

USENIX Association

Board of Directors Conference Call

July 20, 2015

Minutes, 07/20/15

Attendance:

Board:

Carolyn Rowland

Brian Noble - Joined 4:18 p.m. ET

Cat Allman

David Blank-Edelman

Hakim Weatherspoon

Kurt Opsahl

John Arrasjid - Joined 4:07 p.m. ET

Dan Klein

Staff:

Casey Henderson

Kim Coles

Meeting called to order 4:08 p.m. ET

Meeting minutes to approve.

March 2015 minutes

All present approve.

April 2015 minutes

All present approve.

Security

Update on FOCI keynote [Opsahl]

Looks like we may have record registration for Security. Still gathering parts of some of the workshops. USENIX is monitoring the health of the workshops and will discuss the future of any workshops not doing well at the August meeting.

LISA

Working on second co-chair for LISA16. Soliciting input from the LISA steering committee.

August Meeting

Henderson will be pulling together a BOD packet for the August meeting. It will include a budget snapshot. Conferences are doing quite well. Will have better numbers on ATC and related workshops for the August meeting.

Noble joins the call 4:18 p.m. ET

NSDI

One of the best paper awards had a co-chair as an author. It was missed in the best paper selection because Chairs were not involved in the selection. Chairs weren't even consulted; there was a separate selection committee. It was an issue of perception, not about actual ethical violations. The NSDI steering committee has declared going forward that no program chair-submitted paper can be considered for an award. Noble and Henderson propose the adoption of a similar, expanded structure for all conferences.

Action Item:

- **Send this policy change to all major steering committees for feedback before implementation [Henderson]**

Code of Ethics and ACM

Discussed previously whether USENIX needed a code of ethics for steering committees, etc. The NSDI program co-chairs want to cite a code of ethics. We are in-cooperation with ACM for this event. Their current CFP cites the ACM code of ethics. We have always given chairs extraordinary latitude with respect to content in CFPs so this fits.

Annual Meeting

Will probably move the annual BOD meeting to different conferences; this year it will take place at the Security Symposium. We did not have the summer BOD meeting at ATC because it is not an election year.

