

USENIX Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, February 21, 2019, 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. PST
via Zoom video conference
Minutes

Attendance

Board:

Cat Allman
Kurt Andersen - joined at 10:20 a.m. by phone
Michael Bailey - joined at 10:09 a.m.
Angela Demke Brown
Kurt Opsahl - left the meeting 10:48 a.m.
Amy Rich
Carolyn Rowland
Hakim Weatherspoon

Staff:

Natalie DeJarlais
Casey Henderson
Ginny Staubach

Guests:

Lea Kissner - left meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Rowland called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. PT.

Agenda

1. Proposal for new event co-located with USENIX Security '19: USENIX Conference on Privacy Engineering Practice and Respect

Henderson introduced Lea Kissner who, with co-author Lorrie Cranor, is proposing a new event, “Privacy Engineering Practice and Respect (PEPR)” to be co-located with the Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security (SOUPS) held immediately before the USENIX Security conference. Kissner presented the proposal for this 1.5-day event, which would focus on sharing approaches to addressing privacy engineering problems with an emphasis on “techniques for building technical systems with respect in the sense of due regard for the feelings, wishes, rights, or traditions of others.” Kissner stated their hope is that co-locating this event with SOUPS will encourage those focused on usability and those focused on privacy to interact and learn from one another. The meeting space has already been procured with a capacity of 100-150 and an initial sponsorship of \$15,000 has already been offered, therefore adding PEPR would be cost-neutral. The Board thanked Kissner for her presentation.

Kissner left the meeting at 10:32 a.m. PT.

Further discussion ensued.

Allman moved to accept the proposal for PEPR and hold an inaugural event in 2019. Opsahl seconded motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion passed.

2. Bylaws Review update

Henderson asks DeJarlais to give an update on where we are on the Bylaws review. DeJarlais reported on the Committee meeting held at Enigma and that the Bylaws and the Committee's questions are now under review by legal counsel. The Committee will reconvene to review the feedback from the new attorney.

3. Conferences

Enigma, held January 28-30 in Burlingame: Henderson reported that Enigma was very successful on both content and attendee sides, although it remains a challenging event financially. Opsahl and Rich both attended. Opsahl stated that attendee feedback was positive. Rich stated that most of the content she saw was very good.

FAST/NSDI/Vault next week: This will be the first time FAST and NSDI will be co-located, while Vault is new for USENIX. A significant number of attendees are signing up for both FAST and NSDI, which is a strong sign for the cross-pollination between the communities.

SREcon19 Americas: All concerns about being on the East Coast have vanished. It sold out early and there are many people on the waiting list, which was shut down early due to high volume to avoid false hope. Sponsorship revenue for this event is great. Next year in Santa Clara the venue is larger so more people can attend. Andersen reported that the Steering Committee will be considering whether to add more SREcons rather than expanding them to be larger. Rich asked whether people are repeat attendees or new East Coast attendees. Henderson responded that they're both.

Andersen moved to adjourn the meeting. Rich seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. PT.

