

USENIX Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, February 26, 2021, 9:00-10:00 a.m. PST/12:00-1:00 p.m. EST
via Zoom video conference
Minutes

Attendance

Board:

Cat Allman
Kurt Andersen
Will Enck
Arvind Krishnamurthy
Laura Nolan
Kurt Opsahl
Hakim Weatherspoon -- *joined at 9:06 am*

Staff:

Natalie DeJarlais
Casey Henderson
Ginny Staubach

Not Present:

Amy Rich

Krishnamurthy called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. PST/12:04 p.m. EST

Agenda

1. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

- a. January Meeting

Allman moved to approve the minutes of the January 2021 meeting as presented. Enck seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

2. USENIX ATC '21 and OSDI '21 Status

Henderson presented a proposal to hold USENIX ATC '21 and OSDI '21 as virtual events. Discussion ensued.

Opsahl moved to cancel in-person USENIX ATC '21 and OSDI '21 and hold them as virtual events. Weatherspoon seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

3. Enigma 2021 Update

Henderson gave an update on Enigma 2021, the first Enigma to be held virtually. Over five hundred people registered, attendance was strong, and interaction within the program was good.

4. SREcon Update from the Steering Committee

Henderson presented a proposal to hold SREcon21 EMEA as a virtual event and, with the support of the SREcon Steering Committee, make it the single global event for the year: SREcon21. Andersen and Nolan added their perspectives as members of the Steering Committee. Discussion ensued.

Nolan moved to cancel the in-person SREcon21 EMEA and hold it as a virtual event: SREcon 2021. Allman seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

5. 2022 Board of Directors Election Planning

Krishnamurthy called for discussion of Board election planning now that the Directors have had time to investigate further. Enck reported on conversations he had with members of the USENIX Security community. None of them had significant concerns about employing the Helios voting system for the purposes of a USENIX Board election. Discussion ensued, during which agreement was reached that USENIX's messaging on this issue was important. Krishnamurthy suggested that a committee to collaborate on this effort and its messaging be formed as a next step.

Andersen moved that USENIX adopt an electronic voting approach for upcoming and future Board of Directors elections. Allman seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

Allman, Enck, and Opsahl volunteered to be on the committee to pursue e-voting for USENIX Board of Directors elections.

Executive Session was called at 9:46 am PST/12:46 pm EST.

6. Executive Session

Andersen moved to adjourn the Executive Session and the Board meeting. Allman seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am PST/1:05 pm EST.

