

<http://serc.carleton.edu/nnn/index.html>

Hi Monica and Kristin,

Marc Isaacson and I are newly elected (yesterday) officers (VP and Sec-Treas) of NNN.

We appreciate the financial support that SEC has given NNN in the past.

Unfortunately NNN membership is less than a hundred.

I talked with Sean in June. We'd like to meet with you before our school year starts.

Unfortunately Augsburg starts classes next Monday.

Is it at all possible to meet with both -- or either -- or you this Thursday AM?

Marc needs to be back in MSP around noon. What's possible?

Milo

6/23/2015 9:42 AM

Hi Milo,

We generally have between 20 and 30 projects going. Some have larger websites and some none. More resource intensive website pay a larger fraction of the infrastructure cost. So when estimating costs to come up with a standard small website \$8k contract we build in an assumption that it needs to cover probably something less than 1/30 of the infrastructure costs. The NNN contract is only for \$5k...

cheers, Sean

On Jun 23, 2015, at 5:40 AM, Milo Schield <milo@pro-ns.net> wrote:

Thanks for the info. How many unique web clients does SERC serve?

What fraction of costs "belongs to NNN"?

Milo

On 6/17/2015 10:35 AM, Sean Fox wrote:

Milo

It isn't the case that NNN has run a surplus. Most of the cost for this (and many of our projects) is staff time communicating, coordinating, teaching and setting things up for folks using our tools. There are also less visible (but very real in terms of actual dollars over the counter) costs in server space (relatively small cost) and staff time (not so small) in managing the infrastructure (making sure backups are done and offsite, keeping tools updated for security and changes in the larger tech landscape, being available continuously to address inevitable server problems, etc....). Since we share that infrastructure across many projects those costs are shared (and the fraction that belongs to NNN is small). The finances in our office (since we're 100% soft money) means we have federal requirements to track our time usage pretty closely and account for it in terms of which projects are involved. So we have a pretty detailed picture (and lots of experience over many projects) about how those real costs accrue. We certainly operate on a non-profit basis (being part of Carleton) and what we charge is adjusted quite carefully to reflect actual costs. Historically actual costs for NNN have run right up to (and in some cases beyond) the amount we've charged. Most recently there was work getting Kristin up to speed how the existing site is structured, how to make effective use of the tools, providing her guidance on how to build an effective site architecture (pulling from our expertise across the office) and then iterating with her on the new design. Molly also did a bunch of design work on the new front page (not yet live). It's certainly the case that fully-loaded costs for staff are often higher than people imagine (10 faculty in a meeting for an hour is costing someone somewhere \$1000). But it's also the case that our costs (and salaries) are less than what you'd run into for similar

expertise from commercial firms. For reference our base budget for a new website project with a stand-alone site is around \$8k. That reflects real costs for all the communication/coordination/training/planning and implementation based on our experience over the last decade with many dozens of projects. That doesn't include time to program new tools and functionality. So you can see where we have to be sensitive to working very efficiently with NNN's \$5k.

cheers, Sean

On Jun 17, 2015, at 9:54 AM, Milo Schield <milo@pro-ns.net> wrote:

Agreed on using time effectively. Kristen is certainly key.

I'll talk more with Eric on how he wants to proceed.

In the mean time I'll continue trying to learn more about the NNN site.

Perhaps I don't understand the financial aspects.

I thought NNN had been paying \$5K/year for over 5 years with minimal programming.

I presumed NNN had a "surplus" with SERC.

Milo

On 6/17/2015 9:36 AM, Sean Fox wrote:

Hi Milo,

I absolutely agree that meeting face to face is a pretty big investment that we want to make sure has sufficient payoff. Toward that end it would be really helpful to get a better sense of what you want to talk about/what the agenda for the meeting might be. That way we can be sure we've got the right people in on the conversation and the right amount of time set aside. As I think you know we're on a pretty tight budget at our end for the NNN site (less than we'd normally budget for a project this size). So I want to be really respectful of that limitation and make sure the time we do spend gives NNN the maximum bang for its buck. I know Kristin Bott had taken the lead for NNN on moving the website forward and has been working back and forth with our staff a bunch. They've made a lot of progress in both planning and implementation toward revamping the site. The final restructuring operations and enlivening of the changes hasn't been done yet (so isn't reflected in the current public site). I understand that there was still some work that Kristin (and Eric and ??) were going to tackle this summer in order to complete things so that we could do the switch over. Does this conversation relate to that work? Are you up to speed on that plan? If not, a conversation with Kristin might be the logical next step?

