxes from breaks and breakfasts sponsors picked up after each function
 - Cancel onsite sponsor lunch and look at other ways to thank sponsors; sponsor lunch is never well attended
- ✓ Action: DC to come up with a proposal to replace the sponsor lunch
- ✓ Action: DC to create a "Sponsor Survey" to distribute after each meeting. DC members to follow up with their assigned sponsors after every meeting

3) Member Meeting Report:

- Meeting went very well; lots of compliments
- Suggestion to change the name of the meeting to avoid the perception that the meeting is only for NANOG Members
 - "Community & Member Meeting"
 - "Attendee Meeting"
- ✓ Action: BoD to decide on new name at the next call
- There were a few complaints about members not receiving the renewal notice:
 - Renewal notices go out a month before membership expires
 - Renewal notices are sent to each member's Primary Email address, recorded in ARO



- Those not receiving the notice use multiple email addresses, and may not check the address recorded in ARO often
- ✓ Action: AMS to look into the possibility of adding secondary email addresses for renewal notices
- ✓ Action: AMS to send several renewal notices throughout the month leading to expiration

4) Committees Report:

a) **Program Committee (Patrick):** It all went well

b) **Development Committee (Misako):**

- Break sponsorships - multiple opportunities
 - Each break can take two sponsors, as long as space can be managed fairly
 - With the current pricing structure, we need to sell more than one sponsorship per break to recover the cost which is around \$12k per break
- DC meetings changes:
 - DC meetings will be held once a month
 - Betty will submit a weekly update to the DC on board and Committee events
 - DC members will add on to weekly updates via email
- Opportunity/Availability Tracking update will be included in Betty's weekly update
- Meeting locations and potential hosts
 - Hosts cannot determine the specific location of a certain meeting
 - Meetings contracts are signed 18 months in advance
 - Gina has a company interested in hosting in Phoenix, October 2013. Gina will work with Betty

c) **Communications Committee (Steve):** Things are running well

5) Future Meetings:

- A worksheet with all potential locations for the next 2 years was posted on GDocs for the BoD to review
- Currently looking at New Orleans for June 2013
- Gina has an interested sponsor for October 2013, in Phoenix
- ✓ Action: Gina to give information to Betty for follow-up

6) Educational Track (Steve):

- The proposal was presented at the Member Meeting on Sunday; and we received good suggestions from attendees
- The main decision is whether to use paid professional instructors or NANOG volunteers to do the training
- Need to define the training structure
- Proposal to start with one full day (which would be Sunday starting in NANOG 57) and make it free of charge

7) Scholarships (Steve):



- Postel Scholarship:
 - NANOG will fundraise and handle payment of travel expenses for the winner
 - Proposal to offer the scholarship at every NANOG meeting, and not just in the Fall
 - Opportunity to have companies sponsor the scholarship through the creation of a Scholarship Fund
 - “Operator of the Future” idea presented and led by Steve – more to be discussed at future board meetings

8) Membership Retention:

- ✓ Action: AMS to look into adding a “Join NANOG” button/link on the meeting registration page in ARO

9) Elections and Bylaws Changes:

- Discussion about whether the Committees will continue to self-appoint their Chairs or whether the Board should appoint them
- Board to discuss further at future meetings
- ByLaws Revision:
 - ✓ Action: AMS to look at ByLaws from other industry fora, compare with NANOG and present recommendations to the board

10) New Business:

- There was no new business

Meeting adjourned at 3:50pm PST.

Next Board meeting: Friday, June 22, 2012 at 11:00am PDT