MINUTES IACR BOARD MEETING *VIRTUAL-9 '22*

29 SEPTEMBER 2022

1. OPENING MATTERS

1.1. **Welcome, roll of attendees, identification of proxies.** At 22h03AM CEST Abdalla opens the meeting and briefly goes around for an introductory round, confirming attendees and establishing who is holding proxies. There are 19 full time attendees with the following proxies: Stebila holds LaMachia's proxy as well as Bishop's proy when she steps out, Preneel holds Rijmen's proxy, and Malkin holds Lepoints proxy. Yung and Lysyanskaya join the meeting at 23h00 CEST.

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); Bart Preneel (Director 2020-2022, *FSE* Steering Committee); Anna Lysyanskaya (Director 2022-2024); 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)); Damien Stehlé (*Eurocrypt'23* General Chair (2022-2023)); 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); Tancrède Lepoint (Director 2021-2023); Jian Guo (Director 2022-2024);

Absentees (Appointed). Foteini Baldimtsi (Communications Secretary (2019-2022)); Vincent Rijmen (Journal of Cryptology Editor-in-Chief 2021–2023);

Absentees (Representatives and Others). Tal Rabin (Code-of-conduct Liaison); Hilarie Orman (Archivist); 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 Crypto '22.*

1.3. **Discussion about Bylaws.** The President recalls that the text in our bylaws state

> Assemblies of the membership take place annually, at each of the IACR General Conferences. Each Assembly is presided over by the President of the IACR or, in case of the President's absence, by the Vice President, or, in case of both their absences, by the Secretary.

Although not stated explicitly, it is often assumed that this meeting is physical. This year none of the President, Vice-President, or the Secretary will attend *Asiacrypt*. Maybe it is good to change the bylaws such that the President can appoint another IACR member to oversee the assembly of the membership. Bos asks how we will solve this for *Asiacrypt*. The President explains this will be a virual meeting.

2. CONFERENCES

2.1. **Update on upcoming conferences.** Malkin reports that the registration for *TCC* just opened and everything is under control. She reports that a potential controversial decision has been taken to only support in-person attendance and no hybrid option. She notes that everything is recorded but streamed. McCurley mentions that the recordings are done through Zoom: supporting virtual attendance is almost no additional work. Stebila reports that based on our past attendance numbers *TCC* benefited relatively the most by the move to hybrid conferences.

Yang report that *Asiacrypt* will take place as a hybrid event. Taiwan no longer has strict quarantine rules. One still has to obtain a daily negative self-test. Participants need a hotel room for themselves: sharing with others is not allowed. It is concluded this needs to be communicated clearly to our Members. There follows a discussion about the exact new rules in Taiwan and the impact for the participants.

Preneel report that *FSE* has been scheduled for Beijing, China in March 2023 (original schedule was March 2021). The Steering Committee is considering a second *FSE* conference to take place at the same time: this means two venues. No concrete proposals are ready to present to the Board. This is a one-time only event and not a structural change for *FSE*.

Stebila mentions that all is going as planned for *RWC*. There is no update for *PKC* since Yung is not present. Stehlé mentions all is in order for *Eurocrypt*.

2.2. **TCC 2023 proposal.** Yang presents the proposal for *TCC* 2023 in Taipei, Taiwan.

Decision 2 (unanimous). *The Board approves the recommendation from the TCC Steering Committee to hold TCC 2023 in Taipei, Taiwan with Chung and Yang as General Chairs.*

3. TOPICS

3.1. **2022 IACR Election update.** Abe mentions that we have received four nominations for the four officer positions. Moreover, we have received sufficient candidates for the Director positions.

3.2. **Membership Secretary Appointment 2023-2025.** The President recalls that Stebila has extended his Membership Secretary position already by two years and thanks him for the great job he has been doing. Bertram Poettering is proposed as a candidate for the Membership Secretary position.

Decision 3 (unanimous). *The Board appoint Poettering as the new Membership Secretary which will start at the start of 2023.*

3.3. **Update on the New Journal (upcoming membership vote).** Bos recalls the current state of the new journal. After announcing this to the Membership a dedicated channel on our chat server has been opened for feedback and comments. A proposal for the exact text to put on the ballot is discussed. It is agreed that the current Principles, Scope, Organization and FAQ for the IACR Journal Google document will be transferred to a webpage hosted by the IACR.

> Action Point **1: Bos** *(no time set)*:
> Create a draft text for the new journal vote to put on the ballot and share this with the Board.

Bos recalls that we agreed to interview multiple candidates for the two Editor-in-Chief positions. One of the four candidates for this position has withdrawn and two of the remaining three are interviewed in this Board Meeting while the third in the next (October) one.

4. CLOSING MATTERS

Abdalla closes the meeting officially at 23h47PM CEST.