In any case, let me know what you have in mind and we can figure out the best time/place/process/collection of people to make it happen in an efficient way.

cheers, Sean

On Jun 16, 2015, at 8:13 PM, Milo Schield <milo@pro-ns.net> wrote:

Sean,

Thanks for the quick and helpful response. I think I'm overloaded right now.

Marc & I would enjoy talking with you in Northfield. But if we're going to spend 1.5 hours driving to/from Northfield, we'd like to have more than an hour to learn about the NNN website.

Would you have more time next Friday?

Milo

On 6/16/2015 11:21 AM, Sean Fox wrote:

Hi Milo,

I can field these questions directly.

Q1. Where is the "full editing interface"?

The analytics information page we pointed you to is in the middle of the documentation. The 'full editing interface' is also described in that same documentation a few pages earlier. The specific page is here:

http://serc.carleton.edu/serc/cms/page_editing.html

But you'll probably need to skim through the material that leads into it to have enough context.

Q2. Search (27): htm = 3. .htm = 3. *.htm = 27. Index.htm = 19 etc...

The challenge here is that this search interface doesn't work in the way I think you're thinking about it. It is not just a verbatim search over strings (like page urls). As it turns out that sort of simplistic search system isn't of much use for most people (unless you're trying to do the sort of counting exercise you were). It would great if it were as it would be much simpler to build. The system is taking your search string and then applying it, after a bunch of manipulations, to the *content* of the web pages in a bunch of non-obvious ways. The goal is to give people the results they likely wanted rather than precisely what they searched for. So the results you're seeing are *not* counts of files but reflect (roughly) how many web pages include those actual strings (or related strings). If you can tell me what your goal is for gathering these sorts of numbers I may be able to suggest a cleaner way to reach that goal.

Q3. 446 TOTAL Why is this sum less than 515?

This is due in large part to the blog posts having been made live without the modules above it having been made live. I'm not sure why that is the way it is, but the system was not designed to handle that case (because it is a special case that only happens when something has gone wrong). The 'drill-down' stats are based on looking at how many pages are in each of the modules below the top module. So it's walking down a logical tree structure. In this case the tree is 'broken' (and can't be traversed) because the top of the blog post area isn't yet public. This leaves the blog post pages out of that count. But the 515 is a broad count across everything regardless of the tree structure. And so the blog posts get counted in its total. The blog posts alone don't account for the exact numbers. But the discrepancy is due to several 'breaks' in the overall hierarchy of the site like this.

Q4. I got about 185 matches in searching for "NNN". All ended in html.

Why aren't these pages being captured when I searched on *.html?

Part of the answer is the above (searching for .html in the normal search interface is not the same as doing a literal search for pages with that in their url). The number in the site map doesn't include pages that are cloned into the NNN site (most of the teaching resources). They show up in the sitemap under other urls (in their original location) and so we don't present them twice to google (which is the user of this sitemap file)

Q5. How can you tell whether the files are in NNN space or elsewhere?

You'd have to look at each file. Note that files can be uploaded but not referenced in any page (they will still have a url that associates it with the area of the site in which they were originally uploaded), you can have files uploaded in one area and then referenced from multiple pages in different areas, and you can have multiple versions of the 'same' file stored. So even the question of 'what are all the NNN files?' may not actually be a well-posed/answerable question in the absence of some more nuanced decision about what has to be true for you to think of a file as 'belonging' to NNN. Again, let me know what goal you're trying to achieve by this counting exercise and I may be able to point you in a more fruitful direction.

Q7. Yes, the page is in some menus but not others.

Why are their different sets of menus on the left side?

Why is the search menu buried so deeply?

With 515 pages on the site the menu has to selectively show different menus in different contexts (since showing a menu with all 515 pages on the left side of every page would not be useful). It looks like some of the inconsistencies mentioned above in what was made live (and what was not) is playing in to the resulting set of menus not being as useful as they might be. I think a lot (if not all) of these inconsistencies are things that are being addressed by the redesign and restructuring that I know is ongoing.

The search option is available in the upper right-hand corner of every page on the site (the standard location where most visitors will look for it). The page where the searches play out is in the top module with all the other main high-level pages so I certainly wouldn't call it 'buried'.

Q8. Marc Isaacson & I would like to visit SERC some Friday. What's convenient for you?

