USENIX Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. PDT/2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT

via Zoom video conference

Minutes

Attendance

Board:

Theophilus Benson
Will Enck
Lea Kissner
Arvind Krishnamurthy
Laura Nolan
Amy Rich

Staff:

Casey Henderson Ginny Staubach

Not present:

Kurt Andersen Fatema Boxwala

Rich called the meeting to order at 11:03 am PDT/2:03 pm EDT

Agenda

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Nolan moved to approve the April meeting minutes as presented. Benson seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

2. Banking Update

Henderson reported that USENIX's new Chase bank accounts are up and running. The First Republic bank accounts remain operational and are now backed by Chase. An FDIC-insured Brex Business account was opened for further distribution. Henderson thanked Staubach for managing the banking changes.

3. Recent and Upcoming Conferences

Henderson shared updates on recent and upcoming conferences including SREcon23 APAC, USENIX ATC '23, OSDI '23, SOUPS 2023, USENIX Security '23, PEPR '23, and SREcon23 EMEA. Across all conferences we continue to experience lower registration from industry professionals due to reductions in travel budgets, which is detrimental to both those who attend and those who are not able to do so.

At systems research conferences we continue to expand the evening events programs in ways similar to pre-pandemic events, including Birds-of-a-Feather (BoF) sessions and student meet-ups. While some of those conferences, such as USENIX ATC '23 and OSDI '23 are experiencing lower registration than we would like to see, USENIX Security '23 is anticipated to break registration records due to the record-breaking number of papers it has accepted.

Regarding PEPR '23, Kissner noted that this event focused on the field of privacy engineering is starting to see deeper, more specialized content that one can't find elsewhere. Regarding SREcon23 EMEA, Nolan reported that the program is coming together. Organizers are planning activities designed to increase interactivity at the conference.

Kissner left the meeting at 11:43 a.m. PDT/2:43 pm EDT.

Rich called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. PDT/2:45 p.m. EDT.

William HEnck