

MINUTES IACR BOARD MEETING VIRTUAL-7 '22

20 JULY 2022

1. OPENING MATTERS

1.1. Welcome, roll of attendees, identification of proxies. At 22h05 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 LaMacchia's proxy and Preneel holds Rijmen'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); Masayuki Abe (Director 2021-2023); Tancrede Lepoint (Director 2021-2023); Jian Guo (Director 2022-2024); Anna Lysyanskaya (Director 2022-2024); Bart Preneel (Director 2020-2022, *FSE* Steering Committee); Peter Schwabe (Director 2020-2022); Francois-Xavier Standaert (Director 2020-2022, *CHES* Steering Committee); Bo-Yin Yang (Director 2022-2024, *Asiacrypt*'22 General Chair); Moti Yung (Director 2021-2023, *PKC* Steering Committee);

Attendees (Appointed). Allison Bishop (*Crypto*'22 General Chair (2021-2022)); 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). Tal Malkin (*TCC* Steering Committee); Kevin S. McCurley (Database Administrator);

Absentees (Elected). Brian LaMacchia (Treasurer 2020-2022);

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

Absentees (Representatives and Others). Hilarie Orman (Archivist); Tal Rabin (Code-of-conduct Liaison); Kenny Paterson (*RWC* Steering Committee); Yu Yu (Webmaster).

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-6 '22.*

2. CONFERENCES

2.1. Crypto board meeting schedule discussion. The President recalls that the August Board meeting will take place before *Crypto*. The plan is to have the meeting room from 10AM until the afternoon with a lunch break in the middle: this includes the time for the long-term strategic planning outside of the Board meeting. There follows a discussion who will be present and what time would be best to hold the 2-hour Board meeting. This Board meeting will be hybrid and people can join remotely. The President is collecting topics for the strategic discussion.

2.2. Update on upcoming conferences. Bishop reports that *Crypto* is currently going full swing on the planning. She is arranging quotes for a shuttle service to and from UCSB and the airport. At this time there are 340 registrations. Bishop reports that we are following the UCSB COVID rules. We will be providing masks and rapid tests are available. She asks the Board about a possible mask wearing mandate. There follows a discussion if we should state that masks are encouraged or required. It is clear we cannot enforce this rule. The President highlights that different countries have different rules and it might be fine to have stricter rules in the USA compared to some of our other conferences. Schwabe remarks that this seems like a repeat of the *RWC* discussion: they went for "preferred" over the usage of "required" because the latter implies we can actively check this policy. The President recommends to draft the exact wording offline.

Standaert reports that *CHES* is on track. Registration just opened and we received over 50 physical registrations already. Malking reports that everything is going as planned for *TCC*. Registration will be higher than usual. Yang report that *Asiacrypt* is also on track. At the moment there is one associated workshop.

3. TOPICS

3.1. CRYPTO 2024 program co-chair appointment. The President recalls that we need to appoint a second Program Co-Chair for *Crypto* 2024 who serves with Stebila. Before the Board meeting several excellent candidates have been nominated, and after discussion a candidate is selected.

Decision 2. *Leo Reyzin is appointed Program Co-Chair for Crypto 2024. [Reyzin subsequently accepted.]*

3.2. New journal update. Bos present an update on the progress with the new IACR journal. He presents the “Principles, Scope, Organization and FAQ for the New Journal” document which combines previous resources over the last 1.5 year as requested in the last Board meeting. He explains which material has been added and reports on the ongoing discussions with the Steering Committees of the Transactions.

The President thanks Bos for this document and would also like to see a separate document outlining the high-level operational aspects of the journal. Bos explains that this information is already available and will collect and share this before the next Board meeting. Bos asks if we are ready to select the Editors-in-Chief in the August Board meeting and an informal vote shows that a majority of the Board would like to do this and move forward. The President asks Bos to share the list of current nominees with Board and asks for further candidates. There follows a discussion about the significant amount of work required by these first two EiCs and it is concluded that from the list of nominations the Board will select a subset in the August meeting who will be invited for an interview with the Board.

4. CLOSING MATTERS

Abdalla closes the meeting officially at 23h45 CEST.