11-noon would work well for me. We can Skype in Monica to the conversation (she works from California).

cheers,

Sean

sfox@carleton.edu | Technical Director | SERC | Carleton College

Thank you so much for your detailed response.
I'm beginning to get an idea of the scope of the NNN website.

Q1. Thanks.

Q3. I went to the analytics page URL. That page said:
You can find a report about traffic to a given web page within the full editing interface.
Where is the "full editing interface"?

Q2. Search (27): htm = 3. .htm = 3. *.htm = 27. Index.htm = 19

Search (53): html = 13. .html = 13. *.html = 53. Index.html = 8

Search (94): pdf = 94. .pdf = 94 *.pdf = 12

Search (6): xlsx = 6. .xlsx = 6 *.xlsx = 0

Search (14): pptx = 14 .pptx = 14 *.pptx = 0

Search (2): jpg = 1 .jpg = 1 *.jpg = 2

Search (2): gif = 2. .gif = 2 *.gif = 0

Adding the biggest number in each row (# in parenthesis) gives 181

Subtracting 181 from 515 (search on null) gives 334 other kinds of files.

What other kinds of files are there in the NNN database?

Why does searching on ppt return zero, when these files exist in the NNN space?

Breakdown of the 515 matches

372 in Teaching Resources

38 in QRurrent Events

19 in General/Other

9 in About NNN

4 in Supporting QR

2 in Membership

1 in Our Journal: Numeracy

1 in What is Numeracy/QL/QR

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Q4. When I search through the site map for everything on the SERC website,
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Why aren't these pages being captured when I searched on *.html?

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On 6/11/2015 2:50 PM, Monica Bruckner wrote:

Hi Milo,

I've checked with someone in our office to answer some of your questions:

Q1. The analytics for June14 to June15 indicate there were 9993 users and 12567 sessions. So the answer to Q1 is 12567. I had said in the report I sent that that was the number of visitors, it wasn't; my apologies.

Q2. Can be answered by going to the search page:

<http://serc.carleton.edu/nnn/search.html>

It says there are 515.

Q3. Is answered by the page summary stats (you'll have to go into the ones of interest to get the stats) - more info here:

<http://serc.carleton.edu/serc/cms/analytics.html>

Q4. We don't normally build that sort of thing. Automated visual sitemaps with sites this large aren't generally useful. You need some sort of human judgement to make a visualization that's useful out of that. However, if you just want a list of all the pages you can extract all the things with NNN in them from this sitemap file which is automatically generated for use by search engines: http://serc.carleton.edu/files/sitemap_serc.xml

Q5. We don't normally keep a running tally of these in a per-project sense. There is actually some ambiguity in this number given that the vast majority of the pages (the teaching materials) in the NNN site are actually cloned in from other sites. So the files associated with them actually 'live' within other sites. From the editing interface it's possible to get a module by module file archive listing. If someone in the organization was interested they could go through those for all the modules and generate a count. A quick query of the back-end database shows at least 390 files that are in the NNN space proper.

Q6. We have a link checker that runs continuously and tracks the 150,000-some links in the sites we host. Broken links are identified and periodically corrected by student workers at our end. Getting an easy interface to this data available to the projects is on our to-do list. We can get you set up so you can monitor and correct broken links if you'd like (you'd get notifications via email).

Q7. This is a question with some ambiguity. The page you refer to ***is*** included in some navigation menus but perhaps not in the ones you're looking at (e.g. it shows up in this menu http://serc.carleton.edu/nnn/teaching_news/index.html). So correcting this would involve some human judgement about whether links were in all the places they ***ought*** to be. Obviously if folks notice particular cases we (or you) can fix them. And there are also many pages on the site that are intentionally not in the navigation menu.

I hope this helps! Let me know if you have other questions. I am at workshops and meetings over the next couple weeks, so may be slow to respond, but will get back to you as soon as I can.

