USENIX Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, July 26, 2021, 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 - joined at 11:09 a.m.

Staff:
Natalie DeJarlais
Casey Henderson
Mo Moreno
Camille Mulligan
Ginny Staubach

Guests:
Burton Li, Sutro Li
Robin Smith, Sutro Li

Rich called the meeting to order at 11:04 am PDT/1:04 pm EDT

Agenda

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
    a. June Meeting

Andersen moved to approve the minutes of the June 2021 meeting as presented. Allman seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

2. Future Conference Planning

Henderson shared considerations underway for future events, including the logistics of potentially holding hybrid events and the potential effects of COVID-19 variants on in-person events. She noted that as things continue to change and evolve the Board may have to make swift decisions.

3. Sponsorship/Sales Update

Henderson welcomed the Sponsorship team, Mulligan and Moreno, and thanked them for the great work they've done to maintain sponsorship revenue. Mulligan and Moreno presented the Sponsorship/Sales report and discussion ensued. Rich thanked Mulligan and Moreno on behalf of the Board for continuing to obtain sponsorships in the current difficult environment.

4. 2021 Mid-year Financial Projections

Henderson welcomed Li, Sutro Li CEO, and Smith, Sutro Li Account Manager. Li reviewed the mid-year financial reports with the Board.

5. Policies Document Update

Henderson introduced revisions to the USENIX Association Policies Document and thanked DeJarlais for consolidating and revising them to present to the Board for review and approval. Rich thanked DeJarlais and Henderson for their teamwork on this project. Henderson led the Board in a review of the revisions. Discussion ensued. Various amendments were made to the document by consensus to reach a final version during the meeting.

> Nolan moved to approve the revised USENIX Association Policies. Andersen seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

6. Conference Paper Page Limits

Henderson presented the question, submitted by a paper author, of increasing page limits for all USENIX systems research conference submissions. Discussion ensued. All agreed that this decision could not be made for all conferences by the Board and instead should be decided by the individual Steering Committees. Henderson agreed to facilitate both responding to the author (with Enck, Krishnamurthy, and Weatherspoon) and managing ensuing Steering Committee discussions if they occur.

Rich called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m. PDT/3:01 p.m. EDT.

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