MINUTES IACR BOARD MEETING *CRYPTO '22*

15 AUGUST 2022

1. OPENING MATTERS

1.1. **Welcome, roll of attendees, identification of proxies.** At 12h13AM CEST Abdalla opens the meeting and briefly goes around for an introductory round, confirming attendees and establishing who is holding proxies. There are 20 full time attendees with the following proxies: Stebila holds Lepoint's proxy, Yang holds Schwabe's proxy (when absent), Abe holds Guo's proxy, Preneel holds Rijmen's proxy, Abdalla holds Stehle's proxy, and Hale holds Bishop's proxy.

1.1.1. *Roll of Attendees.*

Attendees (Elected). Michel Abdalla (President 2020-2022); Joppe Bos (Secretary 2020-2022); Shai Halevi (Vice President 2020-2022, *TCC* Steering Committee); Brian LaMacchia (Treasurer 2020-2022); Masayuki Abe (Director 2021-2023); Anna Lysyanskaya (Director 2022-2024); Bart Preneel (Director 2020-2022, *FSE* Steering Committee); Peter Schwabe (Director 2020-2022); Bo-Yin Yang (Director 2022-2024, *Asiacrypt'22* General Chair); Moti Yung (Director 2021-2023, *PKC* Steering Committee);

Attendees (Appointed). Colin Boyd (*Eurocrypt'22* General Chair previously *Eurocrypt'21* General Chair (2020-2022)); Britta Hale (*Crypto'23* General Chair (2022-2023)); Douglas Stebila (Membership Secretary (2017-2022)); Foteini Baldimtsi (Communications Secretary (2019-2022)); Fangguo Zhang (*Asiacrypt'23* General Chair);

Attendees (Representatives and Others). Hilarie Orman (Archivist);

Absentees (Elected). Tancrède Lepoint (Director 2021-2023); Jian Guo (Director 2022-2024); Francois-Xavier Standaert (Director 2020-2022, *CHES* Steering Committee);

Absentees (Appointed). Allison Bishop (*Crypto'22* General Chair (2021-2022)); Damien Stehlé (*Eurocrypt'23* General Chair (2022-2023)); Vincent Rijmen (Journal of Cryptology Editor-in-Chief 2021–2023);

Absentees (Representatives and Others). Tal Rabin (Code-of-conduct Liaison); Kenny Paterson (*RWC* Steering Committee); Yu Yu (Webmaster). Tal Malkin (*TCC* Steering Committee); Kevin S. McCurley (Database Administrator);

1.2. **Approve minutes from last BoD virtual meeting.** The President thanks the Secretary for the completion of the minutes which have been shared before the current Board Meeting. Abdalla calls for a vote to approve the minutes.

Decision 1 (unanimous). *The Board approves the Minutes of the IACR Board Meeting Virtual-7 '22.*

2. CONFERENCES

2.1. **Update on upcoming conferences.** Bishop is not able to attend this Board meeting. The membership secretary mentions that we now have around 410 physical registrations for *Crypto*. Preneel summarizes that the organization for *CHES* is on track: registration has opened. They observed a slight increase in fraudulent visa application letter requests. There is no update for *TCC*. Yang summarizes that registration for *Asiacrypt* is likely to open at September 1st based on the foreseen local quarantine rules. The final budget is expected within the next two weeks. The President is surprised by the strict self-quarantine rules of Taiwan. He wonders if this is in effect if we should continue. Yang expects that these rules will be lifted soon. This explain the later than usual registration opening date. The President stresses that it does not make sense to hold the conference if only local people can attend. Yang explains the quarantine rules: attending the conference should still be possible as well as the social events since we know who is attending.

3. Topics

The Treasurer explains that for *PKC* 2023 in Atlanta we need to open a separate bank account. The bank resolution has been shared with Board before the Board Meeting and is available in the repository.

Decision 2 (unanimous). *The Board approves the opening of an additional checking account at 1st Security Bank of Washington for the use of the "IACR PKC Conference" and that the following IACR members are authorized to sign disbursements and provide telephone authorizations for banking information on behalf of the "IACR PKC Conference" account: Michel Abdalla (President), Brian LaMacchia (Treasurer), Daniel Genkin (General Chair, PKC 2023), and Joseph Jaeger (General Chair, PKC 2023).*

The Treasurer will process the comments received on the tax returns and will file the forms.
Preneel recalls the need to create a Sponsorship Secretary whose scope is limited to the general conferences.

Decision 3 (unanimous). *The board appoints a sponsorship secretary role for the general conferences as a new non-voting member of the board.*

3.1. **IACR school proposal vote.** A winter school proposal on applied cryptography has been received to be held in Bangkok, Thailand. The President observes that there seems to be a subset of speakers who are involved in a number of recent schools. The proposal writes that "We expect 25-30 participants . . . we aim at keeping small number of participants". There follows a discussion about the size of the school and this comment to limit this. It is concluded to reach out to the organizers of the school to clarify this restriction and vote on this proposal online. The winter school should be open for everybody who wants to join.

3.2. *Asiacrypt* **2024 program co-chair appointments.** The President recalls that he proposed to select the *two Asiacrypt* 2024 program co-chairs at the same time. Before the Board meeting several excellent candidates have been nominated, and after discussion two candidates are selected.

Decision 4. *Kai-Min Chung and Yu Sasaki are appointed Program Co-Chairs for Asiacrypt 2024. [Chung and Sasaki subsequently accepted.]*

3.3. **New journal EiC appointments.** As previously discussed the idea is to interview the potential Editor-in-Chiefs for the new journal in the next Board meeting to see if they want to do this work (which is significant for the first EiCs) and what their view on the new journal exactly is. There follows an approval vote for the candidates and it is decided to interview four candidates at the next Board meeting. Schwabe asks when we ask the Membership to vote on this and the President wants to put this on the ballot with the upcoming elections.

It is decided that the President will provide an update at the upcoming Membership meeting and that Bos will share the "Principles, Scope, Organization and FAQ for the IACR Journal" document and that McCurley will open a Zulip chat channel where this can be discussed.

4. Closing Matters

Abdalla closes the meeting officially at 2h00AM CEST.