

USENIX Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. PDT/2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT
via Zoom video conference
Minutes

Attendance

Board:

Cat Allman
Kurt Andersen
Will Enck
Arvind Krishnamurthy
Laura Nolan
Kurt Opsahl
Amy Rich
Hakim Weatherspoon

Staff:

Casey Henderson
Ginny Staubach

Guests:

Burton Li, Sutro Li -- joined at 11:07 a.m. PDT
Robin Smith, Sutro Li

Agenda:

1. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

- a. September Meeting
- b. October Special Meeting

Allman moved to accept the minutes of the previous meetings as written. Opsahl seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

2. NSDI '21 Status

Henderson presented a proposal to cancel in-person NSDI '21 and hold it as a virtual event. Discussion ensued.

Andersen moved to cancel in-person NSDI '21 in Boston, MA, and hold it as a virtual event. Nolan seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

3. Financial Update

- a. Current Risk Exposure Report (October 2020)
 - i. Previous Risk Exposure Report (July 2020)

Henderson presented the current and previous Risk/Exposure Reports.

Burton Li joined the meeting at 11:07.

Discussion ensued. Li and Henderson answered questions posed by the Directors.

- b. 2020 Projections Update

Li and Henderson presented forecasting reports updated with Henderson's current knowledge about upcoming events. It was noted that the 2020 budget approved earlier this year could not anticipate the effects of the pandemic, thus forecasts vary from the 2020 budget passed. Li and Henderson answered questions posed by the Directors.

- c. Reserve Fund Status and Proposal

Rich presented the current status and risks of the reserve fund. Li, Henderson, and Rich answered questions posed by the Directors. Discussion ensued. The Board reached consensus to consult with USENIX's financial advisor regarding the risk/management strategy to ensure the organization's continued long-term operations. Henderson, Rich, and Opsahl will discuss with the financial advisor and report back to the Board.

Li and Smith left the meeting at 11:52 a.m. PDT.

4. ;login: Update

Henderson reported that the Board-appointed ;login: committee (Allman, Farrow, Henderson, Krishnamurthy, and Nolan) have been meeting weekly to discuss the future of ;login: The survey sent to the community resulted in constructive feedback overall. The committee envisages a digital-only version with curated content. Farrow will continue to provide oversight and leadership. A volunteer model of curating content is being developed. There will be interactivity options for members as an ongoing membership benefit. The anticipated launch date is early 2021. Discussion ensued.

5. Committee for Black, African-American, and African Diaspora Inclusion Update

Rich provided a brief update about the status of the committee's work, with more to be reported at the next regular meeting.

Nolan moved to adjourn the meeting. Andersen seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m. PDT.

