
**SUMMARY OF USENIX
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS,
APRIL 22–OCTOBER 20, 2005**

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Conference Network Policy: As many of you know, USENIX provides open and insecure wireless connectivity at most of our conferences. The following policy was adopted earlier this year regarding use of the conference network:

USENIX may monitor the conference network. USENIX strongly recommends that all users encrypt their transmissions, and users are solely responsible for the security of their passwords and data. Illicit or intrusive use of the network, including packet sniffing, is expressly forbidden. Offenders of this policy will be given a verbal warning on the first offense, and ousted from the conference on the second offense.

Fraudulent Paper Submissions: USENIX has adopted the following policy in response to the growing problem of people submitting irregular or fraudulent paper submissions to conferences. The policy is included in all Calls for Papers:

Simultaneous submission of the same work to multiple venues, submission of previously published work, and plagiarism constitute dishonesty or fraud. USENIX, like other scientific and technical conferences and journals, prohibits these practices and may, on the recommendation of a program chair, take action against authors who have committed them. In some cases, program committees may share information about submitted papers with other conference chairs and journal editors to ensure the integrity of papers under consideration. If a violation of these principles is found, sanctions may include, but are not limited to, barring the authors from submitting to or participating in USENIX conferences for a set period, contacting the authors' institutions, and publicizing the details of the case.

USENIX Annual Technical Conference: USENIX has been experimenting with formats and timeframe. It was decided that in future years the conference would move back to a June timeframe. It will be held in regions with a strong local IT community. The conference will focus on bridging the gap between academia and industry. The General Sessions refereed paper track will be renamed Systems Practice and Experience, with an emphasis on practical implementations and experimental results. An invited talks track and tutorials will be offered every day. The FREENIX track will be replaced by a conference on experimental computing systems and engineering (to be held in 2007). USENIX is also seeking more workshops to co-locate with Annual Tech: A workshop on e-voting is slated for 2006.

New! HotDep '06: USENIX will sponsor the Second Workshop on Hot Topics in System Dependability (HotDep '06), which will center on critical components of infra-

structures such as operating systems, networking, security, distributed systems, and mobile computing. It will be co-located with OSDI in November 2006.

What The Hack '05: The Board agreed that USENIX should be a co-sponsor of What The Hack 2005, which was held in the Netherlands in July 2005. USENIX provided \$10K in funds and help with promotion.

SAGE: The USENIX Board of Directors has been in discussion with a new organization, SAGE Inc., about the possibility of their providing services to the USENIX SAGE members. No decisions had been made as of October 26.

Nominating Committee: Kirk McKusick was appointed the chair of the 2006 USENIX nominating committee for the Board elections, which will be held in the spring of 2006.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Monday, December 5, 2005, at the LISA conference in San Diego, CA.

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