Summary of USENIX Board of Directors Actions

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The following actions were taken by the USENIX Board of Directors, 6/27/04–12/10/04.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDING, 2005

In 2005, $48,000 will be budgeted for standards efforts to support new developments in the Linux Standards Base, participation in POSIX IR meetings, representation at the International Standards Organization meetings, membership in The Open Group, and collaboration with the Free Standards Group.

USENIX will continue to support the USA Computing Olympiad in the amount of $15,000. USACO supports pre-college students who show great promise for careers in computer science.

The Board approved a donation of $50,000 to the Electronic Frontier Foundation in partial fulfillment of its 2001 commitment of $150,000.

USENIX will fund the Computing Research Association Committee on the Status of Women in Computing Research in the amount of $40,000. It will sponsor systems students in their Distributed Mentoring Program. For more information, see http://www.cra.org/Activities/craw/dmp/index.php.

CONFERENCES

USENIX will sponsor a new workshop, Steps to Reducing Unwanted Traffic on the Internet (SRUTI), July 7–8, 2005, concerned with finding ways to stop attacks on several standard Internet protocols: see http://www.usenix.org/events/sruti05/.

The Virtual Execution Environments (VEE) Conference in June 2005 in Chicago will merge the USENIX Virtual Machine and Technology Symposium (VM) and the ACM SIGPLAN Workshop on Interpreters, Virtual Machines, and Emulators (IVME). It was felt that researchers working on virtual execution environments would be better served by having a single top-notch event, rather than two smaller ones.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

Registration fees for 2005 conferences were raised slightly to keep up with rising costs as follows:

- Annual Tech and LISA Tutorials: 1/2 day, $325; 1 day, $625; 2 days, $1,200; 3 days, $1,775; 4 days, $2,300; 5 days, $2,825; 6 days (LISA only), $3,150; students, $200/day
- LISA: half Technical Session/half Training day, $425
- Annual Tech and LISA Technical Sessions, members: 1 day, $250; 2 days, $500; 3 days, $650; students, $90/day
- Security Tutorials: 1 day, $650; 2 days, $1,250; students, $200/day
- Security Technical Sessions: members, $675; students, $270
- Technical Sessions for all 3-day conferences with no tutorials: members, $675; students, $270

MEMBERSHIP DUES

The Board voted to raise member dues for the first time in three years: Individual, $115 (increase of $5); Educational, $250 (increase of $20); Corporate, $460 (increase of $20); Affiliate, $110 (increase of $5). Student, Supporting, and SAGE dues are unchanged.

SAGE

The SAGE Transition Team (Geoff Halprin, Trey Harris, David Parter, and Lorette Cheswick) is pursuing setting up SAGE as an independent entity. An application for 501(c)(3) non-profit status has been filed with the IRS, and a Letter of Determination as to whether that status will be granted is pending. The USENIX office continues to provide all SAGE services and benefits.

COMMITTEES

The Board will form an audit committee in 2005, to comply with new California legislation regarding non-profit organizations.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Monday, April 11, 2005, at the USENIX Annual Technical Conference in Anaheim, CA. The Board will also meet on April 12, to discuss strategic directions.