

USENIX Association

Board of Directors Meeting, Part A

2012-2014 BOARD

June 18, 2014

Minutes, 06/18/14

Attendance:

Board:

Carolyn Rowland

Niels Provos

Brian Noble

Dan Wallach

Margo Seltzer

David Blank-Edelman

John Arrasjid

Sasha Fedorova -- joins 11:46am ET by phone

New Board:

Cat Allman

Dan Klein

Kurt Opsahl

Hakim Weatherspoon -- joins 1:05pm ET by phone

Staff:

Casey Henderson

Julie Miller -- by phone

Natalie DeJarlais -- 9:05am ET. Left at 9:15am ET, Returning at 9:30am ET. by phone

Toni Veglia -- joins 9:28am ET

Rik Farrow arrives at 10:21am ET

Michele Nelson -- 1:15pm ET by phone

Camille Mulligan -- 1:15pm ET by phone

BOD meeting for USENIX with prior notification to the BOD.

Meeting comes to order 9:04am ET

Agenda:

USENIX Boards of Directors Meetings Agendas
Thursday, June 19, 2014, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
William Penn Board Room, 3rd Floor, Hyatt Regency Penn's Landing

Continental Breakfast: 8:15 a.m.9:00 a.m.

Meeting of the 20122014 Board of Directors (Meeting A) begins promptly at 9:00 a.m.

A1. Minutes of the Previous Meetings (5 minutes) (Seltzer)

a. March

BOD moved to accept the minutes of March 2014. All present in favor, no abstentions.

b. April

BOD moved to accept the minutes of March 2014. All present in favor, no abstentions.

c. May

BOD moved to accept the minutes of March 2014. All present in favor, no abstentions.

A2. Changes to the Regular and Consent Agenda (5 minutes) (Seltzer)

Seltzer gives the new BOD members an explanation of the Consent Agenda.

Wallach would like to discuss the USENIX anti-harassment policy.

Seltzer asks the new BOD to discuss this in part B of the meeting. Noble asks Wallach to stay for that discussion.

A3. Executive Session (20 minutes)

Regular meeting back to order 9:27am

A4. SREcon14 (15 minutes) (BlankEdelman, Henderson, and Rowland)

This was a sold out event. USENIX received a 50% return on attendee surveys. The survey results showed that there was a big % of people who went because it was local. There is a potential for this to be a two day conference. This is a conference for people who are already

SREs so they can talk to other people who are already SREs. The 2014 Program Chairs were willing to return and do it again next year. Discussed expansion of this concept with other SREs who are interested in chairing conferences in other areas.

Discussed expenses for SREcon and how it fit into the current budget and the impact on staff. Also discussed how this event was marketed differently than traditional USENIX events and what we learned from this.

The staff loved it. The overall impression was that SREcon was more fun to think about because it was less work. Most of the staff asked to go to SREcon because they wanted to be a part of it. USENIX recorded one track of the talks and the keynote.

A5. Future Conferences (45 minutes)

a. Security (Henderson and Provos)

USENIX received a record number of papers for Security. There are currently three invited talks on the schedule. There is also a panel on crypto and by a reporter from Reuters who broke the NSA story and there will be Phil Lapsley who wrote a book about phone phreaks.

Discussed the viability working with the other steering committees from the other big security conferences because many of the same paper submissions go to all of the same conferences. The one concern was the different approaches to open access that might cause issues. Yoshi Kohno, University of Washington, is the new Security liaison. There will be co-chairs for Security going forward because it works better.

Fabian Monroe and Michael Bailey are leading the HotSec program this year and it is coming along nicely. They are learning from the first HotSec Summit and applying lessons learned. The program chairs are reaching out to the community for hot topics to include in a discussion (unconference style).

In addition there is the gameification workshop, funded by NSF, EVT/WOTE with journference, and WOOT which had a record number of submissions and is potentially expanding back to two days. Unfortunately the Crypto conference in Santa Barbara is the same time as Security but USENIX is offering discounts for people who want to drift back and forth between both.

Henderson thanked Wallach for writing up documentation on how journference works and asked him to continue to be a part of USENIX efforts in that area.

b. OSDI (Henderson and Noble)

Workshops are on track. USENIX is employing the local liaison model for some of the workshops. Workshops include: Dependable Systems workshop, HotPower, INFLOW (interactions of NVM/Flash with OS and workloads) [NEW, was at SOSP], and TRIOS.

c. LISA

i. Update (Blank-Edelman, Henderson, and Rowland)

LISA Update written by Blank-Edelman with contribution from Rowland/Henderson

Discussed dissolving of the LISA steering committee and some of the lessons learned with 2014 and how the 2015 chairs are making changes to 2015 continue to improve the conference and process of organizing. The chairs and USENIX are working on documentation for LISA volunteer roles, etc. Discussed sunsetting the Advanced Topics Workshop (ATW) at LISA.

ii. Registration Fees Proposal (Henderson)

USENIX proposes changing to a model where people can intermingle between training and talks at LISA. USENIX is trying a conference model that will have integrated 90-minute mini-tutorials into the Wednesday-Friday conference program. This change will require a slight increase in fees to support the cost of tutorials which is different than invited talks. Henderson proposes to the BOD a slight increase in fees for the technical sessions to support this new model.

The BOD and ED discuss the pros and cons of the rate increase and how this new model fits into the projections for the conference. USENIX will be prepared to give hardship discounts as needed (e.g., consultants paying their own way) which will help those who cannot pay the increased fee.

The BOD approved the new fee structure with all in favor, no abstentions.

d. FCW (Henderson and Noble)

Break: 10:45-10:55am ET
Back from break 10:59am ET

A6. Current Board Wrap-up (45 minutes) (Seltzer)

Seltzer discusses strategy and tactics with the current and future BOD, breaking up into small groups to discuss strategy and perform an exercise.

Reconvene at 11:40am ET.

Fedorova joins 11:46am ET

Discussed the role of sponsors and potential for new USENIX communities.

Adjourned 12:01

Meeting of the new BOD reconvenes at 1:05pm ET

See Part B Notes/Minutes