

USENIX Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, May 29, 2019, 12:00-1:00 p.m. PDT
via Zoom video conference
Minutes

Attendance

Board:

Cat Allman
Kurt Andersen
Michael Bailey
Angela Demke Brown
Amy Rich
Carolyn Rowland
Hakim Weatherspoon

Staff:

Natalie DeJarlais
Casey Henderson
Ginny Staubach

Not present:

Kurt Opsahl

Rowland called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm PDT

Announcement: Revised bylaws have been approved and are now in effect.

Agenda

1. Industry-focused events

Henderson presented updates on industry-focused events, including potential scheduling and structural changes.

- **SREcon19 Americas:** Andersen reported that SREcon19 Americas is at capacity and growing. Post-conference survey feedback analysis is in progress. Henderson and Andersen are exploring ways to accommodate growth, as well as encourage a more even spread of proposal submissions.
- **OpML:** Andersen reported on the inaugural OpML held May 20. There was a strong initial showing, exceeding attendance expectations. Feedback from attendees was

positive; it was “action-packed.” Henderson and Andersen observed good engagement and interactions in hallway track. There were many “new” attendees who had not previously attended a USENIX event. Sponsorship hit the target budget. The event will be held again next year.

- **SREcon19 APAC:** Henderson reported that attendance this year jumped to over 500, compared to 350 last year. SREcon20 APAC will be held in Sydney, Australia.
- **SREcon EMEA:** Andersen reported that the Program Committee is currently scoring proposals.
- **LISA:** Planning for the 2019 event is in full swing. Rich reported that the CFP has been announced, with submissions due June 18. The Program Committee has been selected and its diversity is representative of the diversity of this community. The conference program is leaner. Efforts are underway to consolidate SREcon and LISA organizational documentation.
- **Security:** Henderson and Bailey discussed the quarterly submissions model’s feedback from the community. The 2020 CFP was the earliest ever posted and the Program Committee was assembled quickly. Over 100 papers have been submitted to the first deadline. There will be three tracks, which include invited talks, per usual. There will be a pre-conference Program Committee meeting at the event site.

Andersen moved to adjourn the meeting: Weatherspoon seconded. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

