USENIX Association

Board of Directors Conference Call

May 5, 2014

Minutes, 05/05/14

Attendance:

Board:

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

Staff:

Casey Henderson

Scheduled conference call of the USENIX BOD.

Brief Exec Session at the beginning.

Open call begins 1:12pm ET

The ED suggested that she needs a way to bring new events to the BOD for strategic discussion. USENIX staff can engage on the tactical side of new events, but she would like the BOD's input on whether or not to pursue new opportunities based on relevance with existing communities or potential to build interesting new communities. The BOD discussed this and made suggestions to the ED about how to proceed.

The BOD then discussed the future of system administration support after Anthony Riley's departure. LMI will be the USENIX ISP and IT support. The author of HotCrp, Eddie Kohler, has agreed to provide all HotCrp support for USENIX going forward. The service will reside on Kohler's servers and he will provide tech support for USENIX events using the HotCrp system.

One of the BOD members requested that we change the practice of setting submission deadlines for 00:00 PDT. It was suggested that submission deadlines change to a time within normal working hours.

Brian Noble, Niels Provos, and Dan Wallach exit 1:59pm ET for another meeting

The discussion about Kohler supporting HotCrp continued. This is an essential business system for USENIX so it is important to have consistent support, bug fixes, and feature enhancements.

Adjourned 2:07pm ET Motion to adjourn made and seconded via email after the call.