

USENIX Association
Board of Directors Conference Call

January 29, 2016

Minutes, 01/29/16

Attendance:

Board:

Cat Allman (absent)
John Arrasjid
David Blank-Edelman
Brian Noble (absent)
Dan Klein
Kurt Opsahl
Carolyn Rowland
Hakim Weatherspoon

Staff:

Casey Henderson
Kim Coles

Call begins at 11:10 a.m. ET

Enigma

The most well-received USENIX conference in 13 years. Had never seen a group of conference attendees move in the pattern expected so consistently (in meeting rooms, at lunch together, back to sessions, stayed together and talked). Successful on content and networking fronts.

The #1 takeaway is that people really liked it and there was clearly a void in the security conference community. We provided a community-driven venue. People consistently reported that it was a strong supportive atmosphere for discussion. Gender diversity was higher than at most of our events.

Motion to proceed with Enigma for 2017 with the expectation that we will find a workable financial model. [Klein] Seconded [Arrasjid] All present in favor [5+ Brian, Kurt and Cat voted yes remotely, so 8 BOD members]

Call adjourned 12:02 ET

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