

**USENIX Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. PDT/2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT**  
**via Zoom video conference**

**Minutes**

**Attendance**

**Board:**

Kurt Andersen  
Fatema Boxwala  
Will Enck  
Lea Kissner  
Arvind Krishnamurthy  
Laura Nolan  
Amy Rich

**Staff:**

Casey Henderson  
Jessica Kim  
Ginny Staubach

**Not present:**

Theophilus Benson

*Rich called the meeting to order at 11:02 am PDT/2:02 pm EDT*

**Agenda**

**1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Andersen moved to approve the July meeting minutes as presented. Enck seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

**2. Audited 2022 Financial Statements**

Henderson reported that the audit was successfully completed. The Audit Committee met with the auditors, heard their presentation of a clean audit, and recommended that the Board approve the 2022 audited financial statements. Henderson responded to questions posed by the Directors and discussion ensued.

Kissner moved to accept the 2022 audited financial statements as presented. Nolan seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

### **3. 2024 Board Election Nominating Committee Chair**

Henderson noted that 2024 is a Board election year. Each election year, the Board is required to designate a Nominating Committee Chair. Carolyn Rowland, President Emeritus, has volunteered to serve in that role.

Nolan moved that the Board appoint Rowland to be Nominating Committee Chair; Boxwala seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

Henderson reported that the Call for Nominations will be published soon.

### **4. Recent and Upcoming Conferences**

Henderson shared updates on recent and upcoming conferences.

USENIX Security '23 went as well as could be expected, given the complexities of six tracks, 422 paper presentations, and challenges with the venue. It was the largest in-person USENIX Security Symposium ever with over 1000 attendees. Henderson shared that the Steering Committee is holding a series of meetings to strategize how to address scalability issues with this event since increasing numbers of submissions are anticipated. Enck gave an overview of the various changes being considered. Discussion ensued.

PEPR '23 went extremely well. There were over 200 attendees, a healthy number given current travel budget restrictions in the sector. The event is growing and showing signs that bode well for its longevity. Kissner agreed and observed that the community is establishing itself as a field, which is exciting. More efforts toward obtaining sponsors and promoting the event are in progress. Discussion ensued.

SREcon23 EMEA will be the final conference of the year. The program has come together nicely with some pending details to be posted soon. There are 500 people registered so far. Nolan added that content and organization are looking good. Several folks have reported that they cannot attend because of their companies' travel budget restrictions. Henderson noted that USENIX has received an unprecedented number of requests for travel support from speakers. SREcon is as healthy as it can be under the circumstances.

Henderson reminded the Board that the Annual Meeting is scheduled for December 11. Collaborative planning for the Annual Meeting will take place in a shared document and at the November meeting.

Andersen moved to transition to Executive Session; Kissner seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

The Board entered Executive Session at 11:49 am PDT.

#### 5. Executive Session

Andersen moved to adjourn the meeting; Enck seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

*Meeting adjourned at 12:01 pm PDT/3:01 pm EDT*

*William H Enck*