



NANOG Transition

A Long-term Vision for the NANOG Community

Presented by the Steering Committee

Rules of Engagement

- The SC wishes to present a Long-term vision to the NANOG Community
- Sunday @ Community Meeting
 - Short Presentation 20 min
 - Q&A 10 min
- Monday @ BOF
 - Presentation 15 min (if required)
 - Implementation Plan 10 min
 - Moderated Community Discussion 45 min
 - Wrap-up 10 min

Presentation Outline

The NANOG Now

1. Mission
2. Status and Implications
3. Governance and Committees
4. Why Change?

Presentation Outline

The Long-term Vision for NANOG

5. Proposed Mission
6. Proposed Status & Governance
7. Conference & Lists Management
8. How can you shape the vision?

Now: Mission

- provide forums in the North American region for education and the sharing of knowledge for the Internet operations community
- Bridges the technical staff of the research, the operators and the vendors communities via **forums** for the sharing of technical and network operating knowledge for the Internet community.
- Forums:
 - Organize technically-relevant **Conferences** (Program via PC & Logistics via Merit)
 - Administer **Mailing-lists** (content via CC & Hosting via Merit)

Now: Status and Implications

1. NANOG is an **activity** of Merit Network, Inc. a non-profit corporation - 501(c)(3) - governed by Michigan's public universities.
2. Merit provides full-time equivalent staff:
 - Conference logistical coordination
 - Conference registration services
 - Financial management
 - Hosting of NANOG mailing list.
 - Support of and relationship with SC and PC Chairs
 - May serve as non-voting members on SC, PC or CC

Legal governance and financial management control are entrusted to Merit, requiring their approval for any substantive proposals.

Now: Governance

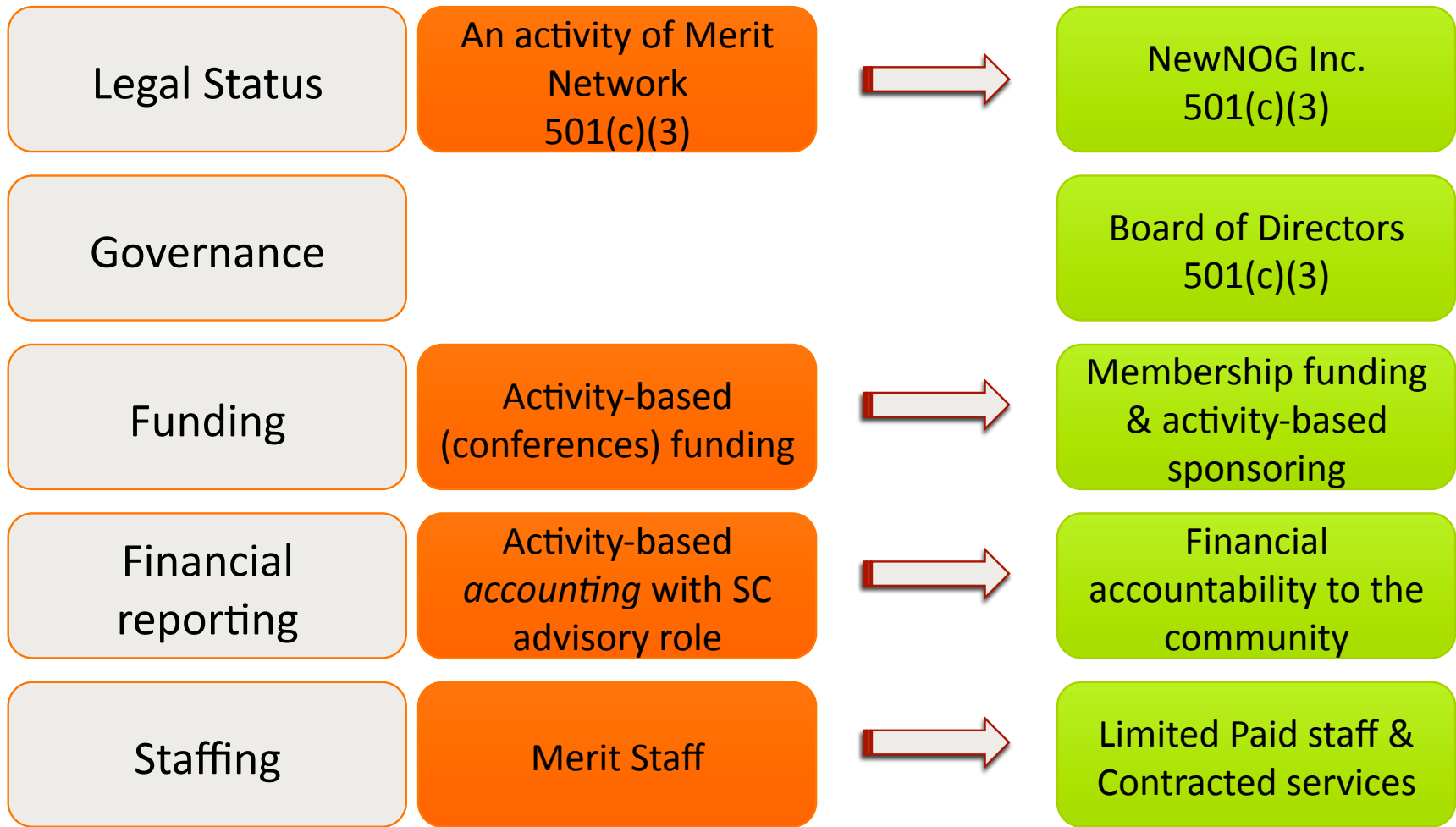
- NANOG Evolution process towards *self-governance* began in 2005 with the New Charter
- Successful milestones:
 - Creation of **Program Committee**: responsible for conference content
 - Creation of **Communication Committee** (fka Mailing-list Committee)
 - Creation of **Marketing Working Group** (towards sustainable funding)
- Still NANOG remains an activity of Merit

