



August 31, 2023

## **MINUTES**

### **ISOC-NY – BOARD OF DIRECTORS MTG- August 31, 2023– 6:30pm**

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm

**Attending: Greg Shatan, Dave Burstein, Andrea Romaoli, Sherry Antoine and Stuart Reid**

1. Resolution proposed and accepted to formally thank Reuben Loewy for his service to the NY Chapter Board of Directors, including serving as Vice President
2. Proposed Election Calendar adopted (copy attached)
3. Discussion and review of Election Rules and Procedures. Adopted with the following notations:
  - a. Agreed that 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President not needed, but rather BOD will review By-Laws to confirm or amend procedures that permit other Board Member to replace any officer that resigns or leaves office prior to end of term. Issue tabled until next BOD meeting.
  - b. Agreed that list of voting Members be sent to ISOC central as close to the actual election as possible, one (1) or no more than two (2) weeks prior to election. Greg will draft language to this effect to include in the Election Procedures.
  - c. Greg will be approving new Members as they sign up as prompted by the system, or on a daily basis as required, in order to maximize membership prior to the election.
  - d. Agree to strike prohibition of current officers, directors and candidates from sitting on Election Committee (Section 5b ).
  - e. Board noted that Joly MacFie volunteered to manage the election process for the Chapter. Greg suggests that he also be on the Election Committee.
  - f. Other proposed Election Committee Members include Judith Hellerstein, Farzaneh Badii and one or two external observers from the suggested list of ISOC Central volunteers. Suggestion that the initial selections be from North America for logistical reasons, though Dave has had successful experiences sitting on African-based election committees.
  - g. Stu Reid agreed to serve on the Election Committee.

- h. Agreed to constitute the Election Committee within the next several days
  - i. Election Rules and Procedures unanimously adopted with the noted changes and comments discussed in the meeting, and as noted above, to be made by Greg.
- 4. Regarding Election Announcement, Dave suggested there be more direct language advocating for the inclusion of disabled and others, emphasizing equal opportunity for all to participate and apply in order to increase diversity and inclusiveness. Greg agreed that we need to concentrate on outreach and engagement of the current 1,500 Members in order to activate ISOC-NY into a dynamic organization. All agreed and Greg will insert new language that is inviting and welcoming and will post the new draft Election Announcement email on Google Drive for all to make suggestions.
- 5. Event Planning:
  - a. Andrea and Dave both have projects that would like to implement.
  - b. Suggestion that a short note about the proposed projects be sent to the Secretary for circulation to the Board for discussion at the next meeting, and/or circulated via email if there is no BOD meeting scheduled or held in time. In such a case, project will be presumed to be approved unless objected to by BOD Members. Greg is OK with this procedure as long as there is no budget attachment required by Chapter.
  - c. Greg proposed in-person social events for ISOC-NY Members. Will send out email for an informal get-together.
  - d. Sherry suggested that the Chapter host an AI event. Dave volunteered to help out given his 6-months of research into the topic and relationships with potential expert guests, including possible radio show discussions on *Community & Technology*/WHCR 90.3 FM.
  - e. ISOC-NY agreed to co-sponsor the upcoming *Harlem Emergency Preparedness Day* event at City College on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> with \$500 in underwriting to cover the cost of live-streaming by Joly. Stu agreed to prominently display ISOC-NY logo and sponsorship attribution as widely as possible.
- 6. Suggestion that next BOD Meeting be held at the end of October prior to the completion of the upcoming election. Greg and Stu will coordinate scheduling the next BOD Meeting. Suggestion that we invite new Members to attend, as there is no requirement to be on the BOD in order to attend meetings as a non-participating observer.

7. Suggestion that Chapter host a Member Meeting prior to the next BOD Meeting.
8. Other Business:
  - a. Greg report that we have \$17,000 in funds in the Chapter bank account.
  - b. Mention of other future events that Chapter is co-sponsoring including 1) NY Metro Joint Cyber Security Conference and Workshop Oct. 19-20, and 2) a post-meeting readout following ICANN 78 in mid-October in Hamburg to be co-sponsored with North American Regional At-Large Organization of ALAC. Hoping to go back to live reporting.
9. Meeting adjourned: 7:47 pm