

[Silicon Valley AI Nexus Board of Directors Workshop]
Passion to Permanence - Building What Outlasts Us!

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Tonight!

Board of Directors Workshop

- today in Pacifica — hike, two sessions, one celebration
- mission & principles — what we are building & for whom
- session 1: vision & operations — SNU Eng. School program, funding, website, people
- session 2: governance & votes — bylaws, branding, Korea branch, 2H roadmap
- what we leave with tonight?

Today in Pacifica — hike, two sessions, one celebration

- 3:00 PM — arrival & Mori Point hike: think first with our feet; the best offsite ideas rarely start at a table
- 5:00 PM — session 1: vision & operations
- 6:15 PM — dinner at Moonraker, Rockaway Beach: milestones, toasts, and a farewell
- 8:00 PM — session 2: governance & votes — formal business of the evening
- 9:45 PM — wrap-up: action items, owners, and dates before we adjourn at 10

Mission & Principles

Mission & vision — what we are building & for whom

- cross-border bridging: connect people, ideas, industries, and countries — merging Korea's physical manufacturing strength with Silicon Valley's venture and AI leadership
- impact exploration: evaluate AI's deep impacts on technology, the economy, society, ethics, and humanity — not just its capabilities
- human-centered ecosystem: build a trusted, global, human-centered AI community that drives international cooperation

AI Nexus Spirits — our three pillars

- Explore & Lead: world-class forums and thought leadership on AI's most consequential questions — Physical AI, healthcare diagnostics, semiconductor tech
- Elevate Community: break industry silos — engineers, clinicians, legal experts, and founders in the same room, with mentorship and leadership opportunities that amplify every voice
- Give Back to Society: policy engagement, academic partnerships, and public discourse — ensuring AI's benefits reach beyond Silicon Valley, to future generations
- every agenda item tonight should trace back to one of these three. If it doesn't, we ask why we're doing it

Milestones worth a toast

- smooth transition! K-PAI → Silicon Valley AI Nexus — new name, same trust, bigger stage
 - actually, someone (tried to) made it tough, but we've smoothened it! :)
- legal foundation - California incorporation complete, 501(c)(3) recognition underway
 - big thank you to Ghayoung! thx for the pro bono service, Deborah!
- institutional credibility - MOUs signed, and 50 seats! at table at the San Francisco AI Summit
- Jeff — congratulations on finishing the Bar Exam! The board's legal bench just got deeper!
- Hayden — farewell toast before Korea. *Not goodbye* - the bridge we're building runs both ways; yeah!

Session 1 - Vision & Operations

SNU Mentoring Program — our flagship partnership, reviewed

- what we delivered - Silicon Valley Immersion Program 2026 — lectures, company visits, and six mentoring sessions from problem definition to final pitch
- what we learned - what worked, what strained our volunteers, and what the students actually valued — candor now shapes the next cohort
- what's next - Winter Internship Program under the SNU MOU — scope, capacity, and who owns it
 - Sunghee met Jung Woo (CEO of the Unicorn startup, Bear Robotics!) and had 6 hours of friendly chat @ UKC @ Orlando, Florida!
- the bar - this is the template other universities will judge us by — several institutions are already asking
 - should we accept every such offer? what should be the criteria?

Funding — set the target, then build toward it (or not?)

- where we are - volunteer time, sponsor generosity, and founders' own cards
 - passion-funded, so far unexpectedly exceptionally durable!
 - it'd be nice if we can have mechanism for the sustainability!
- decide tonight - our target funding level for the next 12 months — the number that lets us program without flinching
 - one option would be as much as possible!
 - the other option would be as little as possible! :)
- 501(c)(3) status unlocks the menu - tax-deductible donations, corporate sponsorship, membership dues, and grants
 - Max Min's advice
 - unofficial (confidential) verbal commitment by the Consul - don't tell nobody!
- diversify or depend - no single sponsor, agency, or person should be able to end us by walking away (of course)

Website & operations — the machine behind the mission

- homepage - the front door for members, partners, and sponsors — the 2026 revamp needs an owner and a ship date
 - already lots of exposure - [Googling Search result](#)
 - SEO is not necessary (Sunghee thinks from his experience with K-PAI) - why?
- staffing transition - not necessary yet! plus, we have [backup](#)!
- recruit deliberately - tech support → Tech & Social Media Committee; event organization → Program & Content Committee
- rule of thumb - every recurring task needs name next to it — “the community will handle it” means Sunghee will :)

Session 2 - Governance & Votes

Formal business — the votes that make us an institution

- adopt the Bylaws - the constitution of Silicon Valley AI Nexus Inc. — one-year director terms, renewed on contribution, not tenure
- vote - the incorporation cost-sharing agreement — how we fairly settle what founding actually cost
- confirm - dates for the upcoming quarterly board meetings — governance on a calendar, not on a whim
 - Sunghee's proposal - first week of Jan, Apr, Jul, and Oct
- minutes and resolutions are not bureaucracy; they are *institutional memory that outlives everyone in this room*

Branding — one identity for many stages

- preliminary concept review: logo, tagline, and visual identity
- test of good tagline - it says in five words what this board would say in fifty
- tonight's goal is direction, not perfection — align on the concept

Korea branch — the other end of the bridge, Hayden (and Jeff)!

- proposal - Korea branch's role, strategic direction, and key action items — presented by persons about to live there
- opportunity - MOU partners, government relationships, and growing forum calendar already pull us toward Korea
- questions - legal form, governance link to the US entity, and who leads on the ground
- branch is commitment! not a flag — we open it when we can sustain it

2026 second half — a forum calendar with momentum

- Aug 11 — Careers & Labor in the AI Era, with Sunbay
- Aug 25 — [with KSWAN in Daegu](#); MOU will be signed (agreed by the Board)
- Sep 12 — the last day of KIC SV 3-day Tech Forums
- Sep 16 — with SK hynix America, sponsored by SK Hynix
- Oct 7 — with the SF Consulate General
- Nov 18 — with KABANC (led by Jeff)
- Dec 9 — Year End Party with KOTRA SV
- Jan 2026 - CES week event - 82 startups don't do this in Jan anymore
- Feb 2027 — BIG Event with the SF Consulate General
- exactly 1.375 program a month (Jul 2026 – Feb 2027), each with partners — [*calendar itself is proof of the mission!*](#)

MOUs — we've gone really viral - partnership demand by big margin exceeds our expectation!

- signed - SNU College of Engineering — Silicon Valley Immersion Program 2026 and the Winter Internship Program
- asking - KSWAN, KIC SV, SVreboot, XL8, KASPA, Korea University, Sungkyunkwan, Kyunghee, KAIST, Inje University — and more inbound
- *good* problem! more institutions want to partner (than we can serve well); prioritize by mission fit and by what each partnership asks of our volunteers
- every MOU is a promise! we sign only the ones we can keep
 - cuz we're action-oriented entity!

What we leave with tonight?

- bylaws adopted, cost-sharing settled, and quarterly board dates on everyone's calendar
 - *the formal* record of becoming an institution!
- one owner and one date for each open item - funding target, website, branding, Korea-branch follow-ups
- each director's answer to one question
 - *"What will Nexus be able to say next year that it cannot say today?"*
 - *"And what is my part in it?"*

Thank You