

**USENIX Association**  
**Board of Directors Conference Call**  
**September 10, 2012**  
**Minutes, 9/10/12**

**Attendance:**

**Board:**

Margo Seltzer  
John Arrasjid  
Brian Noble  
Carolyn Rowland  
David Blank-Edelman  
Niels Provos  
Sasha Fedorova

**Staff:**

Anne Dickison  
Casey Henderson

*Meeting consisted of a one-hour conference call from 7:00 -8:00 p.m. ET - Meeting began promptly at 7:00.*

**The previous board members approved the June 12, 2012 minutes. Motion made, seconded and carried. All present approved.**

Prior to the conference call, the Board was asked by Seltzer to review, via e-mail, pros and cons regarding location and timing of HotPar and be prepared to make a decision for 2013 during the call.

Following discussion, the board directed to the staff that no standalone workshops should be scheduled in the future, beginning with HotPar '13

There was a plan to move HotPar to FedWeek in 2013. That would cause overlap with ICOSA. It was suggested we co-locate with NSDI. There was also discussion of expanding HotPar in the future by adding additional active steering committee members and accepting formal papers.

**The board agreed that we should co-locate HotPar with NSDI for 2013.**

**Action Item(s)**

- **Fedorova agreed to be the point-person to attempt to grow HotPar.**

Prior to the conference call, the Board was asked to discuss via e-mail possible co-located events at Federated Conferences Week '13:

- ICAC (<http://nsfcac.rutgers.edu/conferences/icac/>) - International Conference on Autonomic Computing
- HotSWUp (<http://www.hotswup.org>) - a workshop which tries to bring together the different communities that are working on software upgrades

**The Board discussed and agreed it was worth pursuing.**

**Action Item(s)**

- Blank-Edelman agreed to be liaison for HotSWUp, with staff help
- Noble agreed to be liaison for ICAC

Prior to the conference call the Board was asked to consider a possible content partnership with ACM Queue. Our content would be in front of the pay-wall so it would not conflict with our open access policy. **The Board discussed the opportunity and decided it was a good idea to move forward.**

The EDs presented updates on several administrative items within the office.

**Action Item(s)**

- Homework for the BOD: "Role as a Board member" needs some work
- Homework for the BOD: How should we update or improve the USENIX mission statement?
- Action: Anne and Casey want feedback at October meeting as they've been in the position for six months.