USENIX Association

Board of Directors Meeting

March 28, 2017

Boston Marriott Long Wharf Hotel, Boston, MA Minutes

Attendance:

Board:

Cat Allman

Michael Bailey

by phone

David Blank-Edelman Angela Demke Brown

Dan Klein

Carolyn Rowland

Hakim Weatherspoon

Staff:

Casey Henderson Ginny Staubach

Toni Veglia by phone
Natalie DeJarlais by phone
Michele Nelson by phone
Jessica Kim by phone
Camille Mulligan by phone

Not present:

Kurt Opsahl

Meeting called to order at 9:09 am

- 1. Minutes of the Previous Meetings
 - a. December 2016
 - b. January 2017 Out-of-Band Motion
 - c. February 2017

Blank-Edelman moved to approve all minutes; Bailey seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. All minutes approved.

2. Changes to Regular and Consent Agenda

No changes to regular or consent agenda proposed.

3. Risk/Exposure Report

Henderson and Veglia presented the risk/exposure report and answered questions from the Board.

4. 2016 Budget with Final Year End

Henderson and Veglia reviewed the final year end 2016 budget with the Board.

5. Sponsorship/Sales Report

Mulligan gave updates on sponsorship and sales activities for upcoming conferences. Sponsorship estimates for 2017 are conservative.

Break: 10:30-10:45 a.m.

6. 2017 Final Budget

Henderson presented the final projected 2017 Budget. Discussion included the anticipated effects of a possible decline in international attendance at U.S. events and an overall effort to be conservative given current economic uncertainty.

Break at 11:04 am
Rik Farrow joins the meeting.
Meeting reconvenes at 11:18 am

Discussion of budget items resumed and Henderson answered specific questions from the Board regarding the proposed 2017 Budget.

Allman moved to accept the projected 2017 Budget: Weatherspoon seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. 2017 Budget passed.

Break called at 11:35 am Reconvened at 11:51 am Glenn Samson joins by phone 11:59 am

7. Reserve Fund Performance and Projections

Samson, Financial Advisor, reported on reserve fund, current market conditions, and investment strategy.

Break for lunch called at 12:19. Lunch: 12:30-2:00 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 2:04 pm Bailey, Nelson, Kim, Veglia, Mulligan, and DeJarlais by phone

8. Conferences

Henderson reported on NSDI, which was underway during the meeting, as well as future scheduling for NSDI. Additionally, she discussed all other recent and upcoming conferences through Enigma 2018. For events in general, USENIX is moving to a new on-site badge distribution process that is reducing staff time in advance of conferences and streamlining on-site workflow and attendee experience.

Break called at 3:28 pm

9. 50th Anniversary of UNIX in 2019

Henderson reported that USENIX had received an inquiry regarding the upcoming 50th anniversary of UNIX in 2019 and USENIX's potential role in it. Discussion ensued about options for this.

Bailey signs off at 4:00.

Klein and Demke Brown volunteered to explore options for observing this milestone.

10. Next Meetings

July 13, 2017 at ATC in Santa Clara Dec 4, 2017 at USENIX in Berkeley

Allman moved to adjourn to Executive Session; motion seconded by Demke Brown. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 4:09 pm.