Thanks,
Monica

On 6/9/2015 2:10 PM, Eric Gaze wrote:
Hi Milo

Here is the website report for 2015. I am happy to see a 2008 column of mine on Planck's constant made it into the top 10, while not 6,000 downloads 570 is pretty good :O)

Best regards
Eric

From: Monica Bruckner [<mailto:mbruckne@carleton.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 11:23 AM
To: Eric Gaze
Cc: Margot Black
Subject: Re: NNN website analytics

Hi Eric and Margot,

I've attached an analytics report for the time period June 1, 2014 - June 1, 2015. We also have a new in-page analytics feature that you can access for any of your sites. It allows you to see the number of page views, visitors, average time spent on the site, etc. for any particular page. You can get to it from the "Full editing tools" editing interface. More info on it is available here, if you're interested: <http://serc.carleton.edu/serc/cms/analytics.html>

All the best,
Monica

From: "Eric Gaze" <egaze@bowdoin.edu>
To: "Monica Bruckner" <mbruckne@carleton.edu>
Cc: "Margot Black" <margotb@lclark.edu>, "Molly Kent" (mkent@carleton.edu)" <mkent@carleton.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2015 6:33:41 AM
Subject: NNN website analytics

Hi Monica

Can you please send me an analytics report for the NNN website? I'm not sure what is possible but it would be interesting to know how many visits and downloads for our various pages.

Also this summer we upgrade the webpage, I promise :O)

Thanks
Eric

6/9/2014: 3:31 PM

You made excellent points:

- 1) Why pay \$30 if we get everything for free?
- 2) Math papers are read disproportionately on Numeracy
- 3) Financial literacy looks like a good offset area.
- 4) We aren't expanding the core leadership, so no new leaders.
- 5) We need a clearer sense of mission.
- 6) Our mission must align with people's needs so it engages them.

Mission is the first priority: A core problem of NNN and Numeracy is that those who might benefit the most (those in the humanities) are the least interested in supporting this activity. To the extent that the mission of either goes outside/beyond STEM and even beyond the quantitative majors (Biz, Soc, Psych, Econ), the less able it is to engage those who might want to participate and produce articles. This is reflected in the AAC&U (dedicated to a liberal general education) housing PKAL (dedicated to advancing STEM and STEM-related applications). Finding a mission that balances two opposing interests is really tricky.

Q. What journals compete with (are near-neighbors to) Numeracy?

> Journal of Advanced Research in Humanities and Social Science

On 6/9/2015 10:43 AM, Nathan D. Grawe wrote:

Dear Milo,

I understand you're considering taking on the NNN presidency and have asked for some info. Because I am no longer treasurer (or on the board) I don't have any current membership information. Below I am pasting membership numbers from the last report I wrote in Fall 2013. It should be noted that the 2011-2012 memberships (highlighted) were influenced by the 2012 meetings in New York; 36 of those 105 individual members became members as part of registering for the meetings and so we suspected there would be significant melt among these folks. To be a member in 2012-13 such individuals would have had to renew membership 2-3 months after the meetings.

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Individual Members	14	16	105	87
Student Members	NA	NA	NA	3
Institutional Members (Institutions)		15	78 (18)	122 (23)
<i>Total Paid Membership</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>183</i>	<i>212</i>

My understanding is that membership, particularly institutional membership, has dropped since 2012-13. My sense is that we still have not identified the benefits to membership. Why should I pay even \$30 if I get everything for free? (The rate at which people ask to be taken off the listserv suggests our one "benefit" of membership may not be.)

I am really happy to see your emphasis on interdisciplinarity. I've recently joined Len and Dorothy as editor of Numeracy and my first editorial empirically explores our first 100,000 downloads. (We hit that

mark on May 11.) I attach the editorial to partially answer some of your Numeracy questions. You'll see that one of my takeaways is that "math" papers are read disproportionately which suggests a disproportionately mathematical audience. I suppose we have to expect and accept that to some degree, however I am not sure I accept it at the current degree. Relevant to you and me, the other topic area that draws readers is finance and financial literacy. This feels like a great place to start and a model for other disciplinary thrusts.

As much as I worry about membership and interdisciplinarity, I also note that we too often come upon elections with no one "in the wings." It feels like we aren't expanding the core leadership. I had viewed QR center directors as a natural place to look for that (despite some risks that they might pull us too far into "math"), but as secretary my attempts to get those folks to join NNN (much less be interested in leadership!) failed. Maybe that's a good group and I did it wrong. Or maybe that's the wrong group. But one way or another we need to grow up a next generation of leaders or we will literally run out of people to make the institution go.

Before we do that, I suspect we need to have a clearer sense of mission (and one that aligns in particular with peoples' needs so that the mission engages them).

I'm happy to chat if you like, though I will be out of two for 2-3 weeks starting next Monday.

All the best,
Nathan

Hi Milo

Your questions are why you would make such a great President! We really do need your focus and drive to help keep the NNN going.

