

USENIX Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2024, 12:00-1:00 p.m. PDT/3:00-4:00 p.m. EDT
via Zoom video conference
Minutes

Attendance

Board:

Kurt Andersen
Theophilus Benson
Will Enck
Lea Kissner
Arvind Krishnamurthy
Laura Nolan
Amy Rich

Staff:

Casey Henderson-Ross
Jessica Kim
Ginny Staubach

Guests:

Phillip Scott, Merrill Lynch
Jennifer Whalen, Merrill Lynch

Not Present:

Fatema Boxwala

Rich called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm PDT/3:02 pm EDT

Agenda

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Rich called for a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

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

2. Reserve Fund Update and Discussion with Merrill Lynch

- a. USENIX Balances
- b. USENIX Portfolio Analysis

Henderson-Ross introduced Scott and Whalen. Whalen reviewed USENIX's reserve fund balances, asset allocations, portfolio performance, risk vs. return, and estimated income summary. Whalen proposed a rebalancing strategy for the Board and staff's consideration. Discussion ensued and general consensus was reached. Henderson-Ross thanked Whalen and Scott for their participation and presentation.

3. AI Tools in Conference Submissions and Reviews, Continued

Henderson-Ross called upon Benson, Krishnamurthy, and Enck to recommend next steps to address the issue of the use of AI tools in paper submissions and reviews; a discussion continued from the previous meeting.

Rich moved that the Board enter Executive Session. Nolan seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

The Board entered Executive Session at 12:56 pm PDT/3:50 pm EDT

4. Executive Session

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

Executive Session and the meeting adjourned at 1:03 pm PDT/4:03 pm EDT

William H Enck