

# NOTES

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## Results of the Election for the USENIX Board of Directors, 2016–2018

The newly elected Board will assume office at the conclusion of the June Board of Directors meeting, which will take place immediately before the 2016 USENIX Annual Technical Conference in Denver, CO, June 22–24, 2016.

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## Notice of Annual Meeting

The USENIX Association's Annual Meeting with the membership and the Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, June 21, in Denver, CO, during the 2016 USENIX Annual Technical Conference.



## What USENIX Means to Me

by John Yani Arrasjid,  
*USENIX Vice President*

My involvement with USENIX began almost 30 years ago while working on my computer science degree at SUNY Buffalo. I attended my first USENIX conference in San Diego, CA, and was hooked from then on. Before USENIX started hosting the narrower-focused events that we have today, they ran two technical conferences a year. Because my first job was working in the languages team at AT&T, many of my coworkers and leaders participated in USENIX events. I had my start as a UNIX hacker, learning as much as I could and even contributing code back to the BSD 4.3 release.

Attending a USENIX event allowed me to interact with my peers, industry luminaries, and potential team members. I remember at a USENIX conference in San Diego having dinner with Jeff Forsy, Van Jacobson, Gretchen Phillips, and others, when Van borrowed a pen and a napkin and started writing. Much later I learned that at the dinner he had had an inspiration for his TCP header prediction algorithm. Many great things have had their start at USENIX conferences!

I have always found the “hallway track” to be a big benefit of attending conferences. I remember finishing BoFs late in the evening, followed by listening to stories by others in the community like Rob Pike, John Quarterman, and David Blank-Edelman, many of whom became friends over the years.

As my career evolved from programming to systems design and system administration, I continued to follow USENIX conferences, relying heavily on the tutorial program. Many thanks to Dan Klein in those early days for helping me get my footing and for eventually mentoring me on delivering USENIX tutorials on virtualization and cloud technologies, which I did for many years.

USENIX has played a very important role in my work and in enabling me to find new opportunities. I feel strongly enough about this that I have worked on three books on virtualization and the cloud in the Short Topics in System Administration series. Seeing the value that USENIX brings to its communities, my coauthors and I have agreed to give all proceeds from the books and the tutorials I taught at LISA back to USENIX.

Several years ago I made a further commitment to the sustainability of USENIX and have been an acting board member for three terms, serving on several USENIX and conference committees and serving as program co-chair for the LISA16 conference.

I will not be returning in my current role as USENIX Board of Directors Vice President for the next term but hope to return in the future. Thank you to those supporting my work and to USENIX for allowing me to participate and help shape USENIX.

My focus this year will be on making LISA16 a success with my co-chair Matt Simmons as we develop a program with Mike Ciavarella, Patrick Cable, Ben Cotton, Lee Damon, and Chris St. Pierre, with additional input from past chairs Carolyn Rowland and David Blank-Edelman. As always, I see teamwork in this and other conferences, with everyone contributing towards a successful conference!

USENIX continues to deliver on quality at its conferences by allowing a vendor-agnostic approach. USENIX’s support of open access to papers for researchers and the community and its active approach to achieving diversity in speakers and attendees have been immensely valuable.

I know that time will continue to provide new opportunities for USENIX to take a leadership role in the communities that it supports, including newer offerings such as SREcon and the Enigma conference on security threats and novel attacks.

I continue to be excited about attending USENIX events and especially about working with the USENIX staff, who have given

their utmost to provide the quality that USENIX attendees have come to expect. I see USENIX staff, who ensure that members and conference attendees have a great experience, as USENIX’s crown jewel! I encourage others to support USENIX activities through membership. Those fees are part of what allows USENIX to put on great events and are the basis of the support for open access and low student fees.

I plan to continue learning through the conferences and other activities that USENIX presents. I encourage you to also contribute as a volunteer and to donate to the USENIX areas you can support, such as the Open Access hosting of papers and the USENIX student grant program.

Thank you.

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