MICE UG 27 Meeting Notes

Meeting called to order at 15:00 CDT Monday, March 26th 2018 at the 511 Building cafeteria, Minneapolis, MN

Roll Call: Number of voting members in attendance: 11 Percentage of Voting Members in Attendance: 14%, quorum attained. See roll call sheet for further information.

Motion was made by Dave Farmer (University of Minnesota) to approve minutes from UG 26, motion was seconded by Jay Hanke (Neutral Path), motion passed.

Board of Governors Report

New Members since UG26: Country Wireless, Coloplast, Cedar Falls Utilities

Disconnections since UG26: Introvex, NetValue, Visionary Communications (previously Mammoth)

There was a brief discussion of Insurance and our coop status, prompted by indemnification language in Fastly's proposed connection agreement.

The board does not feel that we need a formal non-pay disconnection policy at this time. No members have out rightly refused to pay our port fees and most of our payment issues appear to be related to simple bureaucracy and ownership changes at member companies.

Financial Report from Kayla Olsen, MICE Treasurer

We have \$45K in 2018 port fees that have been billed, and \$33K have been collected so far. Our 2017 tax filing and 2018 domain renewals are complete.

Our Arista Support Contract will be paid by the end of this week, the board had decided to enter into a 3 year support contract because of substantial cost savings such a deal offered.

We're expecting \$32K to be in our bank account after these bills are paid, PayPal balance is \$0 after we moved those monies to our main account.

Tech Committee Report

BFD passive is part of our default BGP configuration now, and this seems to be working well.

IRR Filtering continues to be a goal now that we've completed our layer 2 switch upgrades, we've talked about migration models and designs.

Large BGP AS support and extended communities was also discussed, it does not appear to be a pressing need for any members and we believe that these features will come by default with future BIRD upgrades.

Old Business

We're still planning on having a set of Arista optics on hand for spares and troubleshooting, Arista has approved the donation and we're expecting them to arrive shortly. Jeremy from the Tech Committee reports that during our migration we had several intermittent issues with the initial turn up of non-Arista optics, with DOM reporting light but the links not actually coming up.

New Business

Our membership has continued to grow but our number of members attending user group meetings has remained level, and as a consequence the total percentage of members attending has fallen. Attaining 10% quorum hasn't been an issue so far, but could be if current trends continue. No action was suggested to mitigate this potential issue, but may be required in the future.

FlexCentral (formerly ViaWest) is talking about hosting a remote switch at their Chaska facility.

The group again discussed future growth opportunities, including larger area enterprises that could benefit from MICE.

Dave Farmer discussed arranging a "BGP 201" session for interested parties that would topics like local pref, use of communities, route registries, and similar helpful topics.

Is anyone going to NANOG in Denver June 25-27, 2018? It would be valuable for MICE to have a table.

Next Meetings

UG28 Summer Meeting: July 11th, 3pm at Moorhead, MN - hosted by 702 Communications

UG29 Fall Meeting: tentatively the 10th of October, 3pm at 511 building cafeteria, Minneapolis, MN

Meeting adjourned on Monday, March 26th 2018 at 16:25 CDT by unanimous consent.