

# USENIX notes

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## 2008 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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*USENIX Nominating Committee*

The USENIX Association is governed by its Bylaws and by its Board of Directors. Elections are held every two years, and all eight Board members are elected at the same time. Four of them serve at-large and four serve as statutory officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Per Article 7.1 of the Bylaws of the USENIX Association, a Nominating Committee proposes a slate of board members for the membership's consideration. As a practical matter, the purpose of the Nominating Committee is to balance continuity and capability so as to ensure that the incoming Board is composed of persons shown by their actions to be both dedicated to the Association and prepared to lead it forward.

The USENIX Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the candidates whom we have nominated for the upcoming USENIX Board of Directors election:

**President:** Clem Cole, *Intel*

**Vice-President:** Margo Seltzer, *Harvard University*

**Secretary:** Alva Couch, *Tufts University*

**Treasurer:** Brian Noble, *University of Michigan*

**At Large:** Matt Blaze, *University of Pennsylvania*

Gerald Carter, *Samba.org/Centeris*

Rémy Evard, *Novartis*

Niels Provos, *Google*

We are very pleased that all of these exceptional individuals have agreed to devote their time and talents to serving the USENIX Association and the advanced computing community.

Ballots and election materials will be mailed to all members in February.

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**SUMMARY OF USENIX BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS AND ACTIONS**

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ELLIE YOUNG

*USENIX Executive Director*

The following is a summary of the actions taken by the USENIX Board of Directors from September through December, 2007.

#### *Member Benefits*

A new policy for USENIX proceedings was approved: they will no longer be offered as a members-only benefit for the first 12 months after publication, but instead will be available immediately to everyone.

A new SAGE member benefit was approved: all system administration articles from *login*: will be made accessible by SAGE members on the USENIX Web site.

#### *Sponsorship*

USENIX will sponsor AsiaBSDCon at a \$5,000 level for 2008. Requests for sponsorship of other BSD-related conferences are encouraged.

USENIX sponsorship of the USA Computing Olympiad was increased to \$20K for the 2007–2008 season, which includes hosting the USA Invitational Computing Olympiad and sending the top four competitors to the International Olympiad in Informatics in Egypt in August.

#### *USENIX Conferences*

It was agreed to co-locate the 2nd USENIX Workshop on Offensive Technologies with the USENIX Security Symposium in 2008.

Fabian Monroe was appointed to serve as program chair for the 2009 USENIX Security Symposium.

A proposal to organize a workshop on Large-scale Exploits and Emergent Threats (LEET '08) was approved. It evolved from the combination of two other workshops, the ACM Workshop on Recurring Malcode (WORM) and the USENIX

Workshop on Hot Topics in Understanding Botnets (HotBots '07).

The NSDI steering committee's recommendation to have Jennifer Rexford and Emin Gün Sirer serve as program co-chairs for NSDI '09 was approved.

The Board agreed with the recommendation to have Tadayoshi Kohno and David Dill serve as co-chairs for the third USENIX/ACCURATE Electronic Voting Technology Workshop, to be held in August 2008.

A proposal from Jeff Mogul to co-locate a workshop at NSDI in April on organizing conferences for computer systems was approved.

It was agreed to continue in-cooperation status with CHIMIT in 2008.

It was agreed to accept proposals from the prospective program chairs to have the 2008 HotDep and SysML workshops co-located at OSDI. A proposal for co-locating a workshop on supporting diversity (women and minorities) in systems research was approved. This will be a continuation/extension of a similar workshop held at SOSOP in 2007.

A steering committee was formed to look into USENIX sponsoring a workshop to bring together scientists from academia and industry to encourage interdisciplinary research on multicore computing. Subsequently James Larus and Sahsha Fedorova were appointed as program co-chairs for this workshop, which has not yet been scheduled.

It was agreed that USENIX would become more active in soliciting new topics for workshops. A request for proposals was published as part of the Call for Papers for the 2008 USENIX Annual Technical Conference.

#### *Registration Fees*

In order to keep up with rising costs (especially catering) in 2008, registration fees for technical sessions at all conferences except LISA will be increased slightly (in most cases, by

\$15 per day) to 3-day fees of \$725. LISA fees will be raised by \$10 per day (to \$730 for 3 days). Tutorial registration fees will increase by \$10 per day for the USENIX Annual Technical Conference (\$645 for 1 day) and by \$20 for FAST (\$245).

#### *Miscellaneous*

Peter Honeyman was appointed to be the USENIX liaison to the Computing Research Association, effective mid-2008.

#### *Future Board Meetings*

The next Board meetings will be held on February 29 in San Jose, CA (alongside the FAST conference) and on June 23–24 in Boston, MA (alongside the USENIX Annual Technical Conference.)

A subcommittee of the Board, consisting of Niels Provos, Rémy Evard, Margo Seltzer, and Ellie Young, was formed to create an agenda for a strategic planning session at the February meeting. As part of assembling data to help make this session productive, a survey of the membership was approved.

The Board thanked Hal Stern for his efforts in the past year in getting three servers donated to USENIX by Sun Microsystems.

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THE MULTIMEDIA PAGE**

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ANNE DICKISON

*USENIX Marketing Director*

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