Now: Why Change?

- We have a working governance model but limited ability to act
- Desire to contain changes within Merit's budget cycles (July1 to June 30)
 - Current Merit fiscal includes N47, N48, N49
 - Merit has contracted N50, N51 hotels

It is time for NANOG to become autonomous:

- ✓ Independent legal entity
- ✓ Independent funding
- ✓ Financial management & Control
- ✓ Members as owners



The Change

Towards a self-sufficient NANOG



Proposal: Mission

- Proposal to keep the same mission
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- Proposed additions:
 - Expand the education and outreach
 - Expand online forums
 - Explore industry formalization

Proposal: Status & Governance

- Status:
 - Independent non-profit organization 501(c)(3) providing a vehicle for NANOG assets transfers (material, trademarks, logos, information)
- Governance:
 - Board of Directors (equals Elected SC members)
 - Mirror existing SC, PC, CC memberships and terms
- Membership:
 - Increase membership by decoupling from conference attendance
- Funding by:
 - Membership
 - Sponsor Organizations/Contributors

Proposal: Membership

- Bootstrap
 - Current NANOG voting membership population
 - Parallel vote to be held October 2010
 - Fill expiring NewNOG board seats
 - Ratify NewNOG by-laws

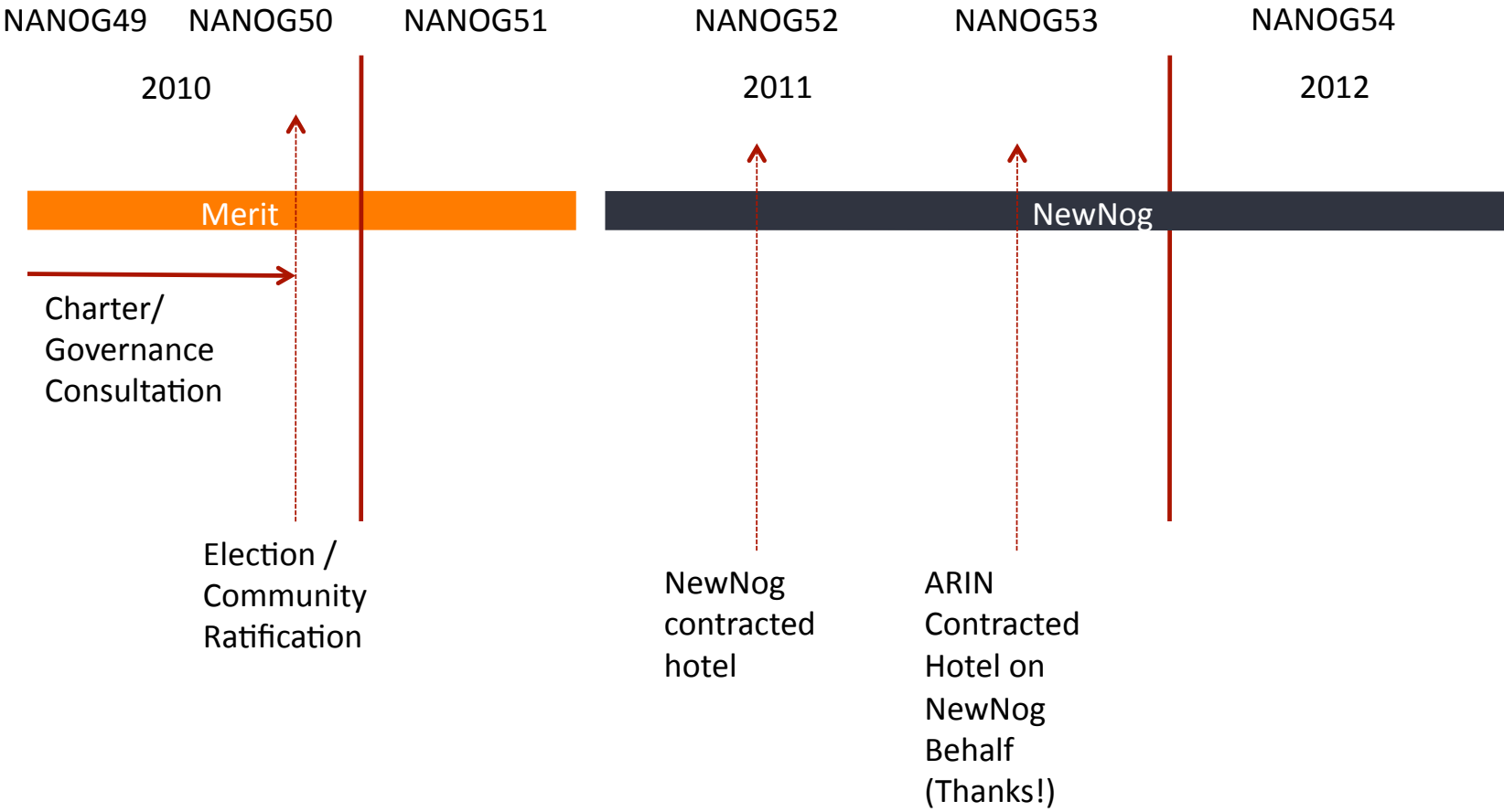
- Many future model options, commonalities:
 - Larger Member Base (not just conferences attendees)
 - Annual Paid dues (TBD)
 - Discounted student membership
 - Members get voting rights in NewNOG elections
 - Possible meeting discount, subscription plans?
 - Future benefits and rights as developed by the community

Proposal: Conference & Lists

- Conferences:
 - Revise sponsorship & hosting model (+\$\$)
 - Hotel contract negotiation via agent (-\$)
 - Contracted Registration management (-\$)
 - Contracted Onsite logistics

- Mailing-lists:
 - Contracted hosting
 - Keep community management

Note: Contracted/Outsourced with performance obligations



How Can you Shape the Vision?

- Join the Governance WG – Steve Gibbard, Dave Barak, Betty Burke
- Join the Membership WG – Kris Foster, Bill Woodcock, Ren Provo
- Join the Funding/Sponsorship (\$\$\$) WG – Chris Quesada
- Join the Finance/Budget WG – Dan Golding, Todd Underwood, Tom Daly, Sylvie LaPerriere
- Join the Conference/Event Planning WG – Open/ Executive
- Join the Technical Transition Services WG – Richard Steenberger, Rob Seastrom, Tom Scholl

Become a Member of NewNOG
Vote at the upcoming October N50 election

Q & A

10 min

