USENIX Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, August 13, 2026, 12:00–1:00 pm PDT / 3:00–4:00 pm EDT
via Zoom video conference

Minutes

Attendance

Board

Will Enck
Lea Kissner
Sujata Banerjee—*joined at 12:05 pm PDT / 3:05 pm EDT*
Michael Rembetsy
Thorsten Holz
Eddie Kohler
Laura Nolan
Divya Sharma

Staff

Casey Henderson-Ross
Jessica Kim

Enck called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm PDT / 3:03 pm EDT.

Agenda

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Kohler moved to approve the minutes of the July 2026 meeting as presented. Nolan seconded the motion. All voted in favor with Kissner abstaining; none opposed. Motion carried.

2. Recent and Upcoming Conferences

Henderson-Ross invited Kohler, Program Co-Chair of OSDI ’26, to report on the symposium, which took place the prior month. Kohler shared that OSDI had shown lively energy among the attendees, and that the transition from a single-track to multi-track technical sessions program had been smooth. Henderson-Ross noted that attendance was the highest it had been since before the pandemic. Discussion ensued.

Henderson-Ross suggested that, due to time constraints, discussion of other events would wait until September and the Directors agreed.

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3. USENIX Constituents Strategy Session: Attendees, Donors, and Members

Enck prefaced the session by sharing broad examples of strategic work accomplished by the USENIX Board during prior terms and encouraged the current directors to share their ideas with Henderson-Ross to include in future meeting agendas.

Henderson-Ross invited the Directors to brainstorm about ways to bridge the gap between the Association's steadily declining membership numbers and the several thousands of constituents USENIX continues to serve across its conference communities. She outlined factors contributing to the membership decline and the evolution of the Association's membership models thus far. Discussion ensued, with Henderson-Ross noting that it would continue in subsequent Board meetings.

Kohler moved to enter Executive Session. Sharma seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

4. Executive Session

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm PDT / 4:00 pm EDT.

Sujata Banerjee

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