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## Nation of Makers Regional Meetup NOMCON 2021

Session Date/Time: 2021-06-24 18:00:00

Speaker Names: Dorothy Jones-Davis

Session Producer:

Chat Moderator:

Documentarian:

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## Midatlantic Region:



### Attendees (Name/Affiliation):

- Cori Leyden-Sussler - KID Museum, Bethesda MD
- John Stitzinger - State College, PA
- Claire Cocciole - Nation of Makers (MD)
- Gordon Crago, University of Maryland (MD)
- Dan Schneiderman - Make/Maker Faire Rochester (NY)
- Jeanne Marshall, Nova Labs, Reston, VA & NOM - Virginia
- John van Otterloo - CCLD Makerspace, Elmira NY
- Dan Falkenstrom - Tech Valley Center of Gravity, Troy NY
- J.R. Logan, MakeHaven, NewHaven CT (visiting from Northeast)

### Conversation, notes, and Q&A:

- Jeanne Marshall shared info on the VA Day of Action and shared [session notes](#).
    - GO Virginia Funding (aimed at Recovery funding:
      - Regional (8)
      - State funding around regional cooperation
  - Dan Schneiderman organized the Maker Summer (2017) <http://www.nysmakers.com/>
    - New York State Maker Faire
    - Communication and networking.
    - Dan Falkenstrom (Troy NY)
- JR - Connecticut
- Knows other spaces pretty well
- Used to have monthly meetings, then quarterly

Higher Ed relationships, share space, equipment and workshops

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## Midwest Region:



### Attendees (Name/Affiliation):

- Micah Lande, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, Rapid City, SD
- Nancy Aycock, Waukesha Makerspace, Waukesha, WI
- Chris Knipstein, TekVenture Makerspace, Fort Wayne, IN
- Cara Kouse, Greene County Public Library's Spark Place, Xenia, OH
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### Conversation, notes, and Q&A:

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## Mountain West Region:



Attendees (Name/Affiliation):

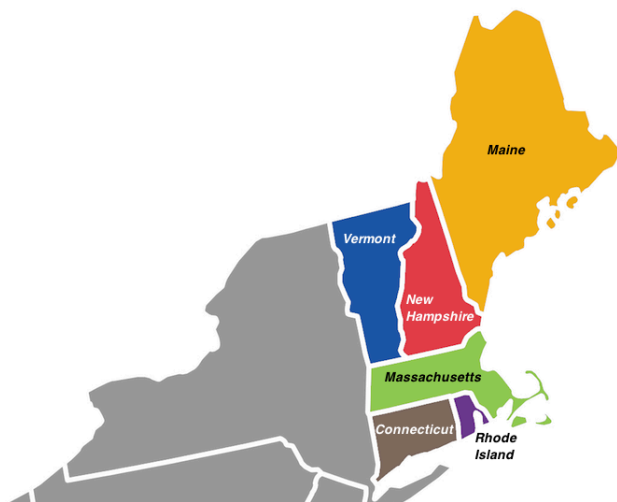
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## Northeast Region:



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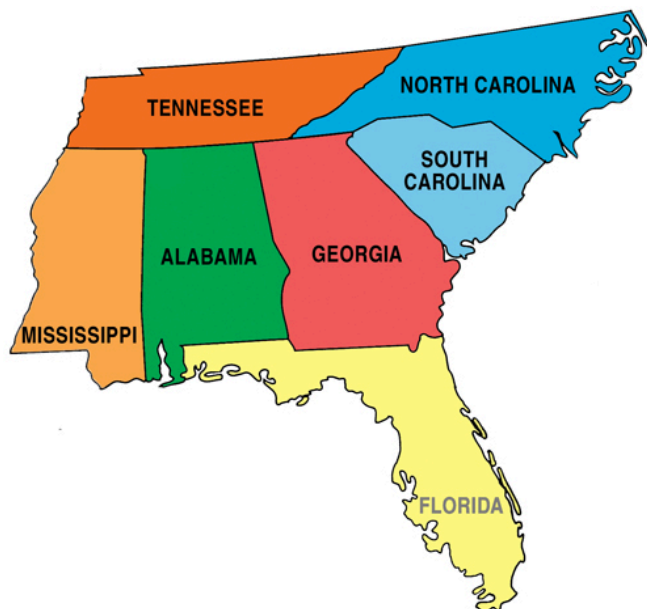
- J.R. Logan, MakeHaven, NewHaven CT
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### Conversation, notes, and Q&A:

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## Southeast Region:



### Attendees (Name/Affiliation):

- Tom Pupo | Moonlighter Fablab / Fairchild Innovation Studio | Miami, FL
- Eileen Callejas / Helpertunity.org / Orlando, FL
- Joel Leonard Makesboro USA

### Conversation, notes, and Q&A:

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## Southwest Region:

Arizona, New Mexico, and adjacent portions of California, Colorado, Nevada, Oklahoma, Texas



### Attendees (Name/Affiliation):

- Andrew Crawford, Phoenix, AZ
- Kevin Patel, Dallas, TX
- Rebecca Snyder, Quelab, Albuquerque NM
- Adric Menning, Quelab, Albuquerque NM
- Richie Hernandez, Phoenix, AZ
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### Conversation, notes, and Q&A:

- Someone has created a map of makerspaces/semi-open art spaces in the Phoenix area:  
[https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?msa=0&ll=33.59817770508657%2C-111.958923&spn=1.132443%2C0.738831&mid=1q3s2goMbK\\_JZVgHnbWPgTr0NlLg&z=9](https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?msa=0&ll=33.59817770508657%2C-111.958923&spn=1.132443%2C0.738831&mid=1q3s2goMbK_JZVgHnbWPgTr0NlLg&z=9)
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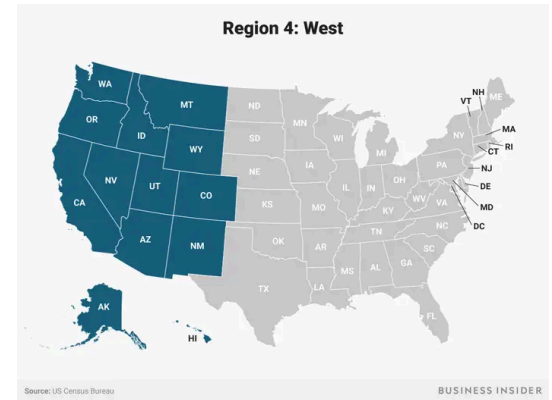
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## West Region:

California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Hawaii,  
Marshall Islands, Guam, Samoa

### Attendees (Name/Affiliation):

- Lisa Robinson, Los Angeles, CA
- Danielle Martin, East Palo Alto Academy HS Dream Lab Makerspace, Bay Area, CA
- Elsbeth Casimir, Vancouver, WA
- Adi Azulay, Microsoft, Seattle, WA
- Steve Traugott, Livermore (Bay Area) CA [steveqt@t7a.org](mailto:steveqt@t7a.org), @steveqt twitter and github
- Sam Bornstein, Juneau Makerspace, Juneau, AK, [sam@juneaumakerspace.org](mailto:sam@juneaumakerspace.org)
- Jen Fox, Microsoft, Seattle, WA
  - [jen.fox@microsoft.com](mailto:jen.fox@microsoft.com)
- (visiting this room later on) Rebecca Snyder, from Oregon and visits S. OR/N. CA often



### Conversation, notes, and Q&A:

- One way for framing what a makerspace is for muggle financials is “coworking”.
  - also theatre and film prop shops
- How might we sustain a local makerspace, using other business models?
- How are makerspaces unique small business models? What tools could they benefit from using that are only usually available to larger companies/networks?
- Physical computing / graduate level - Raspberry Pi,
- Are there any benefits to all being on PST/PDT?
- Discussion of business planning tools for for-profit makerspaces:
  - (internal) prediction/decision markets (help set weights on decision trees)
  - scenario planning
  - futures planning
  - real options (decision trees are made of these) (hey, it rhymes!)
  - decision trees (weights, probabilities, risk/reward)
- How do different types of makerspaces make decisions about purchasing tools/software or trying new programs?
  - No business model would recommend a makerspace for-profit model
  - Education, library, and non-profit are usually driven by funding, donations and federal trends
  - “Opportunistic” - donations; decide by
- Challenges of making at home: 1/3 of students on zoom; students not picking up physical kits (educator had to drop off 50)
  - Connect to tools they already use, like Minecraft and Discord
    - <https://www.hackster.io/jenfoxbot/minecraft-gesture-controller-2ffac9>
    - Discord: set up teen server for engaging teens in at-home programs



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# International/At Large:

## Attendees (Name/Affiliation):

- Chad Elish, La Paz, Mexico
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## Conversation, notes, and Q&A:

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## CHAT MODERATOR NOTES

- Copy or write questions below as they arrive, either live or in chat box.
- Use ~~striketrough text~~ after they are answered.
- For multiple panelists, if a speaker's name is noted in question, be sure to include that.

*Questions asked by Attendees, either live or in chat box:*

- Q:
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Before the session wraps up, be sure to copy all of the chat and paste in this doc as backup. It can be used to backfill any missing information.

Chat Log (paste below just before session end):

18:03:19 From Claire Cocciole to Everyone :

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WasXBlo5rhjGLN28vj8CLTPIdkhpFsDCLMQ8ARLqISY/edit>

18:06:13 From Adric, Albuquerque NM to Everyone : what doc are you looking at?

18:07:41 From MCP editor (Steve Traugott) to Everyone : notes doc is

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WasXBlo5rhjGLN28vj8CLTPIdkhpFsDCLMQ8ARLqISY/edit#>

18:08:41 From Danielle Martin to Everyone :

<https://www.businessinsider.com/regions-of-united-states-2018-5#-the-midwest--2>

18:09:34 From Micah Lande (he/him) South Dakota to Everyone : What are interesting facts about your state?

18:09:36 From Joe Floyd to Everyone : Chad = noncontiguous

18:10:45 From Cori LeydenSussler to Everyone : I used to be part of MakeHartford, come to the mid atlantic!

18:14:34 From Joel Leonard Makesboro USA to Everyone : Joel Leonard =mobile makerspace

18:15:58 From Rebecca Snyder to Everyone : I'm glad to have a reminder of the regional/state reps/stewards etc, I was thinking about it last year but forgot all about it with, well with last year happening

18:16:30 From Danielle Martin to Everyone : Do we have some guiding questions or goals for this meetup?

18:17:05 From Danielle Martin to Everyone : yes

18:22:59 From Jeanne Marshall to Everyone : For anyone interested in pulling together a state or regional level meeting, here are the notes from our Virginia Day of Action session from yesterday.

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18:23:29 From Dan Schneiderman to Everyone : Doc notes:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WasXBlo5rhjGLN28vj8CLTPIdkhpFsDCLMQ8ARLqISY/edit?usp=sharing>

18:28:00 From Dan Schneiderman to Everyone : <http://www.nysmakers.com/>

19:03:33 From Rebecca Snyder to Everyone : they didn't check my id when I went to the gathertown bar!

19:03:35 From Danielle Martin to Everyone : Makers can make their own id's

Community Build

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ULF\\_JefGuFwOMVp\\_E8DPN9ZXKf75Cjnt/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ULF_JefGuFwOMVp_E8DPN9ZXKf75Cjnt/view)

if we do this again, it might be better to group some of us in big states with few makerspaces. i think each one was 5+ hours away anyway,

group them in a larger circle