USENIX Association

Board of Directors Meeting

July 11, 2014

Minutes, 07/11/14

Attendance:

Board:
Carolyn Rowland
David Blank-Edelman
Dan Klein
Kurt Opsahl
John Arrasjid - by phone, left 1:29pm ET
Hakim Weatherspoon - by phone
Brian Noble

Staff:
Casey Henderson

Meeting begins 1:08pm ET

Complete BOD vote on financial statements for auditors, sent by Toni Veglia via email to bod@usenix.org on July 2, 2014. Six votes came in via email before the conference call, the remaining two came in via email after the call. All BOD members in favor.

Michelle Suski, CPA for USENIX will present an overview of the USENIX financials at the next in-person BOD meeting in August. This will serve as an introduction for the new BOD members and a refresher for existing members.

Henderson polled the BOD for agenda items for the August meeting.

FCW/ATC/HotCloud/HotStorage/WiAC/URES/UCMS

Henderson presented changes to the model that was Federated Conferences Week (FCW). FCW required a high level of staff involvement without an equivalent return. Several of the co-located events will move elsewhere. URES and UCMS will be co-located with LISA starting in 14 this November. WiAC will become part of several communities and events instead of a standalone event occurring only once per year.
HotCloud, HotStorage, and ATC will continue to be co-located together due to cross-interest and cross-registration between these events. The next HotStorage, HotCloud, ATC will be at the Hyatt Regency in Santa Clara in 2015. HotCloud and HotStorage will overlap over 2 days with the committees for each event coordinating content.

The BOD discussed the type of content for the Hot events. These tend to be topics that generate a lot of discussion because they are not yet fully researched or ready for publication.

The BOD also discussed invited talks and how they have worked at ATC in the past and some suggestions for working them into a future event. The best-of-the-best track was also a success this year. Discussed potential chairs for the next ATC.

Henderson asks Weatherspoon if he would be willing to be involved in HotCloud because of his connections to SOCC. He agrees.

Arrasjid left 1:29pm ET

Security
Henderson reminds the BOD to book travel for Security and the next in-person BOD meeting.

Papers for Security will be dual-tracked this year. Papers that are on the same topic will not compete in the same time-slot. Two book authors are doing invited talks: Joseph Menn who wrote a book on the NSA scandal and Phil Lapsley who wrote a book on phone phreaking. A local bookstore will have a book signing afterward. There will be some networking events for students and young professionals and WiAC. USENIX has sponsorship for both events which means refreshments for attendees at these networking events. There are currently two pending workshop programs confirmed during Security: EVT/WOTE and HotSec. HotSec.

OSDI
Henderson gave a short introduction to OSDI for the new BOD members, describing the biennial nature of this event.

LISA
USENIX staff are currently editing the LISA program. LISA will have revamped marketing including a new logo currently posted as an ad on the LISA14 website. This is phase 1 of a new LISA website. The LISA program will also be streamlined and there will be a topical focus for the conference.

SREcon
SREcon will be repeated next year. Dan Klein and David Blank-Edelman will be the liaisons for SREcon. All three of the 2014 chairs have agreed to char SREcon15.

HotOS

George Candea is program chair for HotOS. It is an invitation only event that requires potential attendees submit a position-paper. Some paper topics are accepted into slots for discussion and some people are invited without having their position paper topic slotted. Attendees are mostly senior people in the community. Attendance is capped at 75 people.

Henderson told the BOD that she will cover FAST and NSDI at the in-person BOD meeting in August.

Meeting adjourned 2:00pm ET