

NANOG37 Newcomer Meeting

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Merit and NANOG

- **Continuation of Shared Values**
- **Commitment to R&D**
- **National Involvement**
- **Regional Educational Activities**

NANOG Hosts and Sponsors

- **Hosts** Work with Merit to locate a hotel, provide connectivity, build the hotel network, and staff the meeting.
 - **Break Sponsor** An engineer from your organization exhibits your equipment on a tabletop display. Break slots are 30 minutes. One vendor per event.
 - **Beer 'n Gear** Display your equipment at a table staffed by two engineers, meet informally with attendees, and enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres :) Eight to ten vendors participate in each Beer 'n Gear, depending on room size.
- www.nanog.org

Who is Merit?

- **501c.3 Regional Network, 40 years young**
- **Owned by Michigan Public Universities**
 - Hosted at University of Michigan
 - Located in the Michigan Information Technology Center with Internet2
- **Org Chart**
 - Merit Board
 - Merit CEO
 - Directors - R&D, Network
 - Managers
 - Staff

Mission Statement

- To be a respected leader in developing and providing advanced networking services to the research and education community. Merit is a trusted source for providing high-quality network infrastructure; initiating and facilitating collaboration; and providing knowledge and technology transfer through outreach.

Supporting our Mission

- [MichNet](#), Merit's statewide network, is a laboratory for innovation and connects people and ideas at Internet2 speed across the state.
- [Networking R&D](#) conducts advanced networking research.