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## Board Meeting Summary

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The following is a summary of some of the actions taken by the USENIX Board of Directors between June and August 2000.

### Good Works

The Board voted to allocate \$50,000 between now and 2001 for two programs sponsored by the Computing Research Association's Committee on the Status of Women in Computing Research. The first project is the Distributed Mentor Project

<http://www.cra.org/Activities/craw/dmp/index.html>, in which outstanding female undergraduates work with female faculty mentors for a summer of research at the mentors' institutions. The second project is called Collaborative Research Experiences For Women (CREW)

<http://www.cra.org/Activities/craw/crew/index.html>, where students work in collaborative teams with faculty mentors at their home institutions during the academic year.

### SAGE

It was agreed that USENIX and SAGE will work toward coming up with a model that gives greater autonomy to SAGE.

### International Affiliate Membership Category

The USENIX Board of Directors voted to accept a proposal for a second international affiliate membership category. Affiliate members will have all the same membership benefits as an individual member except voting privileges, and will receive access to ;login: in pdf format through the Affiliate Group's members-only Web site.

### Bylaws and E-voting

A committee was formed to review the USENIX bylaws and amend them to allow us to conduct elections electronically.

### Conferences

It was agreed that the Windows Systems Symposium will no longer be held and that the calls for papers for other USENIX events should encourage papers from all platforms and operating systems. A system administration of Windows conference might be held depending on support from SAGE and Microsoft.

A file-systems storage conference, chaired by Darrell Long, was approved.

It was agreed that USENIX will cosponsor the International Workshop on Network and Operating Systems Support for Digital Audio and Video (NOSS-DAV).

### Press Releases

Board members were tasked with writing position papers/issuing press releases on the implications of new technologies e.g., electronic voting.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held December 5, 2000, in New Orleans, LA.

## SAGE Elections

Elections for the SAGE Executive Committee for the 2001-2003 term are coming up soon. For the first time, voting will be conducted electronically. VoteHere.net has been selected to conduct the elections.

To be eligible to vote, you must be a SAGE member on December 1, 2000. Since voting will take place electronically, it is essential that your membership information is up to date, particularly your email address. To vote, you will need your membership number and password.

To verify and update your membership information, please go to:

[https://db.usenix.org/membership/update\\_member.html](https://db.usenix.org/membership/update_member.html).

Election notifications and candidates' statements will be available on the SAGE Web site

(<http://www.usenix.org/sage/election01/>) by December 11, 2000.

Notifications and voting instructions will be sent via email to all current SAGE members. For those who choose to not submit their ballots electronically, a paper ballot option will be made available through the voting website.

To find out more about the candidates running for seats on the Executive Committee, please attend the Candidates' Forum being held on December 7, 2000 at LISA in New Orleans. Candidates' statements will also be available through the SAGE website.

This is another great reason to register early for LISA, and be sure that your membership is up to date in time for the elections. The pre-registration discount deadline for LISA is October 27, 2000.

For more information about SAGE governance, please see:

<http://www.usenix.org/sage/official/>.

## USENIX Good Works Program

Every year income from the USENIX endowment fund and our conferences are used to help nurture the development of the advanced computing systems community. In 1999 USENIX spent over a million dollars on such good works. Here are some details.

### USENIX Student Programs

Graduate and undergraduate college education is always of the highest priority to the Association. USENIX and its members value students and the research in the computing systems arena that is generated in colleges and universities. Recognizing the importance of this work, USENIX generously funds a number of programs for college students: stipends for students to attend USENIX and SAGE conferences, scholarships, student research projects, outreach to representatives on campuses, as well as several innovative, computing-related projects. The student stipend program offers travel grants to enable full-time students to attend USENIX conferences and symposia. Over 360 institutions have been represented in the USENIX Student Stipend Program. To date, over 100 schools have designated outreach representatives. Our Scholastic Program provides funding for scholarships and student research projects. More information about our student programs, at: <http://www.usenix.org/students/students.html>.

### Computing Community Projects

The USENIX Association is pleased to announce the funding of two important projects that are relevant to the USENIX and SAGE communities: The Internet Software Consortium BIND v9 project, and the Electronic Frontier Foundation's legal work for two important cases, the Bernstein encryption software case, and DVD DeCSS cases.

USENIX, with Stichting NLnet Foundation, has also launched the Research eXchange, an international research exchange initiative for computer software-related networking technologies, called ReX. Information is at <http://www.usenix.org/about/rex.html>.

Here is a list of other projects USENIX funded this year:

Travel stipends for the African Network Infrastructure Meeting in Cape Town in May.

Student stipends for travel and registration to attend the Computers, Freedom and Privacy Conference and the Fast Software Encryption Workshop.

Incident Cost Analysis and Modeling Project (I-CAMP2) of the University of Michigan to study the frequency and costs of IT-related incidents.

Software Patent Institute (SPI) to expand, and improve SPI's Database of Software Technologies.

SOS Children's Village Illinois, to support the purchase of computers and network hardware and software for this non-profit foster care agency.

Sponsor the USA Computing Olympiad for high-school students.

### Women in Computing

USENIX is dedicated to increasing the representation of women in the computing professions. In our efforts to support women's fuller participation, USENIX has contributed to funding the production of a video targeted at high school and college students. The video "Career Encounters: Women in Computing" has been broadcast nationally on cable and satellite public television networks. For information about this video, visit <http://www.davisgrayinc.com/new1.html>.

USENIX will also be providing support for two programs sponsored by the Computing Research Association's Committee on the Status of Women in Computing Research. The first project is the Distributed Mentor Project (<http://www.cra.org/Activities/craw/dmp/index.html>), in which outstanding female undergraduates work with female faculty mentors for a summer of research at the mentor's institution.

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USENIX is proud to be a sponsor of the recent Grace Hopper Women in Computing conference.

For more information about the USENIX Good Works program, please see:

<http://www.usenix.org/about/goodworks.html>, OR contact Gale Berkowitz, Deputy Executive Director, at [gale@usenix.org](mailto:gale@usenix.org).