

USENIX Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, September 9, 2024, 8:00-9:00 a.m. PDT/11:00-12:00 pm EDT
via Zoom video conference
Minutes

Attendance

Board:

Sujata Banerjee -- joined at 8:09 a.m. PDT
Will Enck -- left at 8:37 a.m. PDT
Lea Kissner
Thorsten Holz
Laura Nolan
George Porter
Amy Rich

Staff:

Casey Henderson-Ross
Jessica Kim
Ginny Staubach

Guests:

Phillip Scott, Merrill Lynch
Robin Smith, Sutro Li
Jennifer Whalen, Merrill Lynch

Not Present:

Kurt Andersen

Rich called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. PDT/11:04 p.m. EDT

Agenda

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Nolan moved to approve the minutes of the August 2024 meeting as presented; Holz seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

2. Potential Fellows Program

Nolan introduced a proposal made by a long-time member that USENIX create a member recognition program, as she had discussed it with him at USENIX ATC/OSDI '24. Henderson-Ross noted that this idea has been raised repeatedly over the years but never gained enough traction to be implemented.

Discussion ensued. Enck volunteered to explore the idea and its financial implications. Enck and Henderson-Ross will collaborate on next steps.

3. Reserve Fund Overview, Update, and Discussion with Merrill Lynch
 - a. USENIX Balances
 - b. USENIX Portfolio Analysis

Henderson-Ross introduced Scott and Whalen of Merrill Lynch, USENIX's reserve funds managers. Whalen presented current information on USENIX's portfolio, reviewing content and yields, asset allocation, contributions and withdrawals, interest gained, and cumulative return. Discussion ensued. Henderson-Ross, Scott, and Whalen responded to questions posed by the Directors. Henderson-Ross thanked Scott and Whalen for their presentation and management of the reserve fund.

Scott and Whalen left the meeting at 8:40 a.m. PDT/11:40 a.m. EDT

Henderson-Ross asked whether there were further questions about finances as the Reserve Fund Overview was part of the Board's ongoing finance orientation. Several of the Directors had questions to which Henderson-Ross responded. Discussion ensued.

Rich announced she will be on a six-week sabbatical starting next week. Enck, as Vice President, will address any issues that arise during her absence.

Nolan moved to adjourn the meeting; Kissner seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m. PDT/12:01 p.m. EDT



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