

USENIX Association

Board of Directors Meeting

April 11, 2016

Minutes, 04/11/16

Attendance:

Board:

Cat Allman (joined via phone 1:00 p.m.)

John Arrasjid (via phone 8:58 a.m.)

David Blank-Edelman

Dan Klein (absent)

Brian Noble

Kurt Opsahl

Carolyn Rowland

Hakim Weatherspoon

Staff:

Casey Henderson

Kim Coles

Natalie DeJarlais (via phone)

Rik Farrow (via phone)

Hilary Hartman

Sara Hernandez (via phone)

Jessica Kim (via phone)

Camille Mulligan (via phone)

Toni Veglia (via phone)

SREcon 2016 Program Co-Chairs and SREcon Steering Committee:

Sabrina Farmer (via phone 10:57 a.m. ET)

Melita Mihaljevic (via phone 11:00 a.m.)

Coburn Watson (via phone 11:00 a.m. ET)

Liz Fong-Jones (via phone 11:02 a.m. ET)

Andrew Fong (via phone 11:03 a.m. ET)

Nanda Weiden (via phone 11:00 a.m. ET)

Meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. EST

1. Minutes of the Previous Meetings (10 minutes) (Noble)

- a. December
- b. January
- c. February
- d. February Amendment
- e. March

Move to approve all minutes. All present in favor (6 BOD members, Blank-Edelman abstain on December minutes)

2. Changes to Regular and Consent Agenda (5 minutes) (Noble)

No changes.

3. Risk/Exposure Report (15 minutes) (Henderson and Veglia)

Henderson reviewed the risk/exposure report with the BOD.

4. Reserve Fund Performance and Projections (30 minutes) (Samson)

Samson had family emergency and was unable to call in.

5. 2015 Budget with Final Year End (15 minutes) (Henderson and Veglia)

Henderson and Veglia reviewed the final 2015 budget.

Bio break: 10:07-10:15 a.m.

6. Sponsorship/Sales Report (15 minutes) (Kim and Mulligan)

Mulligan provided an overview of the sponsorship and sales report.

7. SREcon Future (75 minutes) (Blank-Edelman, Henderson, and Klein)

Break from 10:45-11:00 a.m.

Noble departs 10:58 a.m.

a. SREcon16 Post-Mortem with Program Co-Chairs and Steering Committee

Listened to Committee debrief of event and recommendations from the steering committee about formatting of the program in the future.

Mihaljevic leaves call 11:25 a.m.

Conferences

ATC

Did really well in 2015, especially being in the Bay Area. Adding Symposium on Usability, Privacy and Security (SOUPS) as a co-located event in 2016.

SREcon Europe

2016 will be the first foray with registration fees and hotel venue; event to be hosted in Ireland.

LISA

No recommendation to increase reg fees for the draft budget, but may be revisited for the final budget.

Security

Going to Austin for the first time. For 2017, workshops include WOOT, HotSec, and ASE.

OSDI

HotPower may not happen. Other workshops include INFLOW.

SREcon

Increased fees because registration is going up.

FAST

Is going very well. Repeating experiments with SNIA, Linux FAST Summit; introducing FreeBSD Storage Summit, run by the FreeBSD Foundation. Santa Clara in 2016 and 2017; going to Oakland in 2018.

NSDI

Co-locating with the Open Networking Summit in 2016. Not planning on co-locating in 2017. SOSR is scheduled for Monday/Tuesday before NSDI '16 and is taking place in same ballroom as NSDI will use Wednesday-Friday.

Fundraising

The fundraising budget is more conservative than in recent years due in reflection of our greater focus on development for events vs. for that of the organization itself.

General

We have budgeted for a continued decline in membership. We will address plans for USENIX membership after we have discontinued the LISA SIG. There is no LISA SIG budget for 2016 due to our plans to discontinue the program. The expenses tied to ; *login*: magazine are now based on it being published quarterly rather than bimonthly. The expenses and consultant fees for video are based on recording only Enigma, SREcon, Security, and LISA.

Move to accept the current budget, with amendment to the LISA exhibitor fee. Seconded.
All in favor.

*Rik Farrow dropped off phone bridge at 11:54 a.m. PT
Adjourned for lunch at 12:00 p.m. PT*

*Dan Klein left ill 12:30 p.m. PT
Reconvened 1:09 p.m. PT*

*Dan Klein and Rik Farrow did not return after lunch.
Joey Schwartz joined the meeting at 1:09 p.m. PT*

7. Small Group Discussions (165 minutes, including 30-minute break)

Goal is to give BOD members time with staff to develop a better understanding of what everyone does in the organization. Questions should be two-way.

8. Next Meetings (5 minutes) (Noble)

- a. Monthly Meetings
- b. Spring Meeting

April 11 BOD meeting in Ann Arbor

- Arrasjid may not be able to attend

June BOD meeting in Denver.

- Tentatively June 20 or 21

Meeting adjourned 4:32 p.m. PT

Executive session convenes in the Bat Cave 4:45 p.m. PT

9. Executive Session

Meeting adjourns 6:00 p.m.

