

**USENIX Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Friday, January 22, 2021, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. PST/1:00-2:00 p.m. EST**  
**via Zoom video conference**  
**Minutes**

**Attendance**

**Board:**

Cat Allman  
Kurt Andersen  
Will Enck  
Arvind Krishnamurthy  
Laura Nolan  
Kurt Opsahl -- *joined at 10:10*  
Amy Rich  
Hakim Weatherspoon -- *joined at 10:12*

**Staff:**

Natalie DeJarlais  
Casey Henderson  
Ginny Staubach

**Guests:**

Ben Adida, VotingWorks  
Burton Li, Sutro Li  
Robin Smith, Sutro Li

*Rich called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. PST/1:05 p.m. EST*

**Agenda**

**1. Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

- a. December Meeting

Allman moved to accept the minutes of the December 2020 meeting as presented. Enck seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

**2. LISA21, SREcon21 APAC, and USENIX Security '21 Status**

Henderson presented proposals to virtualize or cancel the following upcoming events: LISA21, SREcon21 APAC, and USENIX Security '21/SOUPS 2021. Discussion ensued.

Andersen moved to cancel in-person LISA21 and hold it virtually. Nolan seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

Andersen moved to cancel SREcon21 APAC. Nolan seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

Andersen moved to cancel USENIX Security '21 and SOUPS 2021 and hold them virtually. Enck seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

*Opsahl joined at 10:10 and Weatherspoon joined at 10:12 due to technical difficulties.*

### **3. 2022 Election Planning**

#### **a. Online Voting (with guest Ben Adida)**

Henderson presented a proposal that USENIX replace mail-in ballots with online voting for future Board elections, in light of USENIX no longer having a physical office. She introduced Ben Adida, Executive Director of VotingWorks and creator of Helios Voting System, who has volunteered his time to set up an online voting system for USENIX. Adida gave background on his work and answered questions posed by the Directors. Discussion ensued. Rich thanked Adida for his presentation, noting that more research and discussion will occur before a decision is made. Henderson stated that a follow-up discussion will be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

#### **b. Nominating Committee Chair**

Henderson reported that Carolyn Rowland, USENIX President Emeritus, has volunteered to be Chair of the Nominating Committee for the 2022 Board election and asked for the Board's consideration. Discussion ensued.

Allman moved to appoint Carolyn Rowland as chair of the Nominating Committee for the 2022 Board election; Weatherspoon seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

### **4. Financial Update**

#### **a. Audited 2019 Financial Statements**

Henderson reported that the audited 2019 Financial Statements were approved by the Audit Committee. The audited financial statements must now be considered and approved by the Board. Discussion ensued.

Andersen moved to accept the audited 2019 Financial Statements. Enck seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

Rich asked that Henderson extend the Board's thanks to the Audit Committee members.

**b. Updated Financial Projections**

Henderson reported that the 2020 financial reports will be presented at the March meeting after the year's books are closed.

**c. Risk Exposure Report**

The Board reviewed and discussed the Risk Exposure Report. Rich thanked Henderson for her excellent negotiation skills which have saved USENIX from paying large penalties.

Rich called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

*Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m. PST/1:58 p.m. EST*