1. Neil said "NNN is on life support". What was he alluding to?

The NNN has continually struggled with membership. The fact that we are inter-disciplinary is a strength but also means that everyone has their disciplinary conferences and organizations to which they belong. So we play second fiddle both in terms of time and dues. We have lost two VP's in the last year and a half and Stuart is stepping down (he actually was going to resign early on but Esther beat him to it). This is our problem, we cannot even field a slate of candidates for the officers.

2. What is our membership? Current? Projected? What fraction lapse after 1 year?

Current membership is 58 active (see attached) down from a high in the 125 range after our NYC meeting as Caren described. We have 10 board members for an organization which averages about 50 members, this seems insane. Many of these members are "team" members, meaning if a school gets an institutional membership they automatically can sign up 6 people, e.g. the other 2 Bowdoin "members" have never done anything with the NNN and most likely never will.

3. What is our current financial status? Any big expenses looming (website)?

We have about \$13,000 in the bank. I have paid for the \$5,000 website maintenance fee through my NSF grant for this year and the past 2 years. Corri had to do something like this as well in paying for the website. Bottom line is we do not bring in enough revenue to cover the

website costs, hence my push to think about alternatives to our relationship with SERC. This has met with 50-50 support/opposition.

- 1) How many visits and downloads did our website get in 2014?
I have sent in the analytics request to Monica Bruckner our new SERC contact, she started this spring.
- 2) What happened to our website upgrade/update? Who handles this?
The website committee is currently chaired by Margot Black (see attached). The website is the most obvious tangible benefit provided by our organization, second to the journal. The website is terrible and has been in need of repair and a constant topic of the NNN board since I have been involved starting with Corri as President. No one has done anything with this in terms of revamping the site so that it is a useful resource with dynamic content. I started my column, *Ratiocination*, and was able to keep that going for 2-3 years but then got swamped with other NNN duties that took precedence over keeping up with my column (Nathan does have a blog going in the same spirit as my column but maybe more manageable). Besides this we do use the website for our conference information and registration. I had high hopes for getting the website project moving (and have attached a map of our membership), Margot came up with a new schema for the site, but once again we stalled as the semester took over our lives.
- 3) What is the annual fee for our website?
\$5,000
- 4) What is the status of our relationship with AAC&U and PKAL?
As VP I was in charge of the conference, and working with Esther on the NYC conference was a HUGE amount of time and headache dealing with all the NNN internal personal conflicts. Esther resigned because of what she perceives to be a bias or "clique" of small LAS schools running the NNN. I completed the agreement with AACU that has the NNN as an official "academic partner". We have agreed to partner every other year with the AACU. The San Diego meeting with AACU was a success in terms of interest in our sessions but again a ton of work putting all of it together. We did not have any real promotional materials for the NNN in San Diego and did not build any membership from that meeting. I was hoping to focus my time as President on the website, but with both of my VP's stepping down I have gotten sucked back into the conference organization. Our Seattle meeting this fall has the NNN only with one session for 1 hour.
- 5) What is our status wrt any grants past/present/future?
I had submitted a Phase II NSF grant application seeking funding for building on the QLR assessment instrument and paying for teams of faculty to travel the NNN meetings each fall. This was not funded. Our assessment expertise is another tangible benefit we can offer members. My NSF project is now officially over although I do continue to get many requests for using the QLRA.
- 6) Has there been any recent assessment on NNN's viability/mission/future?
No.
- 7) Have there been recent reports by the President to the Board? Could I review those?
No reports. Given the lack of any NNN initiatives or work undertaken during the year there is not much to report other than who won the Steen prize.

- 8) Can the bylaws be changed to allow a President to serve multiple terms?
Or could the President's term be changed to three or four years?

Yes to both. I know this was something you had talked about before and it does make sense given how small we are. Trying to find new officers every 2 years may be a stretch.

- 9) How inter-disciplinary are the NNN members

a. What fraction of NNN members are outside Math? What fraction are outside STEM?

See attached.

- 10) What fraction of Numeracy authors are NNN members?

See attached.

Let me know if you want to chat.

Thanks,
Eric

From: Caren Diefenderfer
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2015 9:52 AM
To: boersmas@cwu.edu; ngrawe@hollins.edu
Cc: Milo Schield; Eric Gaze; len
Subject: FW: Regrouping a bit

Stuart and Nathan-

The NNN Nominating Committee is in conversation with Milo to determine whether he will run for President in our upcoming election. Milo sent us the email which follows and has lots of questions. In the next few minutes I'll forward Eric's responses. Milo said he'd appreciate input from the two of you, also.

Feel free to add your thoughts or say that you have no additional info.

Thanks very much for your help.
Caren

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From: Milo Schield <milo@pro-ns.net>
Sent: Saturday, June 6, 2015 12:40 PM
To: Caren Diefenderfer
Cc: len; Eric Gaze
Subject: Re: Regrouping a bit

Hi Caren,
Thanks so much for your professional mind-reading.
On Eric's e-mail, I checked. I didn't read it. I apologize!

Thank you so much for inviting me to be NNN President. I am deeply honored.

I am torn. I've turned down conferences so I can devote time to writing a textbook.
It will focus more on confounding and coincidence than on small-sample randomness.
It is based on my 2014 talk at E-COTS: Two Big Ideas on Teaching Big Data"
It's been downloaded over 6,000 times in 12 months.
So, I want to strike while "Big Data" is hot!

OTH, there is nothing like NNN in existence. I do want NNN to succeed.
But it must be an inter-disciplinary NNN. So I'm open to the possibility.

I have some questions before deciding.

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Len,

- 1) How many visits and downloads did Numeracy get in 2014?
- 2) How inter-disciplinary are the Numeracy authors?
What fraction are outside Math? What fraction are outside STEM?
- 3) What fraction of the articles are broadly inter-disciplinary? Outside math; outside STEM?
- 5) How often are Numeracy articles cited?
- 6) How many of these Numeracy citations are in journals outside math or STEM?
- 7) How are Numeracy and NNN related? If you retire, who finds successor?

Eric/Caren,

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What fraction of NNN members have authored an article in Numeracy?

Yes, I've got ideas on how to give NNN more life, more status in the QR/QL community and include more members from outside math -- and handle conferences on a predictable basis knowing that many of our members can't afford more than one conference a year. But, I need to understand the whole picture first.

Once I get this background, I'd like to talk to each of you by phone.

Milo

PS. Here are three links on what is happening in my world:

a) My nomination as USCOTS Lifetime Achievement Award.

Neil, Bernie and Lynn made some nice

www.statlit.org/pdf/2015-USCOTS-Schield-Lifetime-Nomination-Packet.pdf

b) A "video" I produced titled "Statisticians: Making life better"

www.statlit.org/V/2015-Schield-USCOTS-AIDS.mp4

c) My 2014 E-COTS paper: Two Big Ideas for Teaching Big Data"

www.StatLit.org/pdf/2014-Schield-ECOTS.pdf [6,000 downloads]

PSPS. I apologize for the delay in replying.

Cynthia & I are performers in a Sr. Reality Rock-Chorus.

We opened last night. 300 seat theater; \$30 tickets; 7 shows; full band.

Our songs included Lady Gaga's "Baby I was Born this Way".

The reality part: each member tells a story from their life related to the theme of the show.

Then they sing a song related to their story. Last year my story was on AIDS.

So I sang Mariah Carey's "One Sweet Day": a song about the death of a loved one to AIDS.

Bottom line: I've got way more projects than time!

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On 6/5/2015 9:29 AM, Caren Diefenderfer wrote:

Dear Milo (with a cc to Eric and Len),

Eric, Len and I had several email conversations in April and decided you would be the best choice for NNN president. On April 20, Eric agreed to contact you to see if you would run. I noticed this week that we had been using your "augzburg" email. When you responded to some recent email, I noticed that you're using a "pro-ns" email. We are now wondering if you ever saw the April email from Eric. When you didn't respond within a week, Eric thought that meant you were not interested in being NNN president and we continued to work toward identifying someone else. I'm not sure when/how you were included with the "pro-ns" email address. I am fairly sure that's when we starting hearing from you. Sincere apologies from all of us for what now appears to be an email address error on our part.

I communicated with Eric yesterday and he told me that his preference is not to be president again.

So, I am writing, as Nominating Committee chair, to see if you would consider running for NNN president, to serve a 2 year term. The term would begin after our annual meeting in Seattle (November 2015) and continue until after the annual meeting (tbd) in 2017.

I am attaching the document which I asked people who have been nominated to serve on the board to complete. This is based on comments that you sent last summer and it was after that that I asked you to be on the Nominating Committee this year.

We probably want something similar for our officer candidates.

We all value your input and leadership and hope you will agree to have your name on the ballot.

Sincerely,
Caren