

USENIX Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, January 31, 2024, 9:00 am–10:00 am PST/12:00 pm–1:00 pm EST
via Zoom video conference
Minutes

Attendance

Board:

Kurt Andersen
Theophilus Benson -- joined at 9:07 am PST
Fatema Boxwala -- joined at 9:22 am PST
Will Enck
Lea Kissner -- left at 9:56 am PST
Arvind Krishnamurthy -- left at 9:31 am PST
Laura Nolan
Amy Rich

Staff:

Casey Henderson-Ross
Jessica Kim
Mo Moreno
Camille Mulligan
Ginny Staubach

Rich called the meeting to order at 9:05 am PST/10:05 am EST

Agenda

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

2. Code of Conduct Update

Henderson-Ross presented a proposal by Nolan to add a phrase to the Code of Conduct regarding respecting others' personal health and safety choices. Discussion ensued.

Nolan moved to adopt the proposed amended text in the Code of Conduct. Enck seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

3. Sponsorship Update and Discussion

Henderson-Ross introduced Mulligan, Development Director, and Moreno, Development and Sales Manager, and set the context for the discussion, noting their impressive efforts in securing sponsorship despite challenging conditions in the economy and in the tech industry. Mulligan and Moreno summarized the roles of each member of the Development and Community Engagement Department. They presented a report co-authored with Bergman, Development/Grants Program Manager, on the changing sponsorship landscape, the evolution of USENIX's supporters, and the prospects for our grants program. They requested the Board's insights about and suggestions for new funding opportunities, both for sponsorship and grants. Discussion ensued.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 am PST/1:01 pm EST

William H. Enck