

## NOV 17, 2021 BOARD MEETING NOTES

### 1. Welcome

In attendance: AM, EQ, BS, KD, TC, ZM

Absent: SR (excused)

### 2. Treasurer's Report [TC]

- FY2022 Q1 Financial Report (to end of September) (deferred to December board meeting)
- Opening of Coinbase account is underway, but will take a few weeks
- Workers' comp payments inapplicable w/r/t board members, trying to get reimbursed
- RT4 Budget draft (deferred to December board meeting): AM and TC will meet to discuss the budget in week after Thanksgiving.

### 3. Approval of October Board Meeting Notes [AM]

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

### 4. Nominations [AM]

- Resignation of Shekia Scott from the Board due to lack of bandwidth
- Resignation of Rebekah Mercer from the Board due to relocation to the UK
- Quorum/board majority now four board members, down from five
- Review of board recruitment process: AM encourages Board members to send him recommendations for candidates for probationary Board membership in advance of May elections, esp. female and minority candidates.

### 5. Communications Chair's Report [SR]

- Schedule for new Communications Working Group; SR has forwarded draft agenda; AM shares it with the Board and invites them to contact SR if they have additional items.

### 6. Tech Chair's Report [BS]

- Update on hosting switch to Hover: BS will move forward on this tomorrow, and AM will be available to provide login credentials as needed.
- Website backups; fixing search box problem: BS will move forward on this in the next week.
- Configuring of @restorethe4th.com email addresses: BS will move forward on this in the next week.
- Trademark enforcement: AM will contact trademark attorney for next steps.

### 7. Chair's Report [AM]

- Ratification of Board policy on cryptocurrency advocacy, as discussed in Board Signal group: *"it's OK for us to participate in the work at the moment to advocate against closer financial surveillance in the cryptocurrency space. But this should be placed carefully in the following context: That we support financial privacy and autonomy, especially for small transactions, in general; that our support of that privacy and autonomy includes other mechanisms than cryptocurrency, such as cash and older trust-based systems; and that we intend in the future to only accept as donations, and to only advocate for, proof-of-stake-based cryptocurrencies that have a much smaller environmental footprint."*

Board accepts wording, will review after a policy of accepting proof-of-stake-based cryptocurrencies and not proof-of-work cryptocurrencies becomes viable.

#### - Fundraising report

--- DeFi grant application: application will be in by the end of this week, for \$80k; could sustain a second staff member.

--- Bitcoin grant application: Program name will be "DeFi::Congress"; ZM's name will be on it, funding round of \$600k to be divided via quadratic voting between 10-15 nonprofits, between Dec 1-15; funds likely to be disbursed in form of "Uni" cryptocurrency.

— Mailing list, Giving Tuesday fundraiser for small donors.

### 8. Legislative Working Group Report [AM]

- Launch of WIRED story on police video surveillance
- Protecting Data at the Border Act advocacy
- Keyword warrants strategy: state bills in Mountain West; activating volunteers there

- Congressional info session on Privacy Shield now set for Nov 30, Max Schrems speaking; weird proposal floated by USTR to create "tribunal" under ODNI that would allow EU citizens to claim redress via national govts
- Approvals of coalition letters

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- [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1c32H4XudxV0pXSIVjxO1IQ6YEjWakKJ\\_bYYppt4bxZ4/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1c32H4XudxV0pXSIVjxO1IQ6YEjWakKJ_bYYppt4bxZ4/edit) on denaturalization and surveillance

--- letter supporting <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/7213/text> to fix problem with individuals being able to sue for violations of federal law

--- additional cosignature, not previously circulated, of letter of support for Brian Hofer in Oakland's efforts to get OPD to comply with surveillance ordinance regarding ALPR; text not yet public but can provide to Board members on request

#### 9. Litigation Working Group Report [AM]

- New brief with Harvard Cyberlaw Clinic, All Writs Act case ("Brewster", AM will circulate to Board when complete)

- Mahesha proposes new scope of work

Motion to accept by AM, subject to review next Fall, seconded by BS, unanimously accepted

#### 10. Chapter updates [AM]

- Boston chapter passes surveillance ordinance in City of Boston

- Minnesota chapter working on panel on drones, face recognition ban in St. Paul, surveillance ordinance in Minneapolis; chafing at electioneering being barred by Bylaws

- Attempting formation of new Phoenix chapter with new volunteer James Roe and formation of new Dallas chapter with volunteer Chris Cartwright; hope to bring formal affiliation requests to December board meeting

- Building closer relations with TRUST-SD (San Diego), PDX Privacy (Portland, OR) and Eyes on Surveillance (New Orleans); ShotSpotter protest planning in SF Bay Area

- Pennsylvania chapter interested in new 4th amendment case in PA (EQ): EQ will send details to AM for consideration by LitWG

- Discussion of how to handle chapter liaison function previously allocated to SS: send thoughts to AM on this

11. Discussion of whether RT4 needs a 'misinformation policy' [KD]: KD will identify and circulate examples of good misinformation policies to Board to help Board understand how it will help.

#### 12. Old Business

#### 13. New Business

#### 14. Scheduling next board meeting

- Wednesday, December 8, at 8:30pm Eastern

#### 15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by EQ, seconded by BS, meeting adjourned at 10:00pm

-Ed Quiggle, Jr.

Secretary

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