Message from the LISA14 Program Chair

Welcome to LISA14! This marks the 28th meeting of the USENIX Large Installation System Administration Conference, and I'm pleased to present this year's program and proceedings.

This year, we shook things up a bit, pulling together all aspects of the LISA conference under coordination of the Chair. This resulted in a carefully curated program with content that spans tutorials, workshops, and technical talks, providing attendees with the opportunity to tailor the conference to their needs. We're excited about the coordinated content and the tracks, and we think you will be, too.

Of course, I could not have done this without a fantastic team of conference organizers who coordinated content across several areas to deliver the amazing program you see here. I would also like to thank those who contributed directly to the program: authors, shepherds, external reviewers, speakers, tutorial instructors, attendees, the LISA Build team, USENIX Board of Directors liaisons, and the USENIX staff. I would also like to personally thank USENIX Executive Director Casey Henderson for her support as we chartered new territory in conference organization, and for securing Diet Coke for the conference venue. Casey has been wonderful to work with and a true teammate and colleague.

This year, the conference accepted nine peer-reviewed full research papers, resulting in an acceptance rate of 31%. The conference also accepted nine peer-reviewed posters, which appear in the conference proceedings as extended abstracts. This adds to USENIX's considerable body of peer-reviewed published work. To foster interaction and discussion among the LISA community and to extend the reach and engagement of our research papers, all of our accepted papers have been invited to present a poster in addition to their paper presentation. We hope our attendees will take the opportunity to learn about the cutting-edge research that is happening in systems administration, and find out how it might affect their work in the months and years to come.

I am very proud of this year's program and hope you enjoy the conference. Most importantly, I hope you also enjoy the hallway track; say "hi" to old friends and meet some new ones. Don't be afraid to introduce yourself to someone new! The strength of LISA lies in you, the attendees, and in the discussions and technical conversations that happen between sessions.

Nicole Forsgren Velasquez, *Utah State University* LISA14 Program Chair