

## MAY 6, 2021 BOARD MEETING NOTES

In attendance: AM, RM, EQ, SR, SS (quorum reached), ZM

Not in attendance: TC (excused), BS (excused), KD (unexcused)

- Welcome and Introductions

- Chair's Report [AM]

--- Staff Report

----- Chapters deemed "active" as of this election: Albany; Atlanta; Boston; Dallas; Idaho; Minnesota; Nebraska; New York City; Rhode Island; SF Bay Area; Susquehanna Valley.

----- Chapters deemed "inactive" since last election: Lehigh Valley; Pittsburgh; Raleigh; Reno; UK

- Approval of April Board Meeting Notes [EQ]

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

- Ratification of vote to streamline election procedures [AM]

--- The motion, proposed by AM and seconded by EQ, was to amend Bylaws SR

7.3(vii), "Chapters shall participate in the elections by conducting polls of their eligible members. Chapters shall communicate to RT4 before midnight 0:00 local time on May 5 the results of the poll of their eligible members.", to read, "In the event that all positions on the board are uncontested, the returning officer may conduct a simple poll of all eligible members. If any positions are contested, chapters shall participate in the elections by conducting polls of their eligible members. In either event, the results of the poll(s) of eligible members shall be communicated to the RT4 Board members before midnight 0:00 local time on May 5."

--- Bylaw amendments require a supermajority of all Board members, meaning five out of seven. All five voting Board members voted for the change (AM, EQ, TC, KD, RM).

Motion to ratify bylaws amendment by EQ, seconded by AM, unanimously ratified

- Treasurer's Report [RM & TC]

--- Approval of FY2021Q3 Financial Report [attached] [RM & TC]

Motion to approve by EQ, seconded by SR, unanimously approved

--- Asset strategy incl. cryptocurrency holdings [deferred from April, to be circulated] [TC, RM & EQ]

Asset strategy item deferred to the June board meeting so that TC and EQ can collaborate effectively and produce a document including cryptocurrency strategy

- Tech Chair's Report [EQ]

--- EQ proposal to shift MX (email) and hosting to new provider and add @restorethe4th.com email addresses as aliases for our Protonmail accounts

Sticking with protonmail.com addresses, because to switch to @restorethe4th.com email addresses would increase complexity for AM and others. Proposes to switch DNS and hosting to www.njal.la.

--- Report on elections

Low turnout, hope to grow membership and participation next year

- Chair's Report [AM]

--- Staff Report

----- Draft employment contract for Jo Facklam

Board reviewed contract, no objections raised

----- Policies and plans for new program year

----- New strategic plan requires new working group: members?

AM and KD interested; AM will try to find one more person before convening working group

----- Employment policies (AM to draft, present at June meeting?)

----- Parental and bereavement leave policy

----- Complaint and whistleblower policy

----- Health insurance policy

AM will draft these policies to present to Board at June meeting

----- Conference schedule as US emerges from pandemic: HOPE, RightsCon

----- Plan to substitute RightsCon June 2022 for HOPE; HOPE hopefully returns in 2023?

Broad discussion of conference options, incl. DefCON (rejected) and Digital Totality (in Prague). RightsCon 2022 hopefully in North America.

----- Planned fundraising campaigns: May 10-24, June 15-30

--- Litigation Working Group Report

----- Amicus brief filed in Miller

----- At work on new cert.-stage brief in Nichols

----- Cert. denied in Brown

----- Supreme Court should decide shortly to hear/not hear Lombardo

--- Legislative Working Group Report

----- Email blast to Congress on 4A Is Not For Sale Act: over 5,000 emails sent

----- Preparatory work on Cell Site Simulator Warrant Act

----- 1033 Program abolition advocacy

----- "American Jobs Plan" / transportation / infrastructure - privacy and surveillance implications

----- New Issues Pages released on Surveillance Oversight Ordinances and Civil Asset Forfeiture

----- Draft Issues Pages expected to be released in May: Cryptocurrency Surveillance, Stingrays, Smart Cities

--- Chapter updates

----- RT4-MN blocks increases in fusion center funding; fundraising campaign matched by National through June 30

----- Other chapter updates (AM [RT4-Boston], EQ [RT4-Susquehanna Valley], KD [RT4-Atlanta])

--- Approvals of coalition letters

----- Letter on Clearview

AI: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Psj\\_en4Byt\\_IAT\\_yMXY3UcOXBKhtrN86idltZOaNFZY/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Psj_en4Byt_IAT_yMXY3UcOXBKhtrN86idltZOaNFZY/edit)

----- Letter on retention of DHS

abuses: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11uJweGBAXLnK6CLOO-Jmg4hhAiTH4v1-zL7mx6USkvI/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11uJweGBAXLnK6CLOO-Jmg4hhAiTH4v1-zL7mx6USkvI/viewform?edit_requested=true)

----- Letter supporting FR ban in King County, WA: [https://signon-acluofwashington.nationbuilder.com/king\\_county\\_frt\\_ordinance](https://signon-acluofwashington.nationbuilder.com/king_county_frt_ordinance)

----- Letter on adding members to

PCLOB: [https://newamericadotorg.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/NGO\\_PCLOB\\_letter\\_8-29-18.pdf](https://newamericadotorg.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/NGO_PCLOB_letter_8-29-18.pdf)

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

- Old Business

- New Business

Request to affiliate from Citizens' Privacy Coalition of Santa Clara County [AM]

Motion to affiliate by AM, seconded by ZM, unanimously approved

- Scheduling next board meeting

Wednesday June 9th @ 9pm Eastern on Signal group call

- Adjournment

Motion to adjourn SR, seconded by AM; meeting adjourns at 10:20pm