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SUMMARY OF USENIX BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS AND ACTIONS

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The following is a summary of the actions taken by the USENIX Board of Directors from July through December 2006.

CONFERENCES

The following people were invited to serve as program chairs for upcoming conferences:

- Jeff Chase and Srinivasan Seshan for the 2007 USENIX Annual Technical Conference
- Paul van Oorschot for the 2008 USENIX Security Symposium
- David Wagner for the 2nd USENIX/ACCURATE Electronic Voting Technology Workshop

It was agreed to hold the 2007 Linux Kernel Developers Summit in Cambridge, UK.

It was agreed that USENIX would sponsor a workshop on Hot Topics in Understanding Botnets (HotBots '07), to be held alongside NSDI, per a proposal by Niels Provos.

It was agreed that USENIX will sponsor the Distributed Event-Based Systems Workshop and fund $3,000 in student stipends for it.

It was agreed that USENIX be an in-cooperation sponsor of the ACM Symposium on Computer Human Interaction for Management of Information Technology (CHIMIT) and the ACM Workshop on Experimental Computer Science.

USENIX will be a co-sponsor of the SETIT 2007 conference.

It was decided that when booking future hotels for the LISA conference, we will alternate venues between the West Coast and the Boston and D.C. areas.

TRAINING

It was agreed to proceed with discussions with the SANS Institute on offering tutorials at each other's events.

OUTREACH/GOOD WORKS

It was agreed, per a proposal from Garth Gibson, that USENIX would host a repository of computer anomaly data.

It was agreed to contribute $15,000 to the USA Computing Olympiad in 2007, per a proposal from Rob Kolstad.

Niels Provos will liaison with Kirk McKusick on BSD issues/conferences.

It was agreed to continue funding POSIX and ISO SC22 standards activities in 2007, with an additional amount to support attendance at the C++ meeting in Oxford.

FINANCES

The registration fees for the USENIX Annual Technical Conference were raised by $10 per day, and for FAST and NSDI by $20 for the three-day technical session registration. The registration fees for HotOS were reduced to match those of the other USENIX three-day workshops.

Member dues, which had not been raised since 2005, were increased by $5.00 for USENIX and SAGE, in order to cover increased costs.

A first-draft budget for 2007 was approved in December 2006, and the auditor was selected to perform the audit of the 2006 financial statements.

SAGE

Upon notification that Strata Rose Chalup was stepping down as SAGE Programs Director, the USENIX Board of Directors passed a motion thanking Strata for her services to USENIX,

SAGE, and the profession of system administration. At this time, SAGE activities will be managed by Jane-Ellen Long, with assistance from Tony Del Porto and oversight and guidance from Alva Couch, who is chair of the SAGE subcommittee of the USENIX Board of Directors.

SAGE UPDATE

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A lot has been happening lately. The sad news first: Strata has moved on to nurture her growing consulting practice at Virtual.Net Inc. We'll miss her vision, her dedication, and her humor. We hope she'll drop in from time to time to cheer us and nudge us into the future, and of course SAGE members can always catch her on the sage-members discussion list. (Haven't joined yet? See www.sage.org/lists/.)

ALL ABOUT LISA

Those of you who weren't lucky enough to be among the over 1,200 attendees of this year's LISA Conference can now listen to Cory Doctorow's fascinating keynote address and to Alva Couch's own provocative "lunch & learn" session on "The Future of System Administration: How to Stop Worrying and Learn to Love Self-Managing Systems." Even if you did attend the four-track LISA, you probably had to make some hard choices among sessions. Now's your chance to catch up on what you missed: All the refereed papers are open to USENIX and SAGE members online, and many talk slides are up as well, at www.usenix.org/events/lisa06/tech/.

We are delighted that Paul Anderson has agreed to chair LISA

'07. Paul has been a contributor to SAGE and USENIX for many years. He is the author of a SAGE booklet on system configuration, as well as a SAGE white paper on the topic; he's organized the Configuration Management Workshop at LISA every year since 2002; and he's the principal author of LCFG. Watch the SAGE Web home page for the Call for Papers, coming in early 2007: www.sage.org/index.html#confs.

We are pleased to announce that, once again, two SAGE awards were presented at LISA '6. The Outstanding Achievement Award went to Tobias Oetiker and Dave Rand, and the Chuck Yerkes Award went to Doug Hughes. Read more at www.sage.org/about/outstanding.html and www.sage.org/about/yerkes.html.

SAGE SHORT TOPICS GET LONGER

Internet Postmaster: Duties and Responsibilities, by Nick Christenson and Brad Knowles, is now online at www.sage.org/pubs/15_postmaster/. Available very soon: *Host Configuration and Maintenance with Cfengine,* from The Source, a.k.a. Mark Burgess and his henchwoman Æleen Frisch, who have taught many of you in LISA training classes. This booklet was inspired by a discussion on sage-members.

YouChoose: SAGE members have told us you love the SAGE Short Topics series and want more. Some of you have said you only want PDFs. Some have said you'd rather have a different booklet instead of whatever one came out most recently. We took a good hard look at the program and came up with an answer that, we hope, addresses these issues. Instead of waiting for one booklet to have its day in the sun before publishing another, we plan to publish at will. All the

PDFs will be available anytime to all SAGE members. We'll put up an online ordering form as well. Each year of your membership you may choose *any* one booklet to be sent to you for free, and you may order any additional print booklets for $10 per booklet, as of yore. BTW, have you noticed that the booklets are getting longer? Greater depth of information as well as greater breadth is the goal.

Want to write a booklet? Have an idea for a subject and/or author? Please let us know: send a note to sagebooklets@sage.org.

NEW WHITE PAPERS ONLINE

White papers from the LISA '06 Hit the Ground Running Track are now online. If you don't feel ready to write a booklet, but your job has offered you a learning experience and you'd like to keep others from having to go through that particular torture, write a white paper to share with the world via www.sage.org/pubs /whitepapers/whitepapers.html.

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM SAGE?

We have our own ideas, but to truly serve the membership, we need to know what's most important to you. How can we best serve you? Please send your ideas, fully formed or carry-out to bake at home, to us at suggestions@sage.org.

Thanks for supporting SAGE, and we'll catch up with you again in April.

JOHN LIONS FUND WRAP-UP

The USENIX Board voted to match up to $250,000 in 2006 donations to establish the John Lions Chair in Operating Systems at the University of New South Wales.

USENIX received $39,224 from outside donors in 2006. Linux Australia made the largest donation, $18,022. USENIX matched dollar for dollar all donations, so the grand total donated to UNSW for this campaign will be $80,000.

Theodore Ts'o, USENIX Treasurer, presented a check for this amount to Gernot Heiser, who represented UNSW, at linux.conf.au 2007.