

USENIX Board of Directors Emergency Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2020, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. PDT
via Zoom video conference
Minutes

Attendance

Board:

Cat Allman
Kurt Andersen
Angela Demke Brown
Kurt Opsahl
Amy Rich
Carolyn Rowland
Hakim Weatherspoon (joined at 3:19 p.m.)

Staff:

Natalie DeJarlais
Casey Henderson
Ginny Staubach

Not present:

Michael Bailey

Rowland called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. PDT

Agenda

1) Potential rescheduling of USENIX conferences currently scheduled in May

Henderson provided the Directors with a document that provided an overview of the suggested reschedulings and co-location changes. She proposed SREcon APAC be rescheduled for September. She was able to secure a meeting room in the same venue as USENIX ATC in July for HotEdge, currently scheduled for April. The event still in question is PEPR. The venue has space for the meeting but not guest rooms. Henderson was in the process of negotiating with them. She suggested that if it could not be moved, it should be canceled. Opsahl asked about the effect a government order prohibiting large gatherings might have. Discussion ensued.

Andersen moved to approve the rescheduling of HotEdge '20 to July 14 and co-locating it with USENIX ATC '20 in Boston. Rich seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion passed.

Andersen moved to approve the rescheduling of OpML '20 to Thursday, July 30, in Santa Clara. Rich seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion passed.

Andersen moved to approve the rescheduling of PEPR '20 to Thursday-Friday, October 15-16, in Santa Clara if the hotel agrees and, if not, to cancel the event. Rich seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion passed.

Andersen moved to approve the rescheduling of SREcon20 Asia/Pacific to Monday-Wednesday, September 7-9, in Sydney. Rich seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion passed.

Henderson asked whether the Board would agree to reschedule PEPR at a different venue if we must cancel at the Hyatt? The Directors gave their agreement.

A discussion ensued regarding the logistics involved with rescheduling these events.

Weatherspoon joined the meeting.

Executive Session called at 3:25 p.m. PDT

Handwritten signatures of Michael and Paul.