

RT4 Wednesday January 20th, 2021 Board Meeting Notes

In attendance: AM, ZM, RM, SS, EQ, KD, TC

Not Attending (unexcused): DB (3rd consecutive unexcused absence)

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of December Board Meeting Notes [EQ]

Motion to accept by AM, seconded by EQ, unanimously approved

3. Treasurer's Report [RM & TC]

--- Approval of FY2021Q2 Financial Report [RM & TC]

----- This report is not yet ready; TC will distribute it for email approval, which will be ratified at the February board meeting.

--- Discussion of performance versus budget [RM & TC]

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4. Chair's Report [AM]

--- Report back on hiring process

----- AM reported that 11 candidates passed the initial screening. One withdrew, and AM interviewed the other 10. He circulated to the Board the resume and CV of the current leading candidate. Board members have till 5pm Eastern on Thursday to voice any objections to hiring them.

--- Update on restructuring of how we hold our documents

----- AM has not moved forward on this item, but will provide an update at the February meeting.

--- Motion to suspend DB from board under Bylaws SR 3.6(c), "Refusal or inability to discharge the obligations of the elected position, including reasonable attendance at meetings of elected officers."

----- Motion by AM, seconded by EQ, motion unanimously approved

--- Motion to shift board discussions to new Signal 2.0 group chat, making sure all board members are added, and former board members removed from group.

----- Motion by AM, seconded by KD, approved unanimously

--- Legislative Working Group Report

----- Coalition letters reacting to Capitol insurrection (no expansion to domestic surveillance, no renewal of PATRIOT Act powers, no domestic terrorism statute)

----- AM helped draft the CDT letter. He will circulate these newly signed coalition letters after the board meeting.

----- Update on Snowden pardon work

----- Around 2,000 communications sent to White House to help with a pardon. Came down to the wire, appears to have failed thanks to Republican Senators threatening Trump with post-impeachment votes to convict him, if he pardoned Snowden or Assange.

----- Biden administration: Not likely to pardon Ulbricht or Snowden. Slightly more likely that they will pardon Assange given approach of Obama admin to the case. Much more likely to pardon Winner and Albury. LegWG not yet considering pardons advocacy for this administration.

----- Introduction of stingray bill at some point

----- Mass surveillance and US Marshals

----- Collaborative petition work with DRAD and Demand Progress preparing for launch of 4A Is Not For Sale Act

--- Litigation Working Group Report

----- Joint brief with PPSA in Caniglia v. Strom

----- AM will circulate final brief to Board

----- New amicus effort beginning in Brown, a Wisconsin case relating to establishing that a cavity search of a pretrial jail inmate in WI requires probable cause, not reasonable suspicion
--- Report back on activists' check-in call from Jan. 4
----- EQ will call into Feb 4 call and take notes
----- RT4-Boston successfully blocked deployment of ALPR and GrayKey device by Somerville PD
----- RT4-Minnesota proceeding with ordinance campaign
----- RT4-Atlanta holding workshop on data flows in city govt: 10 participants signed up
--- Approvals of coalition letters
----- Identity Project comments on proposed CBP rules for airport & border facial recognition, filed 12/23: <https://papersplease.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/IDP-CBP-biometric-entry-exit-21DEC2020.pdf>
----- Stop LAPD Spying Coalition letter opposing LAPD deployment of facial recognition: <https://knock-la.com/open-letter-reject-lapd-face-recognition-e970e5ad68b3>
----- Prior letter supporting NDAA amendments did not result in those amendments being retained.
5. Communications Chair's Report [KD]
--- Communications Working Group calls
----- Trouble maintaining interest in calls
----- AM will follow up with people who previously helped with comms to foster interest
----- Timing of calls an issue? Will resolve once new recruits come on
--- Petition and op-ed work relating to Fourth Amendment Is Not For Sale Act, other legislation
--- Truth in Data campaign
----- KD explains campaign, hopes RT4 can provide certification on transparency of algorithms to companies; revenue stream
----- AM suggests also including quality of "wall" between company data and govt data requests, to maintain nexus to 4A
6. Chapter Liaison Report [SS]
--- SS has started sending out comms to chapters; responses from MA, GA, MN so far; will continue process
--- When Program Associate is hired, SS, AM and hire will have conference call to allocate responsibilities in chapter liaison work
7. Old Business
--- TC following up on U2F keys; all board members must submit shipping addresses & device info to TC (except KD who already did)
8. New Business
--- None.
9. Scheduling next board meeting
--- Wednesday February 10th @ 9pm Eastern, via Signal group call
<https://meet.jit.si/UrgentNeedsRollScornfully> (backup if Signal doesn't work)
10. Adjournment
--- Motion to adjourn by AM, seconded by EQ, no objections, meeting adjourned

Thanks,
Ed Quiggle, Jr.
Secretary
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