

Wednesday, September 8, at 8:30pm Eastern, over Signal.

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

Absent: SS (excused), RM (excused)

## SEPTEMBER 2021 BOARD MEETING NOTES

1. Welcome

2. Approval of July Board Meeting Notes [below] [EQ]

Motion to accept EQ, seconded SR, unanimously accepted

3. Treasurer's Report [deferred from July] [TC]

Almost finished, Alex to get info on JF's breakdown of hours to TC so he can complete it.

--- FY2021 Financial Report

TC presented general impression of finances: ~\$79,000 in bank as of end June, up \$15k from previous year

--- Control of cryptocurrency wallets issue resolved?

TC to open Coinbase account. ~\$504 in BTC in ZM account for RT4. Monero miner info to be shared with TC and BS, EQ to email login info. Miner likely needs updating as well.

--- Stripe recurring payments issue resolved?

TC reports as resolved

--- \$908 payment to RT4-MN to match their fundraising as of June 30; TC will issue

--- Worker's comp for board members

TC to circulate form to board members

--- Ended contract with CallPower

--- Budget planning to start after FY2020 financial report approved

4. Communications Chair's Report [deferred from June] [SR]

--- Current planning for social media management:

SR reports being more able to engage with planning; Communications Working Group has reconvened; AM to be added to group; SR to send new physical address to AM and EQ

5. Tech Chair's Report [deferred from June] [BS]

--- Switching hosting to [www.njal.la](http://www.njal.la) for [www.restorethe4th.com](http://www.restorethe4th.com) and [www.decidthefuture.org](http://www.decidthefuture.org)

TC expressed serious concerns with [www.njal.la](http://www.njal.la) as regards domain ownership. Board recommends to look for different domain registrar, but to go with njal.la for VPS hosting

--- Privacy issues with NordVPN?

Board willing to say "sponsored by nordvpn" on RT4 site if we do get funding, but there should be no endorsement of their product/service, because we will not have done the thorough pen testing and due diligence necessary to be able to know we can stand behind their product.

--- Website backups

BS will follow up with JF on this.

--- Any other proposals for improving RT4 systems or website

BS will follow up with JF on getting @restorethe4th.com email addresses configured

6. Chair's Report [AM]

--- Staff Report

----- DDG donation received (\$25k); pledge of \$15k from ZM; possible future funding from NordVPN

----- Zine for RT4-Boston on surveillance and crime nearly ready

----- op-ed on kids' privacy got issued and was popular

- trademark secured; on to enforcement against cybersquatter on [www.restorethefourth.net](http://www.restorethefourth.net)
- Litigation Working Group Report
- No new cases over summer, considering a couple of cases for fall

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

- Issue brief on facial recognition technology: <https://restorethe4th.com/issues/facial-recognition-technology/>
- Working on issue briefs on smart cities, FISA, security grifting
- Meeting with DHS on social media surveillance
- October info session for congressmembers on Privacy Shield / 702
- Advocacy on #EndFBIBackdoors
- Advocacy over 1033 amendment (failed by 1 vote)
- Advocacy on smart cities provisions in infrastructure bill
- Advocacy on civil asset forfeiture amendment in commerce appropriations bill
- Coalition letters were approved as follows:
- EFF letter supporting Wyden amendment in infrastructure bill that would have prevented cryptocurrency surveillance (it failed) [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EgWrijL09JPgLB7t0A\\_eRRyDRJN6wIHEZiO\\_uFXy79qk/e/dit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EgWrijL09JPgLB7t0A_eRRyDRJN6wIHEZiO_uFXy79qk/e/dit)
- Brennan Center letter to DHS on social media surveillance <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/coalition-letter-urges-department-homeland-security-end-social-media>
- CDT letter opposing Apple client-side scanning for CSAM <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdEBdTEgRWnB31OuaJi2OzQd-PcyvXfmaU5xp6srYurUHmpg/viewform>
- STOP NY organizational comment on NIST SP 1270 "A Proposal for Identifying and Managing Bias in Artificial Intelligence" <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5c1bfc7eee175995a4ceb638/t/6126ab879491755a3675cb17/1629924231815/Comment+of+20+Organizations+In+Response+To+NIST+SP+1270.pdf>
- ACLU letter to the President urging civil liberties-expert PCLOB appointments [https://docs.google.com/document/d/11\\_QysC-btIQ0vcOtdistjyThq3wLrslj5TUAUbjQns/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/11_QysC-btIQ0vcOtdistjyThq3wLrslj5TUAUbjQns/edit)
- "Demilitarize Our Communities" coalition letter to rein in 1033 program <https://thehill.com/policy/defense/570273-house-democrats-to-offer-amendment-to-limit-transfer-of-military-grade-gear-to?rl=1>

#### 8. Chapter Liaison Report [SS] --- deferred to October

#### 9. Old Business

#### 10. New Business

#### 11. Scheduling next board meeting

Next board meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 14, at 8:30pm